

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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19 November 2023 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
we praise you!

You made the earth and all that lives here:
we praise you!

You give breath to all creatures
and your Spirit to your people:
we praise you and thank you, O God!

That the eyes of the blinded be opened,
the poor hear the good news,
the captives be brought out of darkness,
the wealth of the world serve the good of all,
your kingdom come, O God;
your will be done!

Iona Abbey Worship Book p. 97

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

Hymn words Carol Rose Ikeler, tune *The Bard of Armagh* CH4 522

The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.

The Church is wherever God's people are loving,
where all are forgiven and start once again,
where all are accepted, whatever their background,
whatever their past and whatever their pain.

The Church is wherever God's people are seeking
to reach out and touch folk wherever they are –
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,
to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

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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, anniversaries

Birthday greetings today.

May God bless you we pray.

Live for Jesus dear [name *or* friends],

May he guide you always.

Chat Time *Light*

Song words Avis Burgeson Christiansen, tune Harry Dixon Loes

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel – NO! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel – NO! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel – NO! I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let no one blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't let no one blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't let no one blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer (overleaf).

Offertory Prayer

**Bless our gifts, Living God,
and grant that this offering may be for us
a sign of a greater giving:
the offering of our time and our talents,
our loyalty and our love,
indeed, the offering of our whole life
for the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Bible Reading *Acts 17:1-8*

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

Sermon *Mission in the Pacific*

Intercessory Prayer

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 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 © Shirley Murray, music Colin Gibson FFS 57

Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always somewhere sounding,
from the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exultation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
 song in chapel and cathedral,
 descant to our daily tone,
 song from sickbed or in prison:
 faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
 all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
 all who lift us to be strong,
 endless, endless are the voices
 of the faith that makes the song.

Benediction arr. Nicola and Guy Jansen, tune *Kum By Ya* AA 31

E te Atua aroha mai, (x3) [O God love us – *forever and ever*]
Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.

E te Atua manaaki mai, (x3) [O God bless us – *forever and ever*]
Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.

E te Atua awhina mai, (x3) [O God help us – *forever and ever*]
Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea
in the Morrison Lounge and/or Hall 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: Mark Ranby and Jenny Bunce

Music: Singers and guitarists

Readings: Daniel Larsen

Prayers: Mark Ranby

Sound and Data Projector: Kieran Somerville

Flowers: Shona Somerville

Morning Tea: Daniel Larsen and Bronwen Strang

Church Cleaning: Bronwen Strang

Hall Cleaning: Christine Cleugh

Opportunities for ministry week ending 26 November

Door Duty: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Music: Music Group

Readings: Shona Somerville

Prayers: Daniel Larsen

Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough

Flowers: Judy Rodda

Morning Tea: Abby Smith and Hamish Spencer

Church Cleaning: Fiona Stirling

Hall Cleaning: Chris Young

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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

Advent Choir practices, in the church
Sundays at 9.30 a.m. prior to the service, for 20 minutes,
on 3 and 17 December.

Sundays at 11.30 a.m. after a cuppa, for 45 minutes,
on 26 November and 10 December.

Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

20 November ~ Monday	Material due for December-January <i>Opoho Signal</i>
26 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, followed by Advent Choir practice
2 December ~ Saturday	10 a.m.-12 noon: Christmas Craft Fair, in hall
3 December ~ Sunday	9.30 a.m.: Advent Choir practice in church 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion After church-12 noon: Christmas Craft Fair, in hall
10 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Julie Mander and Opoho children, followed by Advent Choir practice
13 December ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
14 December ~ Thursday	12.20 p.m.: Fellowship Group Christmas lunch, Morrison Lounge
17 December ~ Sunday	9.30 a.m.: Advent Choir practice in church 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Nine Lessons and Carols 2 p.m.: Community Carol Singing in church
21 December ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, venue TBA
24 December ~ Sunday	NO MORNING SERVICE 11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 December ~ Monday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Christmas Day
31 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith

