

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

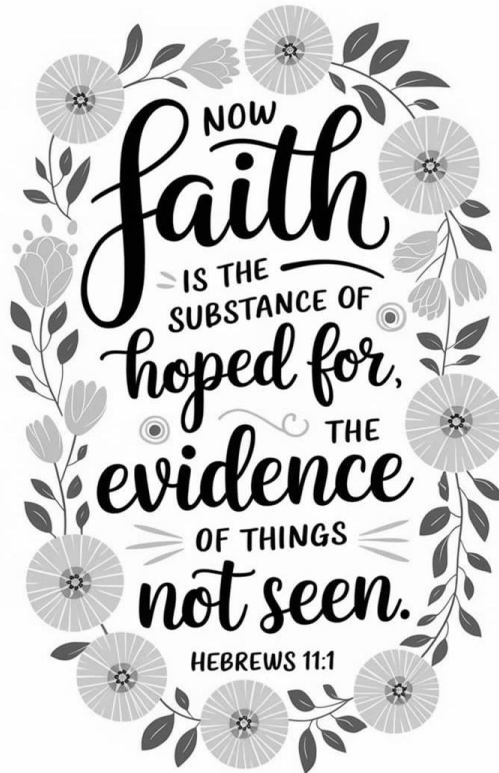
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18 October 2026 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

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 have been touched by the kindness of God.

We know something of God's healing.

While we are not fully the community we are called to be,
we are wanting to listen for God's voice in our midst,

and so, we gather to worship God

in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Hymn words and music Malcolm Gordon, *Songs for the Saints*,
inspired by *St Patrick's Breastplate*

Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ above me and below,
Christ beside me, Christ within me,
Christ around me where'er I go.

*Everything is sacred, everything is blessed,
everyone made worthy to find their holy rest.
Everyone belongs here, everyone is loved,
every life that's failing grace will lift above.*

Christ before you, Christ behind you,
Christ above you and below,
Christ beside you, Christ within you,
Christ around you where'er you go.

Chorus

Christ before us, Christ behind us,
Christ above us and below,
Christ beside us, Christ within us,
Christ around us where'er we go

Chorus

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 Sydney Carter CH4 530

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

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 *Hebrews 11:1-3 & 11:29-12:2*

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

Sermon

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 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 ...

Morning Tea

Annual Meeting

Benediction

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all. Amen.**

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Leading the Service: The Rev. Clare Lind
Door Duty: Jane Millichamp and Shona Somerville
Music: David Murray
Readings: Gregor Macaulay
Prayers: Sanel Tomlinson
Sound and Data Projector: Judy Rodda
Flowers: Fiona Stirling
Morning Tea: Sarah and Tom Ranby and Marian Weaver
Church and Hall Cleaning: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Opportunities for ministry week ending 25 October
Door Duty: Philip Somerville and Andrew Smith
Music: David Murray
Readings: Christine Cleugh
Prayers: Andrew Smith
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
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Morning Tea: Susan Wall and Daniel Larsen
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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

20 October ~ Tuesday	Material due for November <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
25 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
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

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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