

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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12 January 2020 – First 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.*



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

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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

Here God dwells among the people.

God will make a home among us and we shall be God's people.

Here, among our everyday places, here, among our ordinary lives,
is the emerging of grace. Watch, watch for the signs of the holy.

In this time, in every time,

we hold our breath in awe for the wonder of the Christ.

Let us worship God together.

Hymn please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the first hymn
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Come, O God of all the earth:
come to us, O Righteous One;
come and bring our love to birth:
in the glory of your Son.

*Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you;
raise your joyful cries;
dance to the life around you.*

Come, O God of wind and flame:
fill the earth with righteousness;
teach us all to sing your name:
may our lives your love confess.

Come, O God of flashing light:
twinkling star and burning sun;
God of day and God of night:
in your light we all are one.

Come, O God of snow and rain:
shower down upon the earth;
come, O God of joy and pain:
God of sorrow, God of mirth.

Come, O Justice, come, O Peace:
come and shape our hearts anew;
come and make oppression cease:
bring us all to life in you.

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Sung Response *we remain seated*

words and music David Burt, New Zealand Praise, B11

*Saviour, I heard your voice gently say:
Seek you my face, come walk child with me;
Lord Jesus Christ, your face will I seek,
my heart replies in worship to you.*

Hear, O my God, when I call with my voice,
have mercy upon me and answer my cry.
In your sweet presence my heart will rejoice
to your tender call my heart will reply.

In your great mercy, teach me your way
and out of your paths let me never depart.
Wait on our God, be of courage, I say,
and God's loving-kindness will strengthen your heart.

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

Youth Hymn *please remain standing at the end for the Offertory Prayer .*
words Shirley Murray FFS 69 (i)

Welcome the child who comes to be blessed
Welcome the faith that makes the request,
Echo the words that Jesus would say
“Bring them and never turn them away.”

Joy-bringer God, new life is our joy!
Gift them with hope no hurt can destroy.
Keep them clear-eyed to wonder and trust,
finding a people gentle and just.

Bless them by water, Spirit and sign,
bring them to share the bread and the wine,
draw them like frond of koru uncurled,
open to love and life in your world.

Give them a church with family claim,
closeness to Christ, not only in name,
make them a source of light and delight –
baptism’s grace with baptism’s rite.

Offertory Prayer

Bible Readings

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9 *read responsively*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

**I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.**

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17

Reader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

People: **Praise to Christ the Word**

Sermon *followed by time for reflection*

Hymn words Shirley Murray AA 94.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be –
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me

Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be –
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

...we sing 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, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

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Hymn words Francis of Assisi (trans.), tune *Lasst Uns Erfreuen* WOV 3

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise him, O praise him
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
Sing your praises! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light.

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
Sing your praises! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee
grow,
Let them God's glory also show.

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Commissioning

....Let us go in peace.

We go in the name of Christ.

Benediction

...now and always. [Sung] Amen

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*It is good to have you worshipping with us today.
Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea
in the Morrison Lounge and/or Hall after the service –
through the door at the back of the church.*

Today's service was brought to you by

Leading the Service: Margaret Garland

Door Duty: Andrew Smith and Tui Bevin **Music:** Mark Bevin

Readings: Gregor Macaulay **Prayers:** Gregor Macaulay **Flowers:** Judy Rodda

Morning Tea: Christine Cleugh and Meegan Cloughley

Church Cleaning: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton **Hall Cleaning:** Gregor Macaulay

Opportunities for Ministry Week Ending 19 January

Door Duty: Michael Ovens and Marian Weaver **Music:** Gaynor Haig

Readings: Andrew Smith **Flowers:** Shona Somerville

Morning Tea: Abby Smith and Hamish Spencer

Church Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville **Hall Cleaning:** Chris Young

Parish Clerk: Tui Bevin 473 8677 mark.bevin@gmail.com

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Keeping in Touch

Parish directories with contact details of parishioners are available on the back pew. Please take one if you need it. If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the minister, Margaret, or email her at marg.garland@gmail.com

**Garage Sale in Church Hall
Saturday 22 February, 9 a.m.-12 noon**

Presbyterian Support Food Bank

The summer holiday period is always a busy time for the Food Bank, so please give thought to giving a few items.

Tinned or dry goods only please – nothing frozen or perishable.

Ministry Settlement Board

At a meeting of the Parish Council after worship on 8 December, the Council agreed to appoint Tui Bevin and David Murray as the two Parish Council members of the Ministry Settlement Board that has the task of selecting a new Minister for Opoho.

Four other members of the congregation are also needed for the Board, and a Congregational Meeting will be held after morning worship on Sunday 19 January 2020 to elect those members. Any member of the congregation may be nominated, including further members of the Parish Council.

If you wish to suggest someone for membership of the Board, please send a written nomination to Tui Bevin (mark.bevin@gmail.com, 129 Signal Hill Road) by Sunday 12 January (today). Please check and confirm that any nominee would be prepared to serve and also indicate who will be seconding the nomination. Whether or not four nominations are received before the meeting, further nominations may be made at the meeting.

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

Diary of Coming Events

19 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland, followed by Congregational Meeting to elect four members of the Ministry Settlement Board
20 January ~ Monday	February <i>Opoho Signal</i> deadline
25 January ~ Saturday	6 p.m.: Parish pot luck dinner in church hall – farewell for Margaret and Mike Garland
26 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship with Music Group, the Rev. Margaret Garland
2 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Graeme Munro, Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.: Pastoral Care and Community Committee, Minister's Study
9 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Marian Weaver, with John Roxborough preaching
12 February ~ Wednesday	6.30 p.m.: Psalm Writing with BYO takeaways, 129 Signal Hill Road
13 February ~ Thursday	7 p.m.: Bible Book of the Month, <i>Galatians</i> , 129 Signal Hill Road