

Orchard Road Presbyterian Church  
4 December 2022  
9am & 6pm

# Peace

The 2nd Sunday of Advent







4 Dec 2022

## Order of Service

2nd Sunday of Advent – Peace  
Membership Sunday

9 am to 10 am, 6 pm to 7 pm

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

**\*Hymn of Praise**                      O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

### Reception of New Members

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. AMEN.

### Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

#### **\*Congregation:**

Gracious God, grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's coming. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give us the courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that You only are the giver of lasting peace and that You are always with us. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Prayer**                      Long Ago, Prophets Knew

**Scripture Reading**                      Luke 1:26-38  
Worship Leader: This is the word of God.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Do Not Be Afraid

**\*Hymn of Response** Tell Out, My Soul

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Three-Fold Amen**

**Postlude**

\*Congregation to stand

## The Hospitable Church

At our recent church Annual Ministry Meeting to engage our ministry leaders and members and renew our commitment to being an intentional disciple-making church, the importance of hospitality was raised. After all, to be intentional in reaching others with Christ surely must require hospitality both as a church and as individuals. Have we been practising hospitality as we ought to? Hebrews 13:2 says, “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

The word “hospitality” comes from the Latin “*hospes*” which means “host”. The Greek equivalent is the compound word made up of “*phileo*” (love between brothers and sisters), and “*xenos*” (strangers or foreigners), thus together it means “a love for strangers”. Today, the word brings to mind hotels and the tourism industry but in the early church, the concept of hospitality referred to welcoming strangers into the community. Such an attitude of openness and generosity to others was the hallmark of the early church and contributed to her rapid growth throughout the Roman world. The early Christians’ acts of hospitality went beyond just caring for strangers—they were also known for their care for the poor and marginalised in society.

Jesus’ words in the parable of the sheep and the goats were no doubt foremost in their minds. “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me” (Matt. 25:34b-36).

These days in modern Singapore, we may be wary of inviting total strangers into our homes. However, in church, all of us can play a role in welcoming newcomers and visitors; that task should not be left to the leaders or ushers. The contemporary church hungers for models of a more authentic Christian life in which glimpses of the Kingdom can be seen and the promise of the Kingdom is embodied. More than words or ideas, the world needs living pictures of what a life of hospitality could look like. A community which embodies hospitality to strangers is a sure sign of Christ’s presence with us. Let’s start today.



### **Do Not Be Afraid**

Luke 1:26-38

Introduction:

1. God provides for the work He gives
2. God makes the impossible possible
3. God remains the same yesterday, today, and forever

Conclusion

## **Bible Readings & Prayer Points**

### **Monday**

Read Luke 1:30-33. What does it mean for Mary to have found favour with God?

*Give thanks for what God has done in our lives and in ORPC. Pray for God's favour to be with us and for us to have the conviction to live as God's people.*

### **Tuesday**

Read Luke 1:39-45. Why did Mary visit Zechariah and Elizabeth?

*Pray for our small groups to strengthen their fellowship with each other, always pointing each other to Christ, so that all may be presented fully mature in Christ Jesus.*

### **Wednesday**

Read Luke 1:39-45. What happened when Mary and Elizabeth met?

*Pray for the church to seek God earnestly as we gather for corporate prayer tonight. Ask for the Holy Spirit to be with us as we pray.*

### **Thursday**

Read Luke 1:14-17 and Luke 1:39-45. Who does Elizabeth say Mary's child is?

*Give thanks for the greatest gift of all – the gift of the Christ and the cross.*

### **Friday**

Read Luke 1:46-55. What is Mary saying in her song? Why is Mary saying this after meeting Elizabeth?

*Pray that we may respond like Mary does to God's actions in our lives.*

### **Saturday**

Read Luke 1:46-55. What strikes you most in Mary's song?

*Pray that God will show us opportunities to speak His truth to those around us in this Advent season.*

# MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sun	4	9.00 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
		1.00 pm	Young Adult Fellowship	MR3
		4.30 pm	Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal	DB6
		6.00 pm	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tue	6	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
Wed	7	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	DB6
		7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting	Dunman Hall
Thu	8	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall
Fri	9	7.00 pm	SGM Growth Groups	DB5
Sat	10	3.00 pm	Combined Lessons & Carols Rehearsal	Sanctuary

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

ORPC English Congregation

### (1) CHEQUE or CASHIER'S ORDER

Please make this payable to "Orchard Road Presbyterian Church"  
and mail to: No. 3 Orchard Road Singapore 238825

### (2) INTERBANK TRANSFER

Beneficiary: Orchard Rd Presbyterian Church – Giro Offering  
Bank: UOB/7375/001 Account No: 450-312-122-5

### (3) PAYNOW/PAYLAH

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We encourage our ORPC members and regular worshippers to faithfully offer their tithes and offerings and to do so electronically where possible.

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#### FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Please indicate the type of Giving, i.e.

**"ENGLISH - MISSION" or "ENGLISH - GENERAL"**

(1) at the back of Cheque or

(2) in "Comments" box for Interbank Transfer or

(3) in "Reference" box for PayNow

## OUR OFFERING

OFFERING	TARGET <u>01.1.22- 31.12.22</u>	TARGET TO <u>27.11.2022</u>	RECEIVED TO <u>27.11.2022</u>	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,661,538.46	\$1,675,346.18	\$13,807.72
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$230,769.23	\$278,376.80	\$47,607.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,050,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,892,307.69</b>	<b>\$1,953,722.98</b>	<b>\$61,415.29</b>



## PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	4 Dec	11 Dec	18 Dec
<b>Sermon Title</b>	Do Not Be Afraid 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Peace	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Joy	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – Love
<b>Scripture Ref</b>	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:39-56	Luke 2:1-18
<b>Preacher</b>	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Dr Dominic Kuek	Rev Dr Edward Goh
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Eld Richard Law <b><i>Dcn Liow Koh Chuan</i></b>	Dcn Alicia Yeo <b><i>Dcn Andrew Tan</i></b>	Eld Lim Ee Tuo <b><i>Dcn Debbie Seah</i></b>
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Dr Dominic Kuek	Rev Dr Edward Goh
<b>Music Director</b>	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan
<b>Musicians</b>	Lisa Ong (AM & PM)	Dcn Li-Ki Khaw (AM & PM)	Chua Wei Yuan (AM & PM)
<b>Ushers Team/ Leaders</b>	Team B Jimmy Tan <b><i>Team E</i></b> <b><i>Eld Winston Choo</i></b> <u>Sanctuary Entrance</u> Dcn Tony Puah Dr Dominic Kuek <b><i>Eld Dr Tang Yew Chung</i></b> <b><i>Ps Lim Chung Wei</i></b>	Team C Kenneth Koh <b><i>Team F</i></b> <b><i>Ang Eng Joo</i></b> <u>Sanctuary Entrance</u> Eld Christy Or Pr Herna Kong <b><i>Dcn Debbie Seah</i></b> <b><i>Pr Ho Wei Liang</i></b> Jethro Cheung Maria Halim Susan Tan <b><i>Huang Junxiong</i></b> <b><i>Mazmur The</i></b>	Team G Eld Neo Kian Hong <b><i>Team H</i></b> <b><i>Dcn Alicia Yeo</i></b> <u>Sanctuary Entrance</u> Eld Neo Kian Hong Ps Lim Chung Wei <b><i>Dcn Li-Ki Khaw</i></b> <b><i>Dr Dominic Kuek</i></b> Andrew Loh Delia Chan Mazmur The <b><i>Kelvin Foong</i></b> <b><i>Eld Paul Johnson</i></b>
<b>AV Duty Roster</b>	Elson Chan Juniarto Hadiatmadja Patrick Chow <b><i>Elson Chan</i></b> <b><i>Geoff Holmes</i></b>		

***Bold Italics*** - Evening Service

## YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	4 Dec	11 Dec	18 Dec
<b>Sermon Title</b>			
<b>Scripture Reference</b>			
<b>Preacher</b>			
<b>Scripture Reader</b>			
<b>Worship Leader</b>			
<b>Musicians</b>	Worship in the Sanctuary	Worship in the Sanctuary	Worship in the Sanctuary
<b>Ushers Team/ Leaders</b>			
<b>AV Duty Roster</b>			

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (PCS) – HANDIWORK CHRISTMAS FAIR 2022 (TODAY)**

There will be a sale of craft made by elderly folk at Presbyterian Community Services (PCS) Active Aging Centres outside the Dunman Hall from 10.30 am – 2.30 pm on 4 Dec after the morning Service. This ministry is by our ORPC members. The sale proceeds will go to PCS which supports the needy in the community. You are most welcome to come visit the fair. Your support will be much appreciated.

### **DECEMBER CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (7 DEC)**

Our next meeting will be on Wed, 7 Dec, from 7.30 – 8.30 pm, in Dunman Hall. All are encouraged to attend. Please email Ping at [orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg](mailto:orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg) if you have any queries.

### **FELLOWSHIP OF CAMPUS STUDENTS – CROSSING BORDERS (10 DEC)**

ORPC has sent a missionary to Mongolia. Are you interested to find out more? This time, we bring Mongolia to you! Come and see what our God is doing among the university students of Mongolia. Meet the ministry partners in real life! Learn more about the challenges that ministry workers face in sharing the Gospel and explore how YOU can be involved! See you in DB6 on 10 Dec, 11 am – 1 pm. The session is organised by the Fellowship of Campus Students Mongolia, with Rebecca Lim (ORPC member). Note: Open to public. Please also bring a light snack to share with your group.

There will be a special collection next Sunday, 11 Dec, that will go towards support for Rebecca Lim and missionaries sent by ORPC. You may make contributions via electronic means (see page 6) and indicate 'MSUPPORT'. Thank you.

### **LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE (18 DEC)**

You are invited to join our Christmas celebration – A Service of Lessons and Carols on 18 Dec at 9 am and 6 pm. This simple service consists of Scripture readings about the birth of Jesus Christ and the singing of Christmas carols and hymns. There is an invitation flyer in this bulletin that you can share with your friends and family.

### **FLOWER OFFERING**

'In loving memory of Larry and Priscilla Seah.'

### **PERSONAL PARTICULARS**

If you have changed your personal particulars recently, or you have queries regarding church events/ministries, please email Ping at [orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg](mailto:orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg) or contact the church office (Mon to Fri).

### **STAFF UPDATE**

Rev Dr Clive Chin is on home leave from 28 Nov – 23 Dec, 27 – 31 Dec. Rev Dr Edward Goh will be on leave 6, 8 and 9 Dec. Pr Ho Wei Liang is on leave 4 Dec. Pr Tan Hui Ru will be on leave 8 Dec.

## **CHURCH EVENTS**

<b>Sun 4 Dec</b>	<b>9 am &amp; 6 pm</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent &amp; Membership Sunday</b>
<b>Sun 11 Dec</b>	<b>9 am &amp; 6 pm</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Sun 18 Dec</b>	<b>9 am &amp; 6 pm</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent &amp; A Service of Lessons &amp; Carols</b>
<b>Sat 24 Dec</b>	<b>9 pm</b>	<b>Combined Christmas Eve Communion Service</b>
<b>Sun 25 Dec</b>	<b>9 am &amp; 6 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Day Services</b>
<b>Sat 31 Dec</b>	<b>11 pm</b>	<b>Watchnight Service</b>



# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The virgin will . . . give birth to a Son, and will call Him Immanuel. Isa. 7:14

Unison



- 1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
- 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our
- 3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, And
- 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All



ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
spir - its by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
or - der all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge  
peo - ples in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels



here, Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
show, And cause us in her ways to go.  
cease, Fill all the world with heav - en's peace.

*Refrain  
parts optional*



Re - joice! Re -



joice! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Hymn of Prayer

# Long Ago, Prophets Knew

"In Bethlehem in Judea, . . . for this is what the prophet has written." Mt. 2:5

Unison

1. Long a - go, proph-ets knew Christ would come,  
 2. God in time, God in man, this is God's  
 3. Ma - ry, hail! Though a - fraid, she be - lieved,  
 4. Jour - ney ends! Where a - far Beth - lehem shines,

born a Jew, come to make all things new, bear his peo - ple's bur - den,  
 time - less plan: he will come, as a man, born him - self of wom - an,  
 she o - beyed. In her womb, God is laid till the time ex - pect - ed,  
 like a star, sta - ble door stands a - jar: un - born Son of Ma - ry,

Refrain

free - ly love and par - don. r.h. l.h. r.h. l.h.  
 God di - vine - ly hu - man. Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing,  
 nur - tured and pro - tect - ed.  
 Sav - ior, do not tar - ry!

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sing, sing! When he comes, when he comes, who will make him wel - come?  
 (last verse) we will make him wel - come!

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# Hymn of Response

## Tell Out, My Soul

*The Mighty One has done great things for me. Luke 1:49*

Unison

1. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord! Un-num-bered  
2. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His Name! Make known His  
3. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might! Pow'rs and do-  
4. Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of His Word! Firm is His

bles-sings give my spir-it voice; Ten-der to me the  
might, the deeds His arm has done; His mer-cy sure, from  
min-ions lay their glo-ry by. Proud hearts and stub-born  
prom-ise, and His mer-cy sure. Tell out, my soul, the

prom-ise of His Word; In God my Sav-ior shall my heart re-joice.  
age to age the same; His ho-ly Name, the Lord, the Might-y One.  
wills are put to flight, The hun-gry fed, the hum-ble lift-ed high.  
great-ness of the Lord To chil-dren's chil-dren and for-ev-er-more!

TEXT: Timothy Dudley-Smith; based on Luke 1:46-55  
MUSIC: Walter Greatorex

WOODLANDS  
10.10.10.10.

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## COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP

The following 8 candidates have applied for Communicant Membership of ORPC.

### **Baptism**

- 1 Mr Deon **Yeo** Yong
- 2 Mr Jonathan **Tan** Song Yi
- 3 Miss Rachel **Goh** Han Han
- 4 Mdm Sylvia **Chan** Yoke Lin

### **Confirmation**

- 5 Mr **Lim** Kar Shyard Joshua
- 6 Mr **Ong** Zhengyi Jabez

### **Transfer**

- 7 Mr Roberth Gongga@**Tan** Hok Tjai
- 8 Mrs Mona Thumewa **Tan**

### **Confirmation**

I confirm the Baptism that I received when my parents brought me to the Lord in my infancy.

### **Profession of Faith (Baptism/Confirmation)**

I believe in God as the only true God, the Creator of all things, and my heavenly Father.

I believe in Jesus Christ as God's only begotten Son, and that his incarnation, death and resurrection were for my salvation from sin.

I believe in the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth, who is from the Father and the Son, and to be the Comforter who is with believers and in them.

I believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the word of God given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that they are the supreme standard of a Christian's faith and conduct.

I believe in the Holy Church to have been instituted by the Lord Jesus, and that Christ is head of the Church and all believers are his members. And I promise to worship God and serve the Lord with all his members in the fellowship of the Church.

I promise to give myself to God as a servant of righteousness, and by observing the Lord's Day and the Sacraments, and by prayer and Bible study, to make my life holy and to foster my spiritual growth.

I promise, according as the Lord blesses me with abilities and material possessions, faithfully to serve the Church and society, that God's holy name may be glorified in me.

### **Transfer**

I profess my faith in the triune God and in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. I renew the promises and vows that I made at my baptism or confirmation. I dedicate my time, talents and money to jointly unite with all our church members to work hard for the gospel that we together believe in.

### **Membership Vows (All)**

1. Do you believe in God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit? (I do)
2. Do you humbly repent of your sins? (I do)
3. Do you promise, depending only on the grace of God, to continually fight against sin within yourself and in the world, and to strive daily to be like Jesus Christ? (I do)
4. As a committed member of the body of Christ, do you promise to be faithful in daily Bible reading and prayer, to worship God each Sunday, to fellowship with His people and partake regularly in the Sacrament of Holy Communion? (I do)
5. Do you promise to dedicate your daily life to God, to be a faithful witness of His Gospel, to use your time and talents for the advancement of His Kingdom; to seek the unity and growth of His church; and to support its work and witness throughout the world? (I do)
6. **CONGREGATION:**  
Do you as God's people also promise to welcome these brothers and sisters in Christ into our spiritual family? Will you encourage and pray for them so that they will be faithful and fruitful disciples of Jesus Christ all their lives?  
(I do, I will)

If you do please stand.



*You are invited to join us for a celebration of  
Christmas stories and songs*

# *A Lessons & Carols Service*

*Orchard Road Presbyterian Church*

*18 December 2022*

*9am & 6pm*

*Love*  
*Lessons & Carols*







**WE WOULD LIKE TO  
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US!**

# **CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**25TH DEC 2022**

**Time: 9-10:30 am, 6-7:30 pm**

**Where: Orchard Road Presbyterian Church**

**3 Orchard Road**

**Speaker : Rev. Dr. Clive Chin**



# CHRISTMAS FAIR 2022

## Our Story

All this craft is made by us elderly folk at Presbyterian Community Services (PCS) Active Aging Centres.  
We are guided by ORPC Church Volunteers.

We find it a fun and meaningful activity  
and we donate 100% of the nett sales proceeds to  
PCS which helps the needy in the community.  
Thank you for your support!



Merry Christmas



Beautiful Gift

Merry Christmas



FOOD CARRIER



**Orchard Road Presbyterian Church**

**4 Dec 2022, Sunday 10:30 am - 2:30 pm**

Your Christmas Gift Purchases will  
help those in need this Christmas!

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Fellowship of  
Campus  
Students



# CROSSING BORDERS

Meet the ministry partners

10 Dec 2022,  
11am - 1pm

Orchard Road  
Presbyterian Church  
Basement room DB6

Everyone is  
welcomed!

Bring a light  
snack to  
share!

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