Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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22 November 2026 – Reign of Christ

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.



Presbyterian deaconesses, early 1900s

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

Anei te rā o te Atua.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Me koa tatou kua mārama.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the hymn.

Hymn words Shirley Murray, music Jillian Bray FFS 68

We are the singers who celebrate Jesus,
we are the cast of a play to unfold,
we have a part at the heart of the Gospel,
action that speaks as the Story is told,
we are God's people, hopeful and joyful,
one open circle round Jesus Christ.

This is the wonder, that we should be chosen!
We, like the earthenware vessels we are,
clay in a mould to enfold the great treasure:
light of more power than sunburst or star,
we are God's people …

We are the travellers set on a voyage,
ship that will sail with whoever will board,
we who can dream a regime of acceptance,
seeking a country of loving accord,
we are God's people …

We have a life that is greening and growing,
centred on Jesus, the root and the vine,
we are a place for each race and each rainbow,
household of faith with a pledge of new wine,
we are God's people …

Prayer

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
the peace of Christ be with you all.
A ki a koe anō hoki; and also with you.

we exchange a sign of peace with each other

Community Time – welcome, notices, news, anniversaries, etc.

Birthday greetings today.
May God bless you we pray.
Live for Jesus dear [name or friends],
may he guide you always.

Chat Time

We stand for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Loving God we are rich in resources and possessions.
May our lives reflect your joyful generosity,
for only then will we be rich in you.
Bless these offerings
and the lives that are touched through them,
we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



Bible Reading *Galatians 5:13-15 &19-26*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

By Love Serve – The Deaconesses *Rachel Tombs*

Hymn Bernadette Farrell, *God Welcomes All* 39

Love is patient, love is kind,
never ending, never ending:
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
love goes on beyond all time.

Love is faithful, love is true,
ever joyful and forgiving;
love endures when life is over,
love is old and love is new.

Love alone has shaped our soul,
and our hearts are always restless
until love becomes our purpose,
new creation to unfold.

Love our journey, love our goal;
though our faith may move the mountains,
love alone can heal the broken;
only love will make us whole.

Love, our Saviour's one command:
'Love the way that I have loved you,'
with a towel and a basin,
washing feet with servant hands.

There are three gifts that remain
when all other things have perished.
only faith, hope, love enduring,
and the greatest gift is love.

Intercessory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *spoken*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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 Ruth Duck, tune *Regent Square* WOV 84

You are called to tell the story,
passing words of life along,
then to blend your voice with others
as you sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing,
filling all with songs of love.

You are called to teach the rhythm
of the dance that never ends,
then to move within the circle,
hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing,
touching all with hands of love.

May the One whose love is broader
than the measure of all space
give us words to sing the story,
move among us in this place.
Christ be known in all our living,
filling all with gifts of love.

Benediction words John Murray, music Cecily Sheehy FFS 71

Whatever is true and honest and good,
whatever has beauty and wisdom,
whatever reveals the face of God,
these will we live by and treasure.

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

Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: The Rev. Clare Lind
Door Duty: Gregor Macaulay and Mander Family
Music: David Murray **Readings:** Julie Mander
Prayers: Daniel Larsen
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Flowers: Sanel Tomlinson
Morning Tea: Jane Bloore and Marian Weaver
Church Cleaning: Susan Wall **Hall Cleaning:** Chris Young

Opportunities for ministry week ending 29 November
Door Duty: Jenny Bunce and Jane Bloore
Music: Music Group **Readings:** Jenny Bunce
Prayers: Marian Weaver **Sound and Data Projector:** Daniel Larsen
Flowers: Julie Mander
Morning Tea: Abby Smith and Hamish Spencer
Church and Hall Cleaning: Allison and Will Mulder

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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

26 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
29 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
6 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion 11.30 a.m.: Advent Choir practice in church
9 December ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
10 December ~ Thursday	12.30 p.m.: Fellowship Community Christmas Lunch, church hall
13 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Children's Christmas service 11.30 a.m.: Advent Choir practice in church 2 p.m.: Sing Your Heart Out – community carol singing in the church
17 December ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, venue TBC
20 December ~ Sunday	9 a.m.: Advent Choir practice in church 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Lessons and Carols After worship: Church Potluck Lunck in hall/Morrison Lounge/garden (farewell to Ranby family)
24 December ~ Thursday	11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 December ~ Friday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Christmas Day
27 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Mary Somerville
3 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Russell Thew, Communion
10 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, John Roxborogh
17 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Benjamin Thew
20 January ~ Wednesday	Material due for February *Opoho Signal*
24 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
31 January - Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Julie Mander

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WHERE: OPOHO CHURCH, 50 SIGNAL HILL ROAD



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