

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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**9 November 2025 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday**

Welcome!

*Whether you come often, haven't been for a while or you're new,
we are glad you are here today. We are all one in God.*

*Everyone here is seeking to know God better,
and we're glad you have joined us on this journey.*



Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Food Bank may be left in the offering bag, dish, or basket (as appropriate) on the trolley near the door, either before or after the service. Offerings may also be made electronically – ask to talk to our Treasurer.

*Please consult the Minister or worship leader
before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.*

Call to Worship

God calls us to do good, seek justice, and defend the oppressed.

We are not here for comfort alone.

We gather to be equipped for love and service.

We come to grow in courage and compassion.

Let us worship not only in words

but in lives shaped by grace.

Hymn words Isaac Watts, tune *St Anne* WOV 46

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure:
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away:
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Prayer

The Peace

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

and also with you. *We exchange a sign of peace with each other.*

Community Time – welcome, notices, anniversaries

Birthday greetings today,

May God bless you we pray,

Live for Jesus dear [name or friends],

may he guide you always.

Chat Time *When Dad Came Home*

Hymn words and music © Cecily Sheehy AA 111

One, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia,

one, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia,

one, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia!

Praise to you, our God.

Our God lives with us, alleluia,

making all things new, alleluia,

sharing in our lives, alleluia!

Praise to you, our God. (*boom, boom, boom*)

One, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia ...

Gifts of love God brings, alleluia,

filling us with joy, alleluia,

peace and goodness too, alleluia!

Praise to you, our God. (*boom, boom, boom*)

One, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia ...

Kindness is God's gift, alleluia,

patience will come too, alleluia,

if we wait in love, alleluia!

Praise to you, our God. (*boom, boom, boom*)

One, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia ...

By our love we show, alleluia,
how we live and grow, alleluia,
caring for each one, alleluia!
Praise to you, our God. (*boom, boom, boom*)
One, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia ...

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offering

**Heavenly Father, thank you for our abundant blessings.
We give back a portion of what has been granted to us
with a grateful heart,
trusting that it will be multiplied for your kingdom.
Bless this offering, and use it to bring hope and spread your love.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Bible Readings

Psalms 36: 3-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 5: 43-48

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Lord.

Video Christmas Truce Western Front 1914

The Power of Peace in the Time of War

Poem *Silence* by Malcolm Guite

Hymn words Mary Peters, tune *Ar Hyd Y Nos* CH4 562

Through the love of God our Saviour, all will be well;
free and changeless is his favour, all, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Christ has purchased full salvation, all, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding;
fruitful if in Christ abiding;
holy through the Spirit's guiding: all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all, all is well.
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying;
then in living or in dying; all must be well.

Intercessory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn words Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness (vv. 1 and 2)
and Georgia Harkness (v. 3), tune *Finlandia* WOV 48

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

May truth and freedom come to every nation;
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;
that each may seek to love and build together,
a world united, righting every wrong;
a world united in its love for freedom,
proclaiming peace together in one song.

Benediction words Joy Cowley, tune *Marlborough Sounds* AA 95

May the mystery of God enfold us,
may the wisdom of God uphold us,
may the fragrance of God be around us,
may the brightness of God surround us.

May the wonder of God renew us,
may the loving of God flow through us,
may the peace of God deeply move us,
may the moving of God bring us peace.

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea –
through the door at the back of the church.*



Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: Jane Bloore
Door Duty: Andrew Smith and Daniel Larsen
Music: David Murray
Readings: Shona Somerville
Prayers: Andrew Smith
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Flowers: Judy Rodda
Morning Tea: Marian Weaver and Christine Cleugh
Church and Hall Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville

Opportunities for ministry week ending 16 November

Door Duty: Gregor Macaulay and Jane Bloore
Music: Alan Baker
Readings: Abby Smith
Prayers: Marian Weaver
Sound and Data Projector: Kieran Somerville
Flowers: Judy Rodda
Morning Tea: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton
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Keeping in Touch

If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the Parish Clerk, Hamish Spencer, or email him at opohoclerk@gmail.com

Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

11 November ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
13 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
16 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 November ~ Thursday	Material due for December-January <i>Opoho Signal</i>
23 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
27 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
30 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith
7 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
10 December ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
11 December ~ Thursday	12.30 p.m.: Fellowship Community Christmas Lunch, in hall
14 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Lessons and Carols 2 p.m.: Sing Your Heart Out – community carol singing in church
18 December ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, venue TBC
21 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Julie Mander and children
22 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
24 December ~ Wednesday	11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 December ~ Thursday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Christmas Day
28 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, preacher TBA