

# Opoho Presbyterian Church

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**22 January 2023 – Epiphany 3**

***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.*



*Matthew 4: 12-23*

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***

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. May God be with you.

**Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.**

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

**Jesus calls us to worship.**

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

**Jesus calls us to love.**

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

**Jesus calls us to justice.**

Let us heed the call of Christ.

**Let us worship together with joy.**

***We sing*** words Dutch folk song, trans. Theodore Baker,  
tune *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclank, Hymns of Promise* 189

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:  
sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol you, our leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

***We pray in adoration and confession***

***Sharing the peace of Christ***

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Karaiti kia koutou:  
the peace of Christ be with you.

**Kia koe ano hoki: and also with you.**

*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* – fishy tales?

*We sing (and the offering is brought forward)*  
words Sadhu Sundar Singh, tune *Assam*

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow;  
though none go with me, I still will follow;  
though none go with me, I still will follow;  
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me;  
no turning back, no turning back.

*Prayer of Dedication*

***LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD***

*Responsive reading* Isaiah 9:1-4

Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever.  
The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled,  
**but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles,  
by the Way of the Sea beyond the Jordan, will be filled with glory.**  
The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.  
**For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.**

You will enlarge the nation of Israel, and its people will rejoice.  
**They will rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest  
and like warriors dividing the plunder.**

For you will break the yoke of their slavery  
and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders.

**You will break the oppressor's rod,  
just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian.**

*Epistle reading* 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

In this is the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel reading* Matthew 4:12-23

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Praise to Christ the Word.**

*We sing* from Psalm 27, 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.

*Refrain*

Hide not your face far from me, O God,  
and turn not your servant in anger away.  
My constant help have you been till today  
so do not forsake me or leave me, O God.

*Refrain*

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.

*Refrain*

## *Sermon*

*We sing* words Bernadette Farrell, tune *Christ be Our Light* CH4 543

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.  
*Chorus*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.  
*Chorus*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.  
*Chorus*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.  
*Chorus*

***Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession***

*(concluding with 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.**

***We sing*** words © Shirley Murray, tune Colin Gibson AA 99

Now as we go, kind Spirit keep us,  
in all we see, Christ be our focus,  
in all we do, his story shape us,  
that we may grow to God's good purpose.

Now as we go, sister and brother,  
give us good care one of the other,  
more hope to share, more strength to gather,  
more life to know in faith together.

***Benediction (said together):***

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, now and always. *(sung threefold Amen)***

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*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.*

## **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](mailto:opohoclerk@gmail.com)

**Today's service was brought to you by**

**Leading the Service:** The Rev. Anne Thomson

**Door Duty:** Marian Weaver and Abby Smith

**Music:** Marian Weaver, Philip Fleming, Kirk Hamilton

**Readings:** Gregor Macaulay

**Prayers:** Andrew Smith

**Sound and Data Projector:** John Roxborough

**Flowers:** Allison Mulder

**Morning Tea:** Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

**Church Cleaning:** Allison and Will Mulder

**Hall Cleaning:** Benjamin Thew

**Opportunities for ministry week ending 29 January**

**Door Duty:** Daniel Larsen and Benjamin Thew

**Music:** Music Group

**Readings:** Gregor Macaulay

**Prayers:** Daniel Larsen

**Sound and Data Projector:** Hamish Spencer

**Flowers:** Allison Mulder

**Morning Tea:** Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

**Church Cleaning:** Allison and Will Mulder

**Hall Cleaning:** Benjamin Thew

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**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

29 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith and Music Group
5 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
6 February ~ Monday	Waitangi Day – public holiday
8 February ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 February ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge 7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, John Roxborough and Gregor Macaulay
16 February ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
18 February ~ Saturday	1.30 p.m.: Parish Council Retreat, Morrison Lounge
19 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 February ~ Monday	Material due for March <i>Opoho Signal</i>
26 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Harvest Thanksgiving

