

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

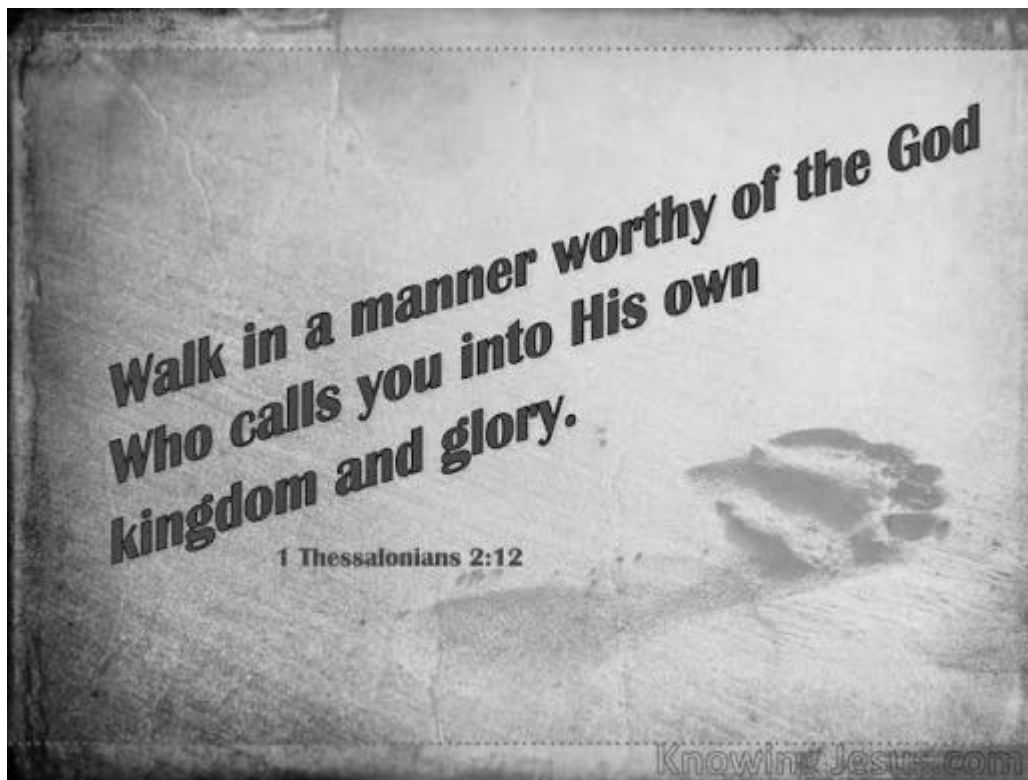
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25 October 2026 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

We turn from the busyness and clutter of our living
to the one who gifted us with life.

We come from our complicated relationships,
to the one who simply offers us love.

Here we are known. Here we are held. Here we are replenished.

Let us worship God together.

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

Hymn words Timothy Dudley-Smith, tune *Bonnie George Campbell* CH4 165

Christ be my leader by night as by day;
safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care.
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me: in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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 Bill Bennett (arr. Jillian Bray) FFS 77

Whispering gently the breeze from the mountain
beckons our senses to what it may say;
fresh from the snows that are melted by sunshine,
stirred by the kererū flying away.

Blue sky, Lord of creation, freshen our faith, blossom our love.

Deep green, Lord of creation, springtime of faith, the Spirit of love.

Bursting with colour the orchards surround us,
grasses that grow in the warmth of the green;
heralds of gold in the flowers of the kowhai,
nature announces that spring should be seen.

Chorus

Birth of the new is a sign of your Spirit,
God the creator and Jesus our Lord;
lambs on the hillsides and calves on the pastures,
leaping in sunshine and dancing your word.

Chorus

Spirit of hope in the Christ who renews us,
lighten our winter of anguish with spring;
washed with the showers of loving forgiveness,
warmed by the rays of the love that you bring.

Chorus

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Bless our gifts, Lord 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 *1 Thessalonians 2:1-12*

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

Sermon

Hymn words and music © Richard Gillard AA 8

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you,
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travellers on the road,
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear,
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you,
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love, and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you,
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

Intercessory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *sung*

Our Father in heaven,
holy 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.
Do not put us to the test,
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.

words ICET translation, tune Richard Gillard and John Smith, WOV 676

Hymn words and music © Colin Gibson FFS 67

We are many, we are one, and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night, as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree, as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

All division is made whole when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand, as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom, as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

We will join creation's song, make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir, as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow, as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

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 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: Philip Somerville and Andrew Smith
Music: David Murray **Readings:** Christine Cleugh
Prayers: Andrew Smith
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Flowers: Fiona Stirling
Morning Tea: Susan Wall and Daniel Larsen
Church and Hall Cleaning: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Opportunities for ministry week ending 1 November
Door Duty: Marian Weaver and Benjamin Thew
Music: David Murray **Readings:** David Murray
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Visions for Dunedin – October

Built in Dunedin: A look at three buildings

Speaker: David Murray, Hocken Collections

This presentation will explore three contrasting Dunedin buildings, built respectively as a hotel, a private house, and a factory. David will examine their architectural and social history and highlight the research sources he has used.

- Wednesday 28 October, 5.30 p.m.
- Dunningham Suite, Level 4, Dunedin City Library
- Koha welcome

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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

26 October ~ Monday	Labour Day – public holiday
1 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion 7 p.m.: Political forum in church
8 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith, Remembrance Sunday
10 November ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
11 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
12 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 November ~ Friday	Material due for December-January <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
26 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
29 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson

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

