

Opoho Presbyterian Church

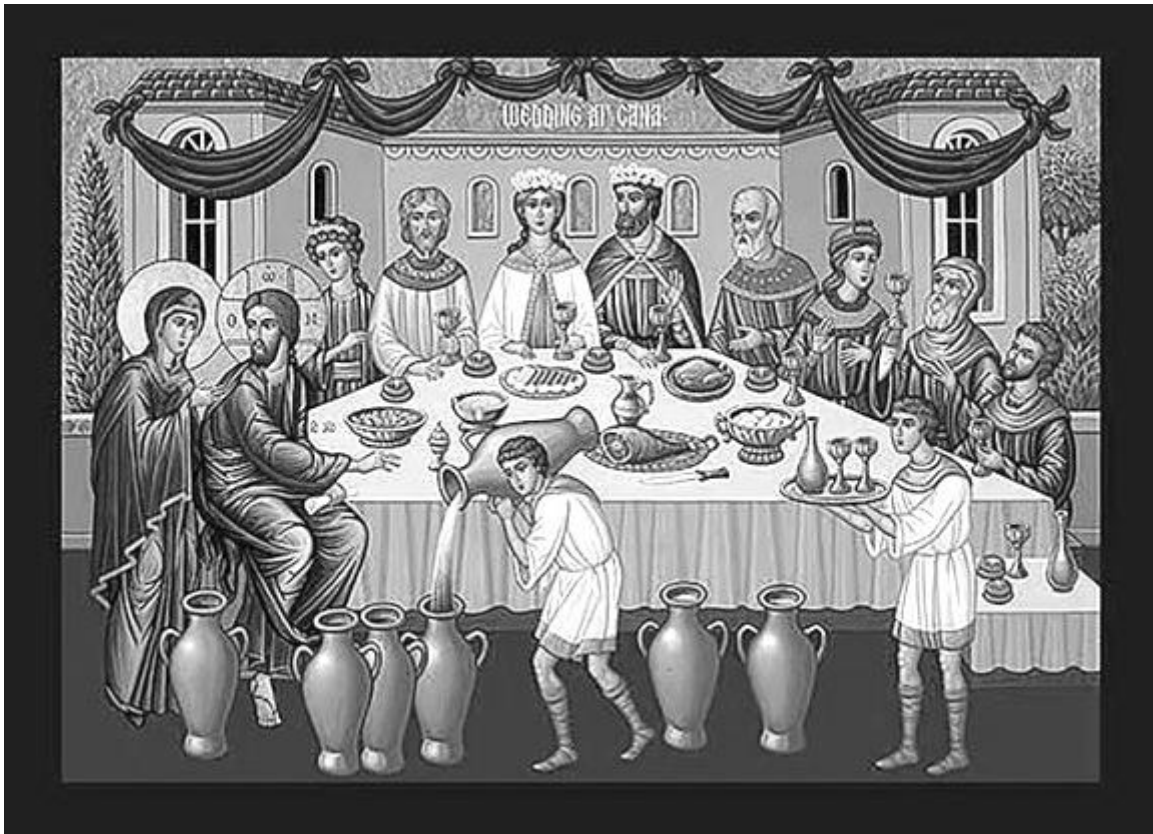
opohochurch.org

19 January 2025 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome!

Whoever you are, you are welcome here at Opoho Church. 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 vital quest.



John 2:1-11

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.

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

Call to Worship *from Psalm 36*

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

Your judgements are like the great deep.

You save humans and animals alike, O God.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God.

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

for with you is the fountain of life

In your light, we see light.

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

Hymn words and music Graham Kendrick *Together in Song 675*

Christ, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us –
shine on us, shine on us.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Maker's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, God, and let there be light.

Christ, we come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your cross we may enter your brightness;
search us, try us, consume all our darkness –
shine on us, shine on us. *Chorus*

As we gaze on your heavenly brightness
our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story –
shine on us, shine on us. *Chorus*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

...we are forgiven, we are set free. **Thanks be to God.**

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 *Julie Mander*

Hymn 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.

Won't let nothing blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let nothing blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let nothing blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, 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.

Let it shine on the whole wide world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine on the whole wide world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine on the whole wide world, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Loving God,

**we offer these our donations and those given via the internet
to serve your wishes for our actions on earth.**

With these we also give our efforts and actions

in working for purpose for our communities and the planet.

Amen

Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

John 2:1-11

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Reflection

Hymn words Shirley Murray, tune *Talavera Terrace* AA 127

Take my gifts and let me love you,

God who first of all loved me,

gave me light and food and shelter,

gave me life and set me free.

Now, because your love has touched me,

I have love to give away;

now the bread of love is rising,

loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humour, laced with laughter –
flavour of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer –
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
Things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

....we say together

**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 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 ev'ry soul,
find the life of God in ev'ry 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 a 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.

Commissioning

Going Out

Let us go into the new week strong in our faith in God,
mindful of the things Jesus teaches us in the word,
and attentive to and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Let us go in peace...

We go in the name of Christ.

Benediction *said together*

And may the grace of Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with us all now and always. [Sung] Amen

Use of all music from sources other than *With One Voice*
is licensed under the copyright licence CCLI 239741.

*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea
after the service – through the door at the back of the church.*

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: Marian Weaver

Door Duty: Benjamin Thew and Andrew Smith

Music: David Murray

Readings: Andrew Smith

Sound and Data Projector: Daniel Larsen

Flowers: Sanel Tomlinson

Morning Tea: Susan Wall and Meegan Cloughley

Church and Hall Cleaning: Miriam Vollweiler and Chris Young

Opportunities for ministry week ending 26 January

Door Duty: Julie Mander and Andrew Smith

Music: David Murray

Readings: Hamish Spencer

Prayers: Benjamin Thew

Sound and Data Projector: Hamish Spencer

Flowers: Sanel Tomlinson

Morning Tea: Shona and Philip Somerville

Church and Hall Cleaning: Miriam Vollweiler and Chris Young

Parish Clerk: Hamish Spencer 021 279 7986 opohoclerk@gmail.com

Minister: The Rev. Clare Lind 021 0276 1962

opohominister@gmail.com



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

20 January ~ Monday	Material due for February <i>Opoho Signal</i>
25 January ~ Saturday	12 noon-3 p.m. (changed from 9.30-12): Parish Council retreat, Morrison Lounge
26 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
28 January ~ Tuesday	7 P.m.: Writers' Group, 310 Castle Street
2 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
6 February ~ Thursday	Waitangi Day – public holiday
9 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Russell Thew
11 February ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 February ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
13 February ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
16 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 February ~ Thursday	Material due for March <i>Opoho Signal</i> 7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
23 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Harvest Thanksgiving

Writers' Group

28 January, 7 p.m., 310 Castle Street

Ring Abby for directions (027-606-3552)

Anyone is welcome to come and share their own
or favourite writing for discussion.

