

Opoho Presbyterian Church

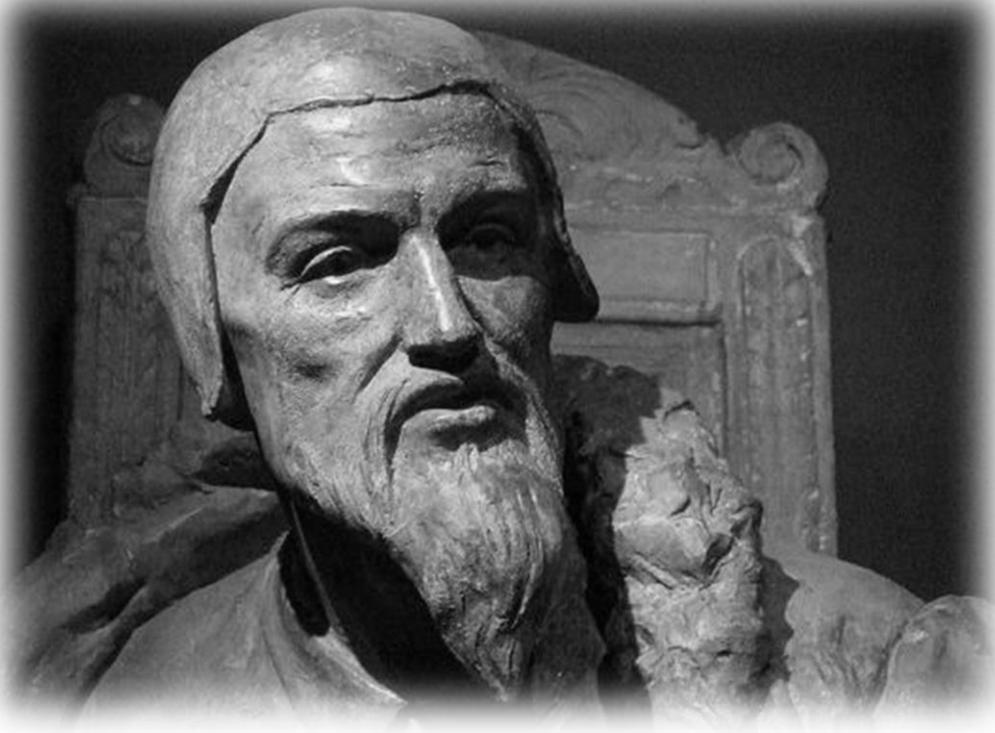
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9 October 2022 – Remembering the Reformation

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.*



John Calvin (1509-1564)

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

Let us listen for the voice of the Lord and enter into his peace:

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55: 10-11

Call to Worship *Psalm 90:1-2, 14*

O God, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Hymn WOV 10 Psalm 100 *Old Hundredth*

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

We Pray

We Share the Peace of Christ

Kia tau tonu te Rangimarie o te Karaiti kia 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 – notices, anniversaries, celebrations, birthdays

Birthday greetings today.

May God bless you we pray.

Live for Jesus dear [name *or* friends].

May he guide you always.

Chat Time

Song words © Shirley Murray, music Colin Gibson FFS 57

Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always somewhere sounding,
from the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exultation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison:
faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer *we say together*

**Lord, we bring these gifts as well as ourselves,
our families, and our communities to you.**

**Bless our giving and our receiving, our hopes and our dreams,
that all may find love and meaning in life
and a place in your kingdom.**

**And we dedicate ourselves again
to the work you have given us to do,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Bible Readings

Jeremiah 29:4-7

Hebrews 1:1-3; 11:1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *How to Remember the Reformation: John Calvin*

Hymn words Timothy Dudley-Smith, tune *Londonderry Air* CH4 749

O Christ the same through all our story's pages,
Our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
Eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
Unchanging still, amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
Who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought man's whole salvation,
We bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
Our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
Still as of old upon your body bearing
The marks of love, in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of life, in all your saving power,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
We bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
Our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
Our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
For all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, for all our brief tomorrows,
We bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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 Martin Luther trans. by Frederick H. Hedge, tune *Ein Feste Burg* WOV 8

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

Benediction *followed by three-fold Amen*

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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

Today's service was brought to you by

Leading the Service: The Rev. Dr John Roxborough

Door Duty: Abby Smith and Benjamin Thew

Music: David Murray

Readings: Jenny Bunce

Prayers: Benjamin Thew

Sound and Data Projector: Sanel Tomlinson

Flowers: Jenny and John Roxborough

Morning Tea: Shona and Philip Somerville

Church Cleaning: Bronwen Strang

Hall Cleaning: Michael Ovens

Opportunities for ministry week ending 16 October

Door Duty: Daniel Larsen and Jane Bloore

Music: Singers and guitarists

Readings: Jane Bloore

Prayers: John Roxborough

Sound and Data Projector: Abby Smith

Flowers: Allison Mulder

Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Church Cleaning: Allison and Will Mulder

Hall Cleaning: Andrew Smith

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

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Poems Prayers Psalms Prose – a friendly writing group

Writers from hither and yon will be meeting on Wednesday 12 October by Zoom (details for link in latest *Signal*).

For more information, please contact Abby Smith: 027 606 3552, abigailmarionsmith@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

12 October ~ Wednesday	7 p.m.: Poems Prayers Psalms Prose – a friendly writing group, via Zoom (details in latest <i>Signal</i>) 7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
13 October ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge 7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge (or via Zoom if necessary)
16 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, followed by Annual Meeting
20 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge Material due for November <i>Opoho Signal</i>
23 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
30 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Paul Ranby Abby's Jam Palace after church
6 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
9 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
10 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
13 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
17 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
20 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, John Roxborough and Gregor Macaulay Material due for December-January <i>Opoho Signal</i>
27 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind