

*Orchard Road Presbyterian Church
11 December 2022
9am & 6pm*

Joy
The 3rd Sunday of Advent





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Order of Service

3rd Sunday of Advent – Joy
Holy Communion

9 am to 10 am, 6 pm to 7 pm

Prelude

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise & Adoration** Come Thou Redeemer of The World
(v1, 2, 5, 6)

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 Third Advent Candle

*Congregation:

We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfilment of your promise of a Savior
and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation
through the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ. Create us anew as we wait, and
help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn of Prayer

Of the Father's Love Begotten

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell,
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. AMEN.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Worship Leader: This is the word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Ode to Joy

***Hymn of Response**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

How is Christmas Different This Year?

Have you ever counted the number of Christmases you have celebrated in church before? In last Sunday's sermon, Pr Hui Ru pointed out that many of us have gone through quite a number of Christmases as Christians; we have sung the same old Christmas carols and heard the same old Advent passages read and preached, so much so that there is nothing new to us. We find ourselves no longer gleaning any new insights from the sermons and carols, and our hearts are no longer moved by Christ's incarnational love for us. The period of Advent that we observe in church becomes for us simply the lead-up to the day called Christmas, much like the build-up of the festive spirit through the lights and decorations down the rest of Orchard Road, climaxing on Christmas Day with parties and celebrations.

However, when early Christians first observed Advent, they were anticipating the return of Christ, not his birth. "Advent spirituality is not a time to meditate on the actual birth of Christ. According to tradition, we ought not to sing Christmas carols until Christmas itself, for Advent is not a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus in the manger but a time to long for the coming of the Saviour," Robert E. Webber wrote in *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year*. In that perspective, we come to understand Advent and Christmas differently: a looking-forward rather than just a celebration of what's past. Just like the Old Testament saints' long-suffering expectation of the Messiah coming to redeem them, we find ourselves eagerly waiting for His return as King to fully usher in His glorious Kingdom. And like the first Advent, it happens against the backdrop of the darkness and distress we find our world presently in.

But just as surely the First Advent came to past, the Second Advent will happen. And we can look to the one true light—Christ Jesus, the Son of God. In the waiting we find ourselves in, it is not that there is nothing for us to do; there is much for us to do. Let us prepare our longing hearts for that Day of joyous celebration. In the waiting, let us prepare ourselves in penitential reverence and disciplined discipleship that we may be found ready for the Second Advent.

Ode to Joy

Luke 1:39-56

Introduction:

1. Joy at the King's arrival...

2. ...because he scatters the proud and lifts up the humble...

3. ...and he is the climax of God's salvation plan

Conclusion: So rejoice!

Bible Readings & Prayer Points

Monday

Read Luke 1:57-61. What did Elizabeth want to name her son? Why did her neighbours and relatives object?

Give thanks for God's faithfulness and for His fulfilment of His promises of salvation through the birth, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Tuesday

Read Luke 1:62-66. What decision did Zechariah have to make? Why was everyone astonished?

Pray for courage and conviction for each of us to choose obedience to God, even when it makes no sense to the people around us.

Wednesday

Read Luke 1:67-80. What did Zechariah prophesy about what was to come and his son's role in it?

Pray for our small group leaders and potential small group leaders who are being trained this December. Pray for God to call them and to equip them.

Thursday

Read Luke 2:1-7. How did Jesus come to be born in Bethlehem according to prophecy when Joseph and Mary were from Nazareth in Galilee? What does this tell you about how God works in the world?

Ask God to show each of us ways we can reach out and care for those who need it this Christmas.

Friday

Read Luke 2:8-15. What announcement did the angels make? Who did they make this announcement to? Why is this surprising?

Pray for the Young Adults as they deliver the Prison Fellowship Singapore (PFS) Angel Tree presents, and as they invite friends for a Christmas outreach on 17 Dec.

Saturday

Read Luke 2:16-20. What did the shepherds do after they found Mary and Joseph and the baby? Why did they do this?

Give thanks for the hope that God has given us in Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	
Sun	11	9.00 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
		10.30 am	Youth Fellowship	Chapel
		4.30 pm	Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal	DB5
		6.00 pm	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tue	13	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
		7.00 pm	SGM Training: God's Big Picture	DB5
Wed	14	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	DB6
Thu	15	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall
Fri	16	7.00 pm	SGM Training: Growth Groups	DB5
Sat	17	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

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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.

This is not a general solicitation of funds from the public.

FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Please indicate the type of Giving, i.e.

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(1) at the back of Cheque or

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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	\$1,696,153.85	\$1,705,113.20	\$8,959.35
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$235,576.92	\$289,573.80	\$53,996.88
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,931,730.77	\$1,994,687.00	\$62,956.23

PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	11 Dec	18 Dec	25 Dec
Sermon Title	Holy Communion Service 3 rd Sunday of Advent – Joy Ode to Joy	A Lessons & Carols Service 4 th Sunday of Advent – Love	Christmas Day
Scripture Ref	Luke 1:39-56	Luke 2:1-18	Jn 1:1-14
Preacher	Dr Dominic Kuek	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Worship Leader	Dcn Alicia Yeo <i>Dcn Andrew Tan</i>	Eld Lim Ee Tuo <i>Dcn Debbie Seah</i>	Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong <i>Eld Paul Johnson</i>
Pastoral Prayer	Dr Dominic Kuek	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan
Musicians	Dcn Li-Ki Khaw (AM & <i>PM</i>) Kate Magkawas (AM & <i>PM</i>) Valerie Lee (AM & <i>PM</i>) Lim Rei Hrn (AM & <i>PM</i>) Hannah Leong (AM & <i>PM</i>)	Chua Wei Yuan (AM & <i>PM</i>)	Eunice Tang (AM & <i>PM</i>) Kate Magkawas (AM & <i>PM</i>) Valerie Lee (AM & <i>PM</i>) Lim Rei Hrn (AM & <i>PM</i>) Hannah Leong (AM & <i>PM</i>)
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Team C Kenneth Koh <i>Team F</i> <i>Ang Eng Joo</i>	Team G Eld Neo Kian Hong <i>Team H</i>	Team A Veronica Song <i>Team E</i>
Greeters	<u>Sanctuary Entrance</u> Eld Christy Or Pr Herna Kong <i>Dcn Debbie Seah</i> <i>Pr Ho Wei Liang</i>	<u>Sanctuary Entrance</u> Eld Neo Kian Hong Ps Lim Chung Wei <i>Dcn Li-Ki Khaw</i> <i>Dr Dominic Kuek</i>	<u>Sanctuary Entrance</u> Dcn Alicia Yeo Rev Dr Edward Goh <i>Dcn Tony Puah</i> <i>Pr Tan Hui Ru</i>
AV Duty Roster	Jethro Cheung Maria Halim Susan Tan <i>Huang Junxiong</i> <i>Mazmur The</i>	Andrew Loh Delia Chan Mazmur The <i>Kelvin Foong</i> <i>Eld Paul Johnson</i>	Donald Lim Jabez Selvarajan Rengasamy Selvarajan <i>Andrew Loh</i> <i>Delia Chan</i>

Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	11 Dec	18 Dec	25 Dec
Sermon Title			
Scripture Reference			
Preacher			
Scripture Reader			
Worship Leader			
Musicians	Worship in the Sanctuary	Worship in the Sanctuary	Worship in the Sanctuary
Ushers Team/ Leaders			
AV Duty Roster			

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (PCS) – HANDIWORK CHRISTMAS FAIR 2022

The Mission & Evangelism Committee would like to thank ORPC members for your generosity and support! Collectively with Providence Presbyterian Church, we raised \$3,121 for Presbyterian Community Services from the Handiwork Christmas Fair on 4 Dec 2022.

FELLOWSHIP OF CAMPUS STUDENTS – CROSSING BORDERS (TODAY)

Rebecca Lim (ORPC member) is a missionary sent to Mongolia. We welcome her back as she briefs us on her work.

There is a special collection today 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 Lessons and Carols Service 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.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES (25 DEC)

Do invite your relatives and friends to the evangelistic services at 9 am and 6 pm! You may use the flyer in this bulletin.

FAQs ON DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH (DMC) & ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AT ANNUAL MINISTRY MEETING (AMM)

At the AMM held on 12 Nov 2022, leaders shared about Disciple-Making church. The FAQs on DMC and the answers to questions that were raised at the AMM are now available for church members' information. Church members may write to orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg for a copy of these documents.

FLOWER OFFERING

Dcn Tony & Jehanne Puah: "In loving memory of Jethro Puah (12 Dec 2005 to 4 Feb 2021) - always loved and missed by mum and dad."

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 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. Ps Lim Chung Wei will be on leave 13-16 Dec.

CHURCH EVENTS

Sun 18 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	4th Sunday of Advent & A Service of Lessons & Carols
Sat 24 Dec	9 pm	Combined Christmas Eve Communion Service
Sun 25 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	Christmas Day Services
Sat 31 Dec	11 pm	Watchnight Service
Sun 1 Jan	9 am 6 pm	Inter-Generational Service & Leaders' Installation

Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Latin Hymn
Puer Nobis

Come Thou Re - deem - er of the earth, Come,
 Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, but
 From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, to
 O e - qual to thy Fa - ther, thou! Gird
 Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, And
 All laud e - ter - nal Son, to Thee; Whose

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tes - ti - fy Thy won - drous birth: All
 of the Spi - rit, thou art still the
 God the Fa - ther back he speeds, runs
 on thy flesh - ly man - tie now, the
 dark - ness breathe a new - er light, Where
 ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free Whom

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lands ad - mire, all times ap - plaud: Such
 Word of God, in flesh ar - rayed, the
 out his course to death and hell, re -
 weak - ness of our mor - tal state with
 end - less faith shall shine se - rene, And
 with the Fa - ther we a - dore, And

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is the birth that fits our God.
 Sav - iour, now to us dis - played.
 turns on God's high throne to dwell.
 death - less might in - vi - gor - ate.
 twi - light nev - er in - ter - vene.
 Ho - ly Ghost, for e - ver - more.

Hymn of Prayer

Of the Father's Love Begotten

I am the Alpha and the Omega . . . the Beginning and the End. Rev. 22:13

Unison

1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan
2. O ye heights of heav'n a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prais -
3. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost,

to be, He is. Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the
es sing; Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our
to Thee, Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing And un - wea - ried

End - ing He, Of the things that are, that have been,
God and King; Let no tongue on earth be si - lent,
prais - es be: Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion,

And that fu - ture years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

TEXT: Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th century;
translated by John M. Neale and Henry W. Baker
MUSIC: Plainsong, 13th century; arranged by C. Winfred Douglas

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

Hymn of Response

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout Canticle of the Turning

Em C



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

Em C D Em



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

G D Em C Em

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.

G D

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

Em C D Em

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

G D Em C Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain G D

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

Refrain

Em C D Em

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

C D Em C Em

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

*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