

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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4 December 2022 – Second Sunday in Advent

Quarterly Communion

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.*

Welcome

Nau mai ki tēnei whare karakia o tatou.
Welcome to this church of ours.

Please stand as the Bible is carried in.

An Advent Candle

On this second Sunday of Advent, we remember the peace we find in God, and the gifts of peace we offer to others.

CWS Partner Story

Omar worries about having enough water for her family and animals. The Israeli authorities only allow her community to take limited water from their wells on the West Bank, in the Occupied Palestine Territories. Like other Palestinian communities, they have to purchase water because these authorities will not let them dig new wells, install rainwater tanks, repair leaky pipes or extend water infrastructure to other homes.

The Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees has had some success in negotiating water improvements with funds donated from overseas partners including CWS. In Gaza the water poverty is much worse. In this climate crisis, we stand with people in need of water justice.

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Prayer

**God of peace and gentleness; may we be peacemakers
so that all people have opportunities for fullness of life.
Give us strength to offer peace to our world
in word and in action.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

Hymn WOV 221 The first nowell

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 Signs of Christmas

Children's Song Twinkle, twinkle little star

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Loving God,

we remember your kindnesses to us,

the ways you have given and given and given.

We bring these gifts in response to your goodness,

asking that you would bless what they are spent on,

and that you would bless us, also, as we serve you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your greatest gift. Amen.

Bible Reading *Matthew 3:1-12*

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon *Signs and Messages*

Communion Hymn WOV 645 Come now, Lord Jesus

Introduction and Prayer

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saying along with the angels,

glory to God in the highest,

peace on earth, and good will to its people.

...

Communion

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 Kathryn Galloway, tune *Kingsfold* WOV 500

When out of poverty is born
a dream that will not die,
and landless, weary folk find strength
to stand with heads held high,
it's then we learn from those who wait
to greet the promised day,
'The Lord is coming: don't lose heart.
Be blest; prepare the way!'

When people wander far from God,
forget to share their bread,
they find their wealth an empty thing,
their spirits are not fed.
For only just and tender love
the hungry soul will stay.
and so God's prophets echo still
'Be blest; prepare the way!'

When God took flesh and came to earth,
the world turned upside down,
and in the strength of woman's faith
the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low,
it pleased her to obey.
rejoice with Mary in the call,
'Be blest: prepare the way!'

Benediction words Ian Jamieson, tune *Ae Fond Kiss* CH4 786

May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.

Amen *sung*

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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

Today's service was brought to you by

Leading the Service: The Rev. Clare Lind

Door Duty: Mark Ranby and Margaret Kouvelis

Music: David Murray **Reading:** Bronwen Strang

Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew

Flowers: Shona Somerville

Morning Tea: Jane Bloore and Bronwen Strang

Church Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville

Hall Cleaning: Benjamin Thew

Opportunities for ministry week ending 11 December

Door Duty: Jane Bloore and Daniel Larsen **Music:** David Murray

Readings: Jane Anderson **Prayers:** Meegan Cloughley

Sound and Data Projector: Kieran Somerville **Flowers:** Fiona Stirling

Morning Tea: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

Church Cleaning: Fiona Stirling

Hall Cleaning: Michael Ovens

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Any changes or additions to events listed here or in the *Opoho Signal* will be posted as they are known on the website at <http://opohochurch.org/events-and-activities/>

Coming Events at Opoho Presbyterian Church

7 December ~ Wednesday	7 p.m.: Poems Prayers Psalms Prose – a friendly writing group, 310 Castle Street (directions in latest <i>Signal</i>)
8 December ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Chris Young's house
11 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Children's service – Opoho Kids' parents 2 p.m.: Community Carol Singing in the church
14 December ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
15 December ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, 160 Rolla Street
18 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Nine Lessons and Carols
24 December ~ Saturday	11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Christmas Day
1 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
8 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Mary Somerville
15 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, John Roxborogh and Gregor Macaulay
20 January ~ Friday	Material due for February <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
29 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith and Music Group

PEACE

*Let hope FLOW
this Christmas*



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