

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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11 January 2026 – 1st Sunday after the Epiphany
Baptism of Jesus

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 Baptism of Christ (1951) by Hans Feibusch (1898-1998), Chichester Cathedral
Matthew 3: 13-17

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

Opening Prayer

Hymn words Thomas à Kempis trans. Benjamin Webb,
tune *Puer Nobis Nascitur* WOV 6

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us he was baptized, and bore
His holy fast, and hungered sore;
For us temptations sharp he knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.

To him whose boundless love has won
Salvation for us through his Son,
To God the Father, glory be
Both now and through eternity.

Forgiveness and Assurance

Sharing of the Peace

Kia tāu tonu te rangimārie o te Ariki ki a koutou.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

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.

Hymn words Charles Coffin, trans. John Chandler (alt.),

tune *Winchester New* WOV 45

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every breast from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

To him who left the throne of heaven
to free mankind, all praise be given;
like praise be to the Father done,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offering

**Heavenly Father, you have given us riches beyond measure.
We can return only a fraction of what we owe you;
but we ask, Lord, that you bless our offerings
and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory.
Amen.**

Bible Reading *Matthew 3:13-17*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Sermon *Consenting to Life*

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

Intercessory Prayer

The 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 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.**

Hymn words and music © Colin Gibson, WOV 672

Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us;
send us out upon our way.

*Lord you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.

When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hov'ring overhead
who will take away our fear.

Blessing

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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: Mary Somerville
Door Duty: Philip and Shona Somerville
Music: Singers and guitarists
Readings: Simon Rae
Prayers: Marian Weaver
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Morning Tea: Abby Smith
Church Cleaning: Andrew Smith
Hall Cleaning: Daniel Larsen

Opportunities for ministry week ending 18 January

Door Duty: Mark Ranby and Michael Ovens
Music: Alan Baker
Readings: Marian Weaver
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Flowers: Judy Rodda
Morning Tea: Daniel Larsen
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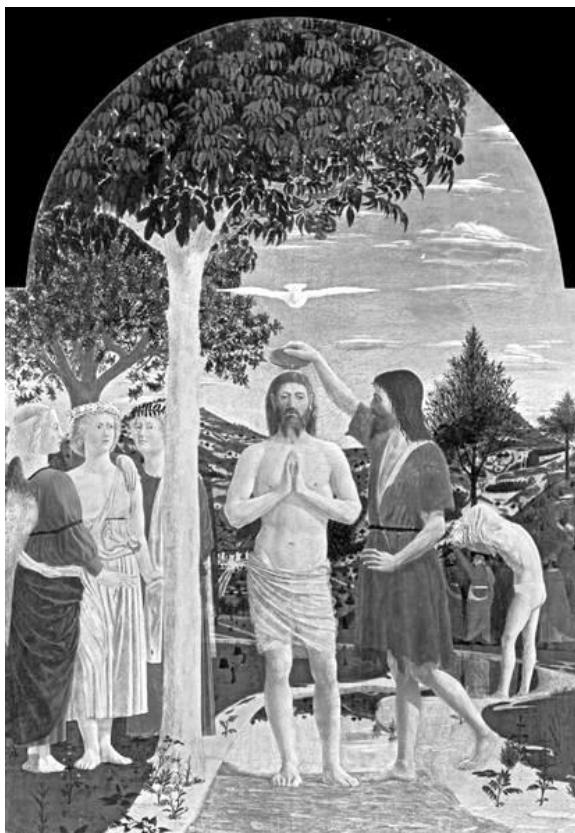
Keeping in Touch

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



Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

18 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith
20 January ~ Tuesday	Material due for February <i>Ōpoho Signal</i>
25 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
27 January ~ Tuesday	7 p.m.: Writers' Group, Morrison Lounge
31 January ~ Saturday	9 a.m.-12 noon: Parish Council retreat, Morrison Lounge
1 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
6 February ~ Friday	Waitangi Day – public holiday
8 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Meegan Cloughley
10 February ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
11 February ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 February ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 February ~ Friday	Material due for March Ōpoho Signal
22 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Harvest Thanksgiving
26 February ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge



The Baptism of Christ (c. 1450) by Piero della Francesca (1415-1492)

