

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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15 February 2026 – Transfiguration 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.*



The Transfiguration (c. 1490) by Giovanni Bellini (1430-1516)

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.

Me koa tatou kua mārama.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

Hymn

words Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894), tune *Ombersley* WOV 626

Lord of all being, throned afar,
thy glory flames from sun and star;
centre and soul of every sphere,
yet to each loving heart how near.

Sun of our life, thy quickening ray
sheds on our path the glow of day;
star of our hope, thy softened light
cheers the long watches of the night.

Lord of all life, below, above,
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
before thy ever-blazing throne
we ask no lustre of our own.

Grant us thy truth to make us free,
and kindling hearts that burn for thee,
till all thy living altars claim
one holy light, one heavenly flame.

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

Children's Hymn words and music Colin Gibson FFS 39

It all depends on where I'm going
if I reach my anywhere,
but this I'm surely, surely knowing,
that I'll never leave God's care;
it all depends on where I'm travelling,
maybe now or maybe then,
but the Son of God will lead me
through each where and why and when.

It all depends on how I'm choosing
for the life that is in me,
but I will never lose the hand of Christ,
the one who walks with me;
if I stumble or I falter
he will steady me once more,
for there is no darkest pathway
that we cannot both explore.

It all depends on who comes with me
if I break or if I bend,
but this I'm surely, surely knowing
God will be there at the end –
in the laughter and the sadness,
in the pleasure or the pain,
by my side and all about me
God's own Spirit will remain.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God,

**You have treated us with kindness and love
and we are truly thankful.**

Bless these gifts.

**May all our living,
our giving and receiving
bring glory and honour to you.**

We ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

Bible Readings

Exodus 24:12-18

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 17:1-9

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise to Christ the Word.

Sermon

Hymn words Graham Kendrick, tune *The Servant King* CH4 374

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King.

*He calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears
my heavy load he chose to bear.

His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not my will, but yours' he said

This is our God, the Servant King...

Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God, the Servant King...

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving

This is our God, the Servant King...

Intercessory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer*(sung)*

(music by Richard Gillard and John Smith, arr. Guy Elwyn Jansen WOV 676)

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, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

Hymn words and music Graham Kendrick CH4 448

Lord, the light of your life is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining:
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with your Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus*

Benediction

**Let us travel in patterns of God's making:
walking in wonder, gazing all around,
knowing our destiny, though not our destination,
Moving to the rhythm of the surging of God's Spirit,
a journey which, when life ends, in Christ has just begun. Amen.**
Julia McGuinness

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Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea after the service.



Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: The Rev. Clare Lind
Door Duty: Daniel Larsen and Andrew Smith
Music: Alan Baker
Readings: Daniel Larsen
Prayers: Mark Ranby
Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough
Flowers: Allison Mulder
Morning Tea: Jane Bloore and Chris Young
Hall Cleaning: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Opportunities for ministry week ending 22 February

Door Duty: Mary and John Somerville
Music: Music Group
Readings: Mark Ranby
Prayers: Daniel Larsen
Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough
Flowers: Allison Mulder
Morning Tea: Susan Wall and Daniel Larsen
Hall Cleaning: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

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Keeping in Touch

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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

20 February ~ Friday	Material due for March <i>Ōpoho Signal</i>
22 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Harvest Thanksgiving
26 February ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
1 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
8 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Meegan Cloughley
11 March ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 March ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 March ~ Friday	Material due for April <i>Ōpoho Signal</i>
22 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
23 March ~ Monday	Otago Anniversary Day
26 March ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
29 March ~ Palm Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith

Harvest Thanksgiving



We will be giving thanks for food and fruitfulness at our *Harvest Thanksgiving Festival* on **22 February (next Sunday)**. You are invited to bring produce that keeps well, canned goods, and other food items on that day (nothing perishable or frozen). The food will be passed on to the Presbyterian Support Otago Food Bank.