

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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11 October 2026 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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.*



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 *Psalm 23*

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Let us worship God!

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

Hymn words Charles Wesley, tune *Darwall* WOV 147(ii)

Rejoice, the Lord is King:

your Lord and King adore;

mortals, give thanks and sing,

and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,

the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our stains,

he took his seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand,
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the judge shall come
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Prayer

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, news, anniversaries, etc.

Birthday greetings today.
May God bless you we pray.
Live for Jesus dear [name *or* friends],
may he guide you always.

Children's Chat

Hymn WOV 16 (i) The Lord's my shepherd
(words from Scottish Psalter 1650; tune *Crimond*)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,
we bring our gifts to you, O God.
Help us to give with them
a ready mind,
a willing spirit,
and a joyful heart. Amen.**

First Reading *Philippians 4:1-9*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 22:1-14*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Sermon *And Again I Say, Rejoice!*

Hymn words Joseph Scriven, tune *Converse* WOV 648

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Intercessory Prayer

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 today 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 Guatemalan text, trans. Christine Carson,
tune *La paz de la tierra* CH4 798, *sung twice*

The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you.
God's peace growing in you.

Benediction *followed by sung threefold Amen*

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



Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: The Rev. Jay Robinson,
Director, Presbyterian Research Centre
Door Duty: Daniel Larsen and Michael Ovens
Music: David Murray **Readings:** Daniel Larsen
Prayers: Mary Somerville
Sound and Data Projector: Kieran Somerville
Flowers: Allison Mulder
Morning Tea: Jane Bloore and Daniel Larsen
Church Cleaning: Fiona Stirling **Hall Cleaning:** Benjamin Thew

Opportunities for ministry week ending 18 October

Door Duty: Jane Millichamp and Shona Somerville
Music: David Murray **Readings:** Gregor Macaulay
Prayers: Sanel Tomlinson
Sound and Data Projector: Judy Rodda **Flowers:** Fiona Stirling
Morning Tea: Sarah and Tom Ranby and Marian Weaver
Church and Hall Cleaning: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

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Visions for Dunedin – October

Built in Dunedin: A look at three buildings

Speaker: David Murray, Hocken Collections

This presentation will explore three contrasting Dunedin buildings, built respectively as a hotel, a private house, and a factory. David will examine their architectural and social history and highlight the research sources he has used.

- Wednesday 28 October, 5.30 p.m.
- Dunningham Suite, Level 4, Dunedin City Library
- Koha welcome

Visions is a collaboration between Dunedin Public Libraries, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and the Southern Heritage Trust.

Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

14 October ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
18 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, followed by Annual Meeting
20 October ~ Tuesday	Material due for November <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
25 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
26 October ~ Monday	Labour Day – public holiday
1 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion 7 p.m.: Political forum in church
8 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith, Remembrance Sunday
10 November ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
11 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
12 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 November ~ Friday	Material due for December-January <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
26 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
29 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson

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

