

# 29 Jan 2023 - Order of Service Building a Disciple-Making Church

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Emphasis: Discipleship 9 am to 10 am, 6 pm to 7 pm

Prelude

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness (AM)

### Call to Worship

\*Hymn of Praise & Adoration We Come, O Christ, to You

#### **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.

*Hymn of Prayer	Speak, O Lord
Scripture Reading	Colossians 3:1-17 Worship Leader: This is the word of God. <b>Congregation: Thanks be to God.</b>
Sermon	Following Christ
*Hymn of Response	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
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 Search for Meaning in Life

"The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless!" (Eccl. 1:1-2). Thus begins the reflection of *Qohelet*, translated "Teacher" (NIV) or "Preacher" (ESV), on the meaning of life. Why does he render such a bleak conclusion that everything is meaningless? And is this the central message of the Book of Ecclesiastes?

Commentators point out that to properly understand the Book of Ecclesiastes, it is important to understand that there are two speakers with separate messages in the book. That is, *Qohelet*, who speaks in the first person ("I, *Qohelet*") in the main portion of the book (1:12-12:7) and a second person, who talks about *Qohelet* in the third person ("he, *Qohelet*") at both ends of the book (I:1-11 and 12:8-14).

Simply put, Qohelet's message is straight-forward: "Life is difficult and then you die." He talks about the futility of trying to find meaning in human wisdom, pleasure, work, wealth, status, and relationships. There are several reasons why Qohelet regards life as meaningless. Firstly, death renders life meaningless, since Qohelet is uncertain about an afterlife (12:7). Secondly, inexplicable contradictions render life meaningless. Qohelet has witnessed "a righteous man perishing in his righteousness and a wicked man living long in his wickedness" (7:15). Thirdly, humanity's inability to fully understand God's work from beginning to end also renders life meaningless (3:11).

What is the message of the second wise man? He commends *Qohelet* for his honest reflection on the futility of life "under the sun." However, he also encourages his son to look beyond the here-and-now by establishing a right relationship with God. He writes, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil" (12:13-14).

The second wise man's message to us is that one can only find the true meaning of life in a personal relationship with God. Authorities say 2023 will be a difficult year for many. In spite of the meaninglessness, contradictions and difficulties of life, may we look to God in the new year, for only in Jesus Christ can we find abundant life now and in the life to come.

# **Following Christ**

Colossians 3:1-17

Introduction:

1. Know what Christ has done and will do

2. Do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus

Conclusion

## **Bible Readings & Prayer Points**

#### Monday

Read Luke 5:1-2. In verse 2, what can we learn from Jesus about sharing the gospel?

Give thanks for the parents in our church. May God continue to help them nurture and build their children in the faith.

#### Tuesday

Read Luke 5:3-4. What message was Jesus conveying to Peter?

May God continue to give the Singapore government the ability to build a society that is just, fair and equitable.

#### Wednesday

Read Luke 5:5. Why did Peter follow Jesus' instruction even though Jesus was not a fisherman?

Pray that the members of our church discipleship groups will show care for one another deeply.

#### Thursday

Read Luke 5:6-7. What is the object lesson of the fishing narrative?

Give thanks for those serving in the Christian Education ministry. May God continue to support their efforts in sharing biblical knowledge.

#### Friday

Read Luke 5:8-10. Why did Peter say, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Pray for God to give each member of ORPC the ability to depend on him in the midst of struggles and challenges.

#### Saturday

Read Luke 5:11 What does Jesus require of his disciples?

Pray for those who are suffering from physical disability. May God provide support and care for them.

#### **MINISTRY THIS WEEK**

Date		<u>Time</u>	Event	Venue
Sun	29	9.00 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
		9.00 am	Sunday School	Dunman Building
		4.30 pm	Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall A
		6.00 pm	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tues	31	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
Wed	1	1.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	DB6
		7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting	Dunman Hall
		8.00 pm	Discipleship Course—Christianity Explained (L1 of 6)	Online
Thu	2	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall, SHKAB, SR2
		7.30 pm	M&E Committee Meeting	DB2
		7.45 pm	Discipleship Course—Lessons on Christian Living (L2 of 8)	Online
Sat	4	9.00 am	Leaders' Orientation & Worship Workshop	DB6
		2.00 pm	Orchestra & Handbells Easter Practice	Sanctuary
		4.30 pm	Music Makers Club	SHK A, B, SR 1, 2

#### **TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**ORPC English Congregation** 

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

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#### **OUR OFFERING**

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OFFERING	TARGET <u>01.1.23- 31.12.23</u>	TARGET TO <u>22.01.2023</u>	RECEIVED TO 22.01.2023	<u>YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)</u>
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$138,461.54	\$113,053.00	(\$25,408.54)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$19,230.77	\$14,106.00	(\$5,124.77)
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$157,692.31	\$127,159.00	(\$30,533.31)

## **PREACHING THEMES • SERVICE ROSTER**

Sunday Service	29 Jan	5 Feb	12 Feb
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Emphasis: Discipleship	Inter-Generational Service	Holy Communion Service
Sermon Title	Following Christ	Jesus' Followers	Jesus Came for the
			Unclean
Scripture Ref	Colossians 3:1-17	Luke 5:1-11	Luke 5:12-32
Preacher	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Edward Goh
Children's Message		Rev Dr Edward Goh	
Worship Leader	Dcn Samuel Tandijanto	Eld Tatang Halim	Eld Richard Law
	Dcn Andrew Tan	Dcn Rita Soh	Eld Neo Kian Hong
Pastoral Prayer	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Edward Goh
Music Director	Maria Oskar Halim	Dorothy Oskar Lie	Maria Oskar Halim
	Lisa Ong	Yap Lee Nah	Hannah Leong
Musicians	Eunice Tang	Lisa Ong	Eunice Tang
	Dr Noah Lim	Dr Noah Lim	Hannah Leong
			Dorothy Oskar Lie
	Patrick Harjadi	Aubert Saragi	Hannah Leong
Ushers Team/	Team B	Team C	Team G
Leaders	Jimmy Tan	Kenneth Koh	Eld Neo Kian Hong
	Team H	Team D	Team E
	Dcn Alicia Yeo	lvy Ang	Eld Winston Choo
	Sanctuary Entrance	Sanctuary Entrance	Sanctuary Entrance
Greeters	Ps Lim Chung Wei	Pr Herna Kong	Ps Lim Chung Wei
	Eld Richard Law	Eld Lim Ee Tuo	Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong
	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Pr Ho Wei Liang	Pr Ho Wei Liang
	Eld Neo Kian Hong	Eld Paul Johnson	Dcn Alicia Yeo
AV Duty Roster	Elson Chan	Jethro Cheung	Mazmur The
	Juniarto Hadiatmadja	Maria Halim	Andrew Loh
	Patrick Chow	Susan Tan	Delia Chan
	Elson Chan	Huang Junxiong	Eld Paul Johnson
		Mazmur The	Geoff Holmes

Bold Italics - Evening Service

# YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

- Worship in the Sanctuary

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BEREAVEMENT

Our deepest condolences to Sin Yee and Simon Ting on the passing of her father/his father-in-law, Mr Chen Sen Chiang, on 22 January. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our deepest condolences also to Yee Chong, Yui Nguan, and their sons, Noah and Jonah, on the passing of his father/her father-in-law/their grandfather, Mr Huang Thiay Sherng, on 26 January. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### 5TH SUNDAY EMPHASES IN 2023. TODAY: DISCIPLESHIP.

In place of Ministry Emphasis Month in Oct, the leadership has decided to use the 5th Sunday of particular months to focus on specific areas of ministry to support the Disciple-Making Church (DMC) effort.

#### FEBRUARY CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (1 FEB)

Our next meeting will be on Wed, 1 Feb, from 7.30 – 8.30 pm, in Dunman Hall. All are encouraged to attend. Please email Ping at <u>orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg</u> if you have any queries.

#### CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED—A DISCIPLESHIP COURSE (LESSON 1 ON 1 FEB)

The classes will be held over 6 Wednesdays from 8 – 9.15 pm via Zoom. Please see the flyer for more information and registration details.

#### LESSONS ON CHRISTIAN LIVING—A DISCIPLESHIP COURSE (LESSON 2 ON 2 FEB)

The classes are held over 8 Thursdays from 7.45 – 9 pm via Zoom. Please refer to the flyer for information on topics and how to register.

# SoCM ADULT SUNDAY CLASS—THE GOSPEL IN THE CREATION ACCOUNT AND THE FALL OF HUMANKIND (5 FEB)

The class will be conducted by Rev Dr Clive Chin from 10.45 am to 12 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. Please see the flyer for more details.

#### PERSONAL PARTICULARS

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

#### CHURCH EVENTS: JAN - JUN 2023

Sat 4 Mar	1.00 pm	Biblical Parenting Course [via Zoom]
Sat 11 Mar	10.00 am	Stronger Together (Congregational Fellowship) [Dunman Hall]
Sat 25 Mar - 8 Apr	2.00 pm	Marriage Preparation Class, 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 lessons [DB6]
Fri 7 Apr	9.00 am	Good Friday Service
	10.30 am	EP Service [EXPO]
Sun 9 Apr	9.00 am & 6.00 pm	Easter Sunday Services
Tues 11 Apr - 16 May	7.30 pm	Membership Class, 1 <sup>st</sup> of 6 lessons [SHK] - Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer
Sun 4 Jun	9.00 am & 6.00 pm	Membership Sunday
Thu 8 Jun - Sat 10 Jun		Church Camp
Sat 17 Jun	2.00 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting

Hymn of Praise & Adoration We Come, O Christ, to You Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68 1. We come, 0 Christ, to You, True Son of God and You 2. the Way are to God. Your blood our ran som 3. You the are liv ing Truth! All wis - dom dwells in 4. You ly on are true Life, To ..... know You is to We 5. You, wor - ship Lord Christ, Our Sav ior and our man, By Whom all things con Whom sist, In all paid; You In we face our Judge And Mak er You, The Source of ev ery skill, The One E live The more a bun dant life That earth can King, To You our youth and strength A dor 2 ing -0 life be You gan: In lone live a we and move, fore un a fraid. Be the throne ab solved we stand, ter True! 0 nal great Ι AM! In You we rest, nev er give: 0 ris en Lord! We live You, in ly we bring: So fill our hearts, that all may view

And have Your our be ing in love. Your love Your has met law's de mand. Sure an swer to our ev ery quest. in us each day Your life re new! Your life in us, and turn You! to A men.

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#### Hymn of Prayer

Speak, O Lord

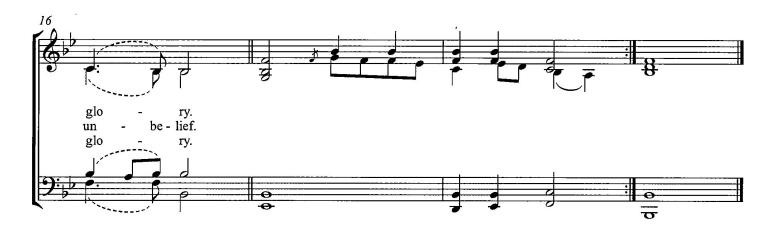
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Speak, O Lord (Hymnal)



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SoCM Adult Sunday Class

# 5 February 2023 10.45 am - 12 noon

Venue: The Chapel Conducted by Rev. Dr. Clive Chin

# The Gospel in the Creation Account and the Fall of Humankind

DOCTRINE OF FIRST IMPORTANCE The gospel in the larger context of the biblical narrative begins with the claim that God is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. Although Christians cannot prove the existence of God, there are many cogent reasons why creationism is still the most valid worldview.

This lesson will introduce a few of the standard arguments—philosophical, moral, and historical—for the existence of a Creator God. If you want to learn how to answer objections and defend the truth of the Christian faith, this lesson is for you.



- A Discipleship Course - Conducted online

# Lessons on Christian Living

Lessons on Christian Living is a series of eight bible studies on the principles and promises God has given you as His son or daughter, and the corresponding responsibilities and privileges you have in living a life that pleases God.

Perhaps you wish to equip yourself or help someone

We encourage you to take this step today :)

[Course facilitators – Gina Chan, Tan Gek Khim and Elder Gabriel Tan]

#### **Topics**

- Putting Christ first
- His Strength
- God's Word
- Love

- Giving
- The Church
  - Good Works
  - Witnessing

#### Online Course

Details, workbook and the zoom link will be emailed to you after registration.

#### **Details**

Dates : Eight Thursdays, **Jan** 19 / **Feb** 2, 9, 16, 23 / **Mar** 2, 9, 16 Time : 7.45pm to 9.00pm.

#### **Registration / Enquiries** :

Registration details and enquiries : Gina Chan: <u>ginacmk@gmail.com</u> Tan Gek Khim: <u>tgekkhim@hotmail.com</u> Elder Gabriel Tan: <u>gabrieltancw@hotmail.com</u>

A Mission and Evangelism (M&E) Ministry of ORPC

— A Discipleship Course —

# **Christianity Explained**

CONDUCTED ONLINE VIA ZOOM

# **WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR ?**

This is an opportunity to invite your non-believer friends and family. This course is suitable for anyone interested in knowing the Christian faith and what the gospel is about, especially non-believers and new believers.

# WHAT DOES THIS COURSE COVER ?

Using videos and slides, this course examines the fundamentals of the gospel and the Christian faith, with ample time for your questions (*Course facilitators : Roger Lee and Lai Poey Leng*)

# DATES / VENUE

Dates : Six Wednesdays, 8.00pm – 9.15pm, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, Mar 1, 8.
Online : The ZOOM Link will be emailed to participants closer to the date. Course workbook will be sent by post. (Should you miss a class, we will gladly arrange a make-up lesson with you)

# **REGISTRATION / ENQUIRIES**

Please send your name, contact number & question(s) to Poey Leng at christianityexplained.orpc@gmail.com

Thank you !

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