



20 August 2023

AM

## Building a Disciple-Making Church

Mission Sunday

9 to 10.30 am

### WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP GOD

Entry of the Word

Prelude

### WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

**\*Hymn of Praise & Adoration** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (page 3)

### WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

**\*Hymn of Prayer** I am His and He is Mine (page 4)

Pastoral Prayer

### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

**Anthem** The Lord is My Shepherd (page 5)

**Scripture Reading** Luke 18:1-17  
Worship Leader: This is the word of God.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Faith Esteemed by Jesus

**\*Hymn of Response**

Like a River, Glorious (page 6)

**WE SERVE GOD IN HIS WORLD**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Mission Spot**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Three-Fold Amen**

**Postlude**

\*Congregation to stand

Hymn of Praise & Adoration (AM)

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven. Dan. 4:37*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee;  
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore Him!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
Shel-ters thee un - der His wings, yes, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!  
Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.  
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him.

All ye who hear, Now to His tem - ple draw near; Join me in  
Hast thou not seen How all thy long - ings have been Grant - ed in  
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can do, If with His  
Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a - gain: Glad - ly for

*Optional transition to "Praise the Lord!"*

glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
what He or - dain - eth?  
love He be - friend thee.  
aye we a - dore Him. A - men. Him.

Hymn of Prayer (AM)

# I Am His, and He Is Mine

*Your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Col. 3:3*

1. Loved with ev - er - last - ing love, Led by grace that love to know;  
2. Heav'n a - bove is soft - er blue, Earth a - round is sweet - er green!  
3. Things that once were wild a - larms Can - not now dis - turb my rest;  
4. His for - ev - er, on - ly His; Who the Lord and me shall part?

Gra - cious Spir - it from a - bove, Thou hast taught me it is so!  
Some - thing lives in ev - ery hue Christ - less eyes have nev - er seen:  
Closed in ev - er - last - ing arms, Pil - lowed on the lov - ing breast.  
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the lov - ing heart!

O, this full and per - fect peace! O, this trans - port all di - vine!  
Birds with glad - der songs o'er - flow, Flow'rs with deep - er beau - ties shine,  
O, to lie for - ev - er here, Doubt and care and self re - sign,  
Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, First - born light in gloom de - cline;

In a love which can - not cease, I am His, and He is mine. mine.  
Since I know, as now I know, I am His, and He is mine. mine.  
While He whis - pers in my ear, I am His, and He is mine. mine.  
But while God and I shall be, I am His, and He is mine. mine.



## **Anthem (AM)**

### **The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)**

Psalm 23. Music by Howard Goodall.  
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The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want  
He maketh me down to lie down in green pastures  
He leadeth me beside the still waters

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
I will fear no ill For Thou art with me  
For You are with me  
You will comfort me

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever

# Like a River Glorious

... your peace would have been like a river. Isa. 48:18

1. Like a riv - er glo - rious Is God's per - fect peace, O - ver all vic -  
2. Hid - den in the hol - low Of His bless - ed hand, Nev - er foe can  
3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al Fall - eth from a - bove, Traced up - on our

to - rious In its bright in - crease; Per - fect, yet it flow - eth Full - er  
fol - low, Nev - er trai - tor stand; Not a surge of wor - ry, Not a  
di - al By the sun of love; We may trust Him ful - ly All for

ev - 'ry day, Per - fect, yet it grow - eth Deep - er all the way.  
shade of care, Not a blast of hur - ry Touch the spir - it there.  
us to do - They who trust Him whol - ly Find Him whol - ly true.

*Descant*



Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, Hearts are ful - ly blest—

*Refrain*



Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, Hearts are ful - ly blest—



Find - ing as He prom - ised, Per - fect peace and rest.



Find - ing as He prom - ised, Per - fect peace and rest.



*Optional choral ending*

*mf*

*rit. e dim.*



Find-ing, as He prom-ised, Per - fect peace and rest.





20 August 2023

PM

## Building a Disciple-Making Church

Mission Sunday

6 to 7 pm

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

### \*Hymns of Praise & Adoration

Across the Lands (page 9)  
Lord, I Lift Your Name On High (page 11)  
Immortal Invisible (page 12)

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer (sung)

### Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-17  
Worship Leader: This is the word of God.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Faith Esteemed by Jesus

### \*Hymn of Response

By Faith (page 13)

### Welcome & Announcements

### Mission Spot

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### \*Doxology

### \*Benediction

### \*Three-Fold Amen

### Postlude

\*Congregation to stand

# Across the Lands

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Triumphant and Bold (♩ = 60)

1. You're the Word of God the Fat-her from be-fore the world be-gan;— Ev-ery star and ev-ery  
2. Yet You left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost— and ex-changed the joy of  
3. With a shout You rose vic-tor-ious, wrest-ling vic-t'ry from the grave— and as-cend-ed in-to

6

pla-net— has been fas-hioned by Your hand. All cre-a-tion holds to-get-her by the  
Heav-en— for the an-guish of a cross. With a prayer You fed the hung-ry, with a  
Heav-en,— lead-ing cap-tives in Your way. Now You stand be-fore the Fath-er, in-ter-

11

po-wer of Your voice.— Let the skies de-clare Your glo-ry;— let the land and seas re-  
word You calmed the sea;— Yet how sil-ent-ly You suf-ered,— that the guil-ty may go  
ced-ing for Your own;— From each tribe and tongue and na-tion— You are lead-ing sin-ners

16

joyce... You're the Au - thor of cre - a - tion, \_ You're the Lord of ev - ery man, \_ and Your cry of love rings free. \_ home. \_

22

out a - cross the lands.

26

1.2. Gadd9 G/A A7 | 3. Gadd9 A7sus A7 D

2. Yet You  
3. With a

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## **Lord I Lift Your Name On High**

Words & Music by Rick Founds.  
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Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

# Immortal Invisible

Walter Chalmers Smith  
Traditional Welsh Hymn melody

Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In  
Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor  
To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In  
Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, Thine

5

light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most  
want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; Thy  
all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all; We  
an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All

9

bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, Al -  
jus - tice, like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove Thy  
blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree, And  
praise we would ren - der; O help us to see Tis

13

might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love. A - men.  
with - er and per - ish but naught chang - eth Thee.  
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee.

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# HYMN OF RESPONSE (PM)

## By Faith

Words and Music by  
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty  
and Stuart Townend

♩ = 76

### VERSE

A

D/A

A

Amaj<sup>7</sup> D/A



1. By faith we see the \_\_\_ hand of God in the  
2. By faith our fa - thers \_roamed the earth with the  
3. By faith the pro - phets \_ saw a day when the  
4. By faith the church was \_\_\_ called to go in the  
5. By faith this moun - tain \_\_\_ shall be moved and the

3

A

F#m<sup>7</sup>

E<sup>SUS</sup>

A/C#

D

F#m

E/G#

A

F#m

E



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the lives of those who prove His  
pow'r of His prom - ise in their hearts of a ho - ly cit - y built by  
longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the pow'r to break the chains of  
pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost, to de - liv - er cap - tives and to  
pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we know in Christ all things are

6

D

E

F#m<sup>7</sup>

D<sup>2</sup>

E

1, 3.

A

D/A



faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and \_\_\_ not by sight.  
God's own hand, a place where peace and \_\_\_ jus - tice  
sin and death, and rise tri - um - phant \_ from the grave.  
preach good news in ev - 'ry cor - ner \_\_\_ of the  
pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His

2, 4, 5.

### CHORUS

A

E/G#

F#m

D

A

A/C#

F#m

D



reign. We will stand as chil-dren of the prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our  
earth. name.

13 A E A E/G# F#m D A C#m D

soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the work is done,

16 Bm7 D2 E 1, 2. A D/A A Amaj7 D/A D.C.

we'll walk by faith and \_ not by sight.

19 3. A D/A A Amaj7 D/A A

sight.

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## Meekness

Many tourist attractions offer horse-riding experiences. These horses have been trained so they will not run like wild horses. As a result, tourists can safely ride on them. By nature, a horse is strong and can run fast but when it is controlled by a bit and bridle, it can stop doing so as it submits to its rider's will. A gentle or meek person is likened to a horse controlled by a bit and bridle. Even though he is strong, he submits to God's will.

Jesus says, "*Blessed are the **meek**, for they will inherit the earth*" (Matt 5:5). Why is it that the meek but not the powerful who will inherit the earth? Greek scholar W. E. Vine says that in the Bible, meekness is seen as an attitude towards God "in which we accept His dealings with us as good, and therefore without disputing or resisting". This is seen in Jesus, who delights in doing His Father's will. He possesses the power to summon angels to come down from Heaven to stop His crucifixion but He did not. Instead, He chose to leave the circumstances to God.

It is no wonder that the Bible refers to Jesus as meek. Jesus told His weary, heavy-laden followers, "*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am **meek** and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls*" (Matt 11:29, ASV).

Jim White, in his book *Christlikeness* relates the testimony of a janitor that aptly illustrates the meaning of meekness. The first time they met, Jim asked him, "How are you?" He replied, "Oh not so bad, probably better off than most people." As their conversation progressed, he told Jim that he was a Christian and his 12-year-old son had been killed by a lorry while riding a bicycle. At the scene, he did not cry over his son but instead comforted the lorry driver. When a puzzled policeman at the scene asked him for the reason, he said his son was a Christian so he knew where his son was, but the lorry driver had no hope, and needed comfort. Next, he told Jim that his wife was also a Christian. She could not get over the grief of losing her son, and ended up in a mental institution. He had to work hard to pay the hospital bill. Since the state felt he could not take care of his daughter on his salary, he had to put her in a foster home. The painful part for him was to hear his daughter calling another man 'Daddy'.

Here was a man who submitted to God in the midst of extreme circumstances, without rebellion. Although he lived with the daily pain that stemmed from the loss of his son, his wife being in a mental institution, and his daughter calling another man 'Daddy', he was able to say, "Oh, not so bad, probably better off than most people." This is true meekness in action and is the life and character to which God has called us to live out.

*When we are tired and troubled, Jesus invites us to discover the peace of meekly trusting Him. ~ David McCasland ~*

## **Faith Esteemed by Jesus**

Luke 18:1-17

Introduction

1. Know the God who brings justice (vv. 1-8)

2. Know the God who justifies (vv.9-17)

Conclusion

## **Bible Readings & Prayer Points**

### **Monday**

Read Luke 19:1-4. How does Zacchaeus teach us to seek for Jesus?

*Pray that God will bless Singapore such that the Gospel work will be advanced through churches here.*

### **Tuesday**

Read Luke 19:5-7. How does Jesus' response to Zacchaeus encourage you to draw near Him?

*Pray for God's healing and comfort upon members who are ill.*

### **Wednesday**

Read Luke 19:8. How has Zacchaeus influenced the way you repent before God?

*Pray for our pastors and elders to be guided by God's Spirit and wisdom in their life and ministry.*

### **Thursday**

Read Luke 19:9-10. How may you align your life with Jesus' mission?

*Pray for extra measures of joy and strength as our deacons faithfully support the work of our ministries.*

### **Friday**

Read Luke 19:11-19. What in this text encourages you to serve God?

*Pray for all the elders and pastors as they gather tomorrow to align their ministry plans with our disciple-making church direction.*

### **Saturday**

Read Luke 19:20-27. How may you employ your gifts more faithfully?

*Pray for our young people going or studying abroad to have God's protection. Pray for them to grow in their walk with God.*

## MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sun 20	9.00 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
	9.00 am	Sunday School	Dunman Building
	9.00 am	Youth Service	Chapel
	10.30 am	Youth Fellowship	Quarters, DB4, Eastern Basement
	1.00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Quarters, MR3
	4.30 pm	Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall A
	6.00 pm	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tues 22	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
Wed 23	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	MR1
Thu 24	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall, SHKA, B, SR2
	7.45 pm	Lessons on Christian Living (8/8)	Online
Sat 26	9.00 am	Youth Worship Team Rehearsal	Chapel
	9.00 am	Inter-Ministry Platform (IMP) Meeting 2	DB6

## 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

**UEN No.: S90CC0750JGRO**

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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.

"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 01.1.23- 31.12.23	TARGET TO 13.08.2023	RECEIVED TO 13.08.2023	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,142,307.69	\$1,111,401.30	(\$30,906.39)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$158,653.85	\$178,353.50	\$19,699.65
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,300,961.54	\$1,289,754.80	(\$11,206.74)

## PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	20 Aug	27 Aug	3 Sep
<b>Sermon Title</b>	<b>Mission Sunday</b> Faith Esteemed by Jesus	True Faith in Jesus	<b>Inter-Generational Sunday</b> Jesus at His Temple
<b>Scripture Ref</b>	Luke 18:1-17	Luke 19:1-27	Luke 19:28-48
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Edward Goh
<b>Children's Message</b>			Ps Herna Kong
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Eld Dr Tang Yew Chung <b>Dcn Liow Koh Chuan</b>	Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong <b>Eld Paul Johnson</b>	Eld Philip Ong <b>Eld Paul Johnson</b>
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Edward Goh
<b>Music Director</b>	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan
<b>Musicians</b>	Dcn Li-Ki Khaw Eunice Tang Gabriella Lim <b>Juanita Pohan</b>	Eunice Tang Dr Noah Lim <b>Patrick Harjadi</b>	Lisa Ong Eunice Tang <b>Hannah Leong</b>
<b>Ushers Team/ Leaders</b>	Team G Winnie Wong <b>Team D</b> <b>Ivy Ang</b> <u>Sanctuary Entrance</u>	Team A Veronica Song <b>Team E</b> <b>Eld Winston Choo</b> <u>Sanctuary Entrance</u>	Team B Jimmy Tan <b>Team F</b> <b>Ang Eng Joo</b> <u>Sanctuary Entrance</u>
<b>Greeters</b>	Pr Tan Hui Ru Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong <b>Pr Ho Wei Liang</b> <b>Eld Paul Johnson</b>	Rev Dr Edward Goh Eld Richard Law <b>Ps Lim Chung Wei</b> <b>Dcn Samuel Tandijanto</b>	Pr Tan Hui Ru Dcn Li-Ki Khaw <b>Pr Herna Kong</b> <b>Eld Lim Ee Tuo</b>
<b>AV Duty Roster</b>	Jethro Cheung Maria Halim Susan Tan <b>Elson Chan</b> <b>Jane Tham</b>	Andrew Loh Delia Chan Dcn Mazmur The <b>Huang Junxiong</b> <b>Dcn Mazmur The</b>	Donald Lim Jabez Selvarajan Selvarajan Rengasamy <b>Davendran Arumugam</b> <b>Don Magkawas, Nestor M. Jr</b>

**Bold Italics** - Evening Service

## YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	20 Aug	27 Aug	3 Sep
<b>Sermon Title</b>	Faith Esteemed by Jesus	True Faith in Jesus	
<b>Scripture Reference</b>	Luke 18:1-17	Luke 19:1-27	
<b>Preacher</b>	Pr Ho Wei Liang	Pr Ho Wei Liang	
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Valerie Koh	Samuel Neo	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	James The	Isaiah Tang	
<b>Musicians</b>	Althaea Wangko Natalie Chu Michelle Christabel Shalomita	James The Joel Chua Darryl Yap	Worship in the Sanctuary
<b>Ushers Team</b>	Chloe Tjahjono Darilyn Yap	Chloe Tjahjono Darilyn Yap	
<b>AV Duty Roster</b>	Marie Tan Miguel Carlos G. Templonuevo	Marie Tan Miguel Carlos G. Templonuevo	

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### MISSION SUNDAY (TODAY)

Today is Mission Sunday. To support our mission efforts, please use the electronic means shown on page 18.

### UPDATE OF APOSTLES' CREED (FROM SEP)

We will be using a more contemporary version of the Apostles' Creed from September 2023 onwards. This is to facilitate a better understanding given that many of the words used are Old English and some changes in meaning for words may also have occurred. Please refer to the insert for a theological explanation and the more contemporary version we will use.

### NEW PASTOR OF THE GERMAN-SPEAKING PROTESTANT CONGREGATION SINGAPORE

We welcome Rev Martina Klein who replaces Rev Daniel Happel as the Pastor of the German Speaking Protestant Congregation in Singapore (GSC). GSC has a historical association and long-standing relationship with ORPC and we continue to welcome GSC to worship at our church premises and to partake in our combined Christmas Eve communion services, combined Candlelight services as well as other community-based events from time to time.

### TTC OPEN HOUSE (23 AUG)

Trinity Theological College cordially invites you to an Open House on Wednesday, 23 Aug, 8.30 am to 2.00 pm. Come and find out how TTC can prepare you for ministry. For more information and registration, please visit [www.ttc.edu.sg](http://www.ttc.edu.sg) Registration can be done at this link <https://ttc.edu.sg/english/OpenHouse2023> or via the QR code.

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED (FROM 31 AUG)

This course will be held via Zoom over 6 Thursdays, from 31 Aug to 5 Oct, 8 – 9.15 pm. Please see the flyer for details. Please send your name, contact number and question(s) to Poey Leng at [missions@orpc.org.sg](mailto:missions@orpc.org.sg) or scan the QR code here.



### BIBLICAL PARENTING CLASS (2 SEP)



The Biblical Parenting Class will be conducted on Sat, 2 Sep, from 2 – 4.30 pm via Zoom. It is a pre-requisite for parents who wish to dedicate their children for infant baptism in ORPC. Please register early via <https://tinyurl.com/orpcbpc23>

### SoCM ADULT SUNDAY CLASS—HOW THE GOSPEL CHANGES US (3 SEP)

The class will be conducted by Rev Dr Clive Chin from 11 am – 12.15 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. Please see the flyer for more details.



## LUNCH FELLOWSHIP CUM SHARING OF DISCIPLESHIP GROUP PLANS (7 OCT)

12 – 1 pm Lunch Fellowship

1 – 2.30 pm Sharing of DG DMC Plans, Group Discussion, Q&A

Venue Dunman Hall

All Discipleship Group members are encouraged to join us for this event. You will learn about the plan for our Discipleship Groups in 2024, how we are preparing for it, and how you may participate and be equipped in the 5 growth areas in our Disciple-Making Church (DMC) journey.



Please register with your Discipleship Group leaders or through this link **by Tuesday, 26 Sep** <https://tinyurl.com/yszmnjb9>

### BE PART OF A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Our Discipleship Groups seek to worship, share life, pray, study God's word and serve Christ together. Come alongside us in our daily growth journey through joining a Discipleship Group - email [discipleshipgroups@orpc.org.sg](mailto:discipleshipgroups@orpc.org.sg) for more information or speak to one of our staff/leaders.

### JOB OPENING IN ORPC

Digital and IT Assistant Manager

The position description can be found on our website <https://orpc.sg/category/join-our-team/> and interested persons can send your enquiry to our Church Office Manager, Diane Tee ([dianetee@orpc.org.sg](mailto:dianetee@orpc.org.sg)).

### 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

Ps Lim Chung Wei will be on leave 22-25 Aug 2023.

## CHURCH EVENTS: AUG - DEC 2023

Sat 26 Aug	5 pm	Young Adults Fellowship Walk [Rifle Range Nature Park]
Sat 2 Sep	2 pm	Biblical Parenting Class [Online]
Sat 23, 30 Sep, 7 Oct	2 pm	Marriage Preparation Class [DB6]
Sat 23 Sep	7 pm	Congregational Fellowship Gathering [SHK]
Sat 30 Sep	7.30 pm	Season's Pippings: Organ Concert & Hymn Service [Sanctuary]
Sat 7 Oct	12 pm	Lunch Fellowship cum Sharing of Discipleship Group Plans [Dunman Hall]
Sat 7, 14, 21 & 28 Oct, 4 & 11 Nov	4 pm	Membership Class [DB6] - Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer
Sun 22 Oct	9 am & 6 pm	Infant Baptism
Sun 29 Oct	9 am & 6 pm	ORPC 167 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Reformation Sunday
Sun 12 Nov	9 am	ECM – Elders & Deacons
Tue 14 Nov	7.30 pm	Organ Concert by Vincent Thévenaz [Sanctuary]
Wed 15 Nov	12.30 pm	Noon Organ Concert by Vincent Thévenaz [Sanctuary]
Sun 3 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	First Sunday of Advent Membership Sunday
Sun 24 Dec	9 am	Lessons & Carols
	10 pm	Outdoor Candlelight Service
	11 pm	Combined Christmas Eve Communion Service
	No PM Service	
Mon 25 Dec	10 am	Christmas Day Service
Sun 31 Dec	9 pm	Watchnight Service
	No PM Service	

## The Apostles' Creed: "He descended into hell"

In the traditional version of the Apostles' Creed, one paragraph reads: "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." Perhaps the most controversial line in the creed is "[Jesus] descended into hell." Presumably, the biblical basis for this line is 1 Peter 3:19, which states that Jesus "went and proclaimed to the spirit in prison." However, there is no textual basis in the New Testament to claim that Jesus was preaching to souls imprisoned in hell between his death and resurrection (Easter and Good Friday).

Not only is there little biblical support for this view, but the claim is also inconsistent with Jesus' statement, when he spoke to the thief next to him and assured him, that "today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). Besides the view on hell, there have been two other meanings proposed throughout church history. John Calvin, for example, takes this phrase to mean that Christ suffered the pains of hell while on the cross. The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), a document expounding Reformed doctrine, also holds to this view.

Others have understood it to mean that Christ continued in the "state of death" until his resurrection. The Westminster Larger Catechism (1647), Question 50 takes this approach: "Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried, and continuing in the state of death, and under the power of death till the third day; which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, He descended into hell." This is the view that we have taken.

What is the significance of the Apostles' Creed for today? As D. A. Carson explains, the creed "very ably summarizes the gospel itself in just a few sentences." The affirmation that Jesus continued in a state of death was included as a corrective to heretical views that claim Jesus was less than fully human and that he did not die a human death. The gospel insists that Jesus died a real death and he rose on the third day, as the basis for the believer's hope for bodily resurrection one day (1 Cor 15).

It is for this reason that we have decided to use the contemporary version of the Apostles' Creed, which reads "He descended to the grave. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead."

## 1. What's the difference between the two versions?

The difference is primarily in updating words to better reflect contemporary meanings due to language shifts over time, as well as a clarification in wording to prevent misunderstandings due to cultural developments.

For example, “maker” is replaced by “creator”, “hell” with “dead”, “quick” with “living”. Some words are no longer in modern use – “sitteth” and “thence” have therefore been replaced. The “how” of the conception by the Holy Spirit has also been clarified.

<i><b>Traditional Apostles' Creed</b></i>	<i><b>Contemporary Apostles' Creed</b></i>
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	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the grave. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*The word “catholic” means universal and does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church.

What is hell?

In the Old Testament, the word often translated as “hell” is *sheol* (Heb) – which simply means the place of the dead. In the New Testament, the equivalent word is *hades* (Gk) – which is again the place of the dead. For both languages, heaven (*shamayim* in Heb and *ouranos* in Greek) was not a place for humans and not an option for humans after death (instead of heaven, deserving Greeks went to *Elysium* which was in *Hades*).

The theological understanding of “hell” is a different question from what “hell” means in the Apostles’ Creed. The theological understanding of hell is that hell is the infinite and eternal death which we have earned because of our sin. In Scripture it is depicted as a place of suffering and torment (Rev 14:10-11), with eternal fire (Matt 25:41, Luke 16:23-24), shame and everlasting contempt (Dan 12:2). Hell is where those who are dead in sin are forever subject to the fury and wrath of the righteous and just God.

## **2. Where was Christ between Good Friday and Easter?**

Jesus’ body was buried in the tomb for those three days. Other than this, the Bible’s only word on this is what Jesus said on the cross to the thief next to him – that he will be in paradise (Luke 23:43).

## **3. What does 1 Peter 3:19 mean then?**

An interpretation of this text is that Jesus had previously done this – preaching to the people of Noah’s day through Noah while they were still living on earth, and these are the people who heard the message, rejected it, perished in the flood of Noah’s day, and are now in prison i.e. hell.

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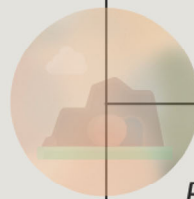
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Toccatà, Adagio and Fugue in C major, BWV 564

### OTTO BARBLAN

Passacaglia in F minor, op.6

### PIERRE SEGOND

Postlude sur le Psaume 105

### GEORG BÖHM

Vater unser im Himmelreich

### FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Variations on « Vater unser »  
(from 6th sonata op. 65)

### VINCENT THÉVENAZ

Improvisation on Geneva  
Psalms

## ORGAN-IC DELIGHTS

15 November, 12:30-1:00pm

### GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

Overture to « The Messiah »  
(arr. John Walsh)

### SUSANNE VAN SOLDT

MANUSCRIPT  
Renaissance Dance Suite

### FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Prelude in D minor, op. 37, No.3

### ROBERT SCHUMANN

The Prophet Bird (arr. Lionel Rogg)

### WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

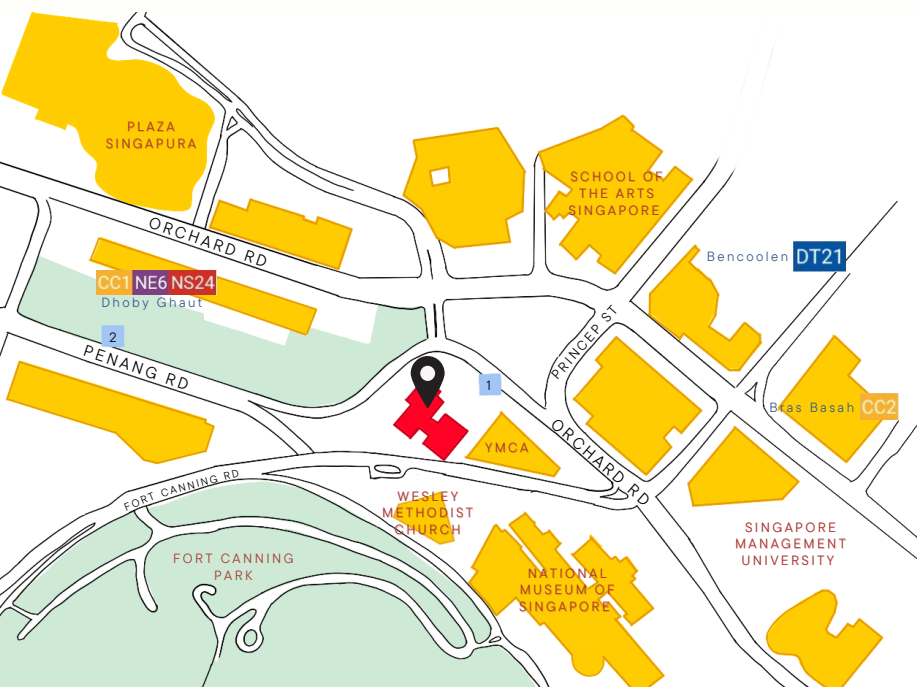
Turkish March

### ASTOR PIAZZOLLA

Milonga del Angel (arr. Vincent Thévenaz)

### JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Concerto in D minor after  
Antonio Vivaldi, BWV 596  
Allegro, Grave, Fuga – Largo e  
spiccato – Presto



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## HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

The Orchard Road Presbyterian Church was founded in 1856 to minister to the needs of the Scots community in Singapore. The first church building on the present site was completed in 1878, and has been extended several times, notably in 1975 when the sanctuary was extended and in 1985 when the new extension of the Dunman Hall was completed and a new chapel was built. Alongside the growth of the physical facilities has been the development of the church from an English-speaking expatriate congregation to a local church embracing four different language congregations and a new branch church at Bukit Batok (1995). In addition to the English-speaking congregation, the Indonesian congregation (1976) and the German congregation (1978) now regularly worship and minister as part of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church. In 2005, the Mandarin congregation (1968) became independent as Providence Presbyterian Church but continues to use the buildings for worship and ministry. In 2013, the branch church at Bukit Batok also became independent and is now Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church.

## FAITH AND MEMBERSHIP

As a church with our roots in historic Presbyterianism growing out of the Westminster Confession of Faith, we affirm the Lordship of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We look to the Scriptures as the inspired word of God and the one authoritative and infallible standard for our faith and practice. We welcome those who profess Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour into our formal membership. Our membership is truly international, representing the breadth of God's call upon people from all ethnic and economic backgrounds.

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN

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