



3 September 2023

AM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Inter-Generational 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** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (page 3)
His Name is Wonderful (page 4)

WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

***Hymn of Prayer** Jesus Strong and Kind (page 5)

Pastoral Prayer

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem Praise Him (page 7)

Scripture Reading Luke 19:28-48
Worship Leader: This is the word of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Sermon

Jesus at His Temple

***Hymn of Response**

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WE SERVE GOD IN HIS WORLD

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Benediction**

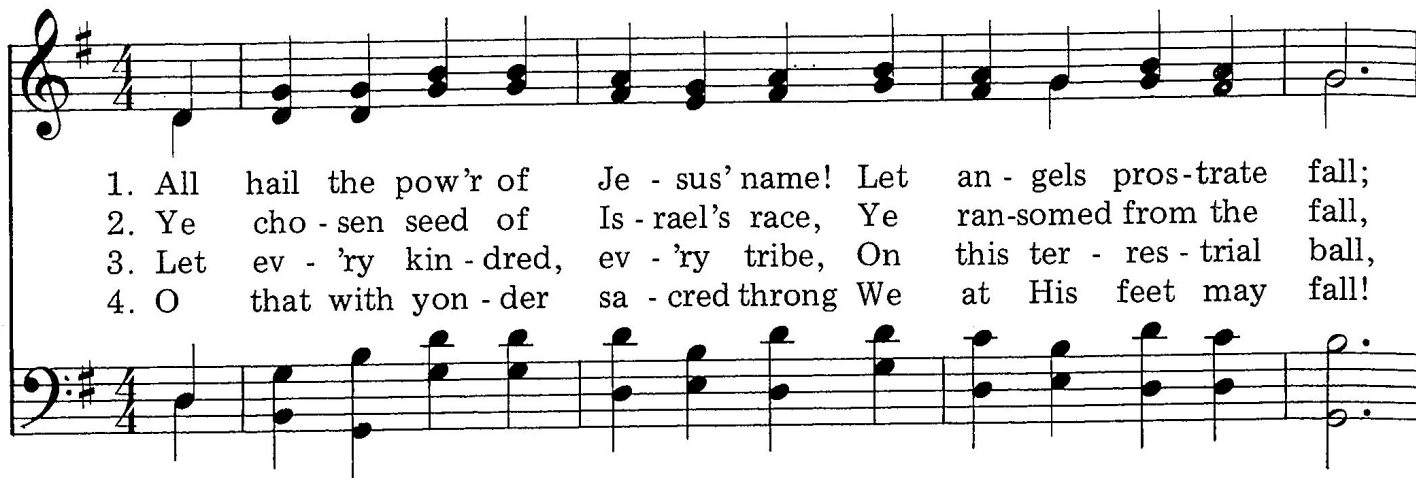
***Three-Fold Amen**

Postlude

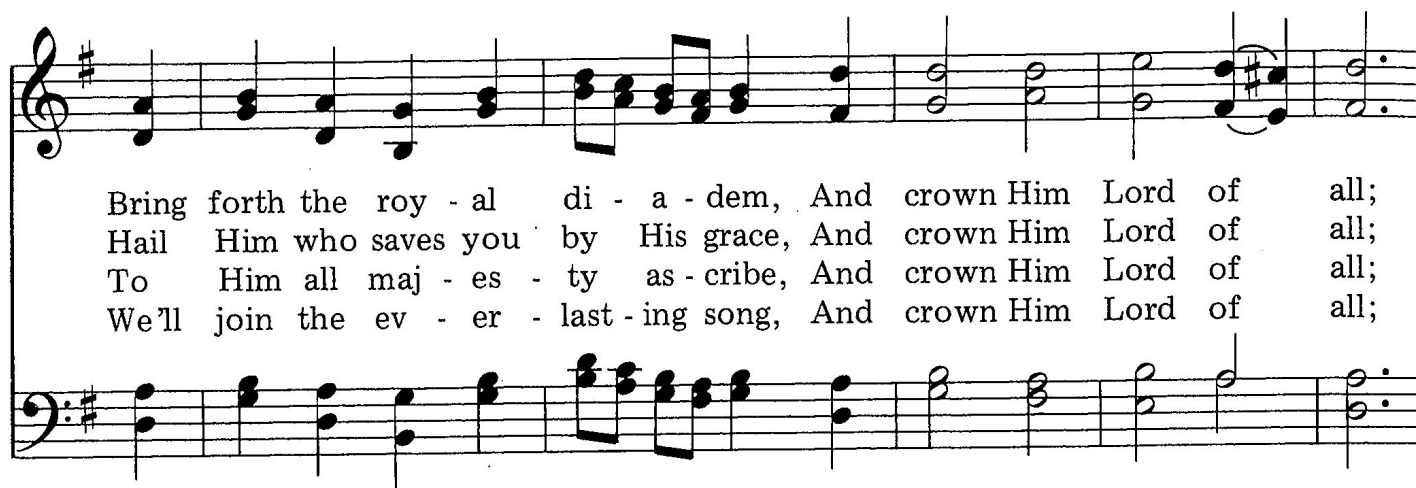
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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

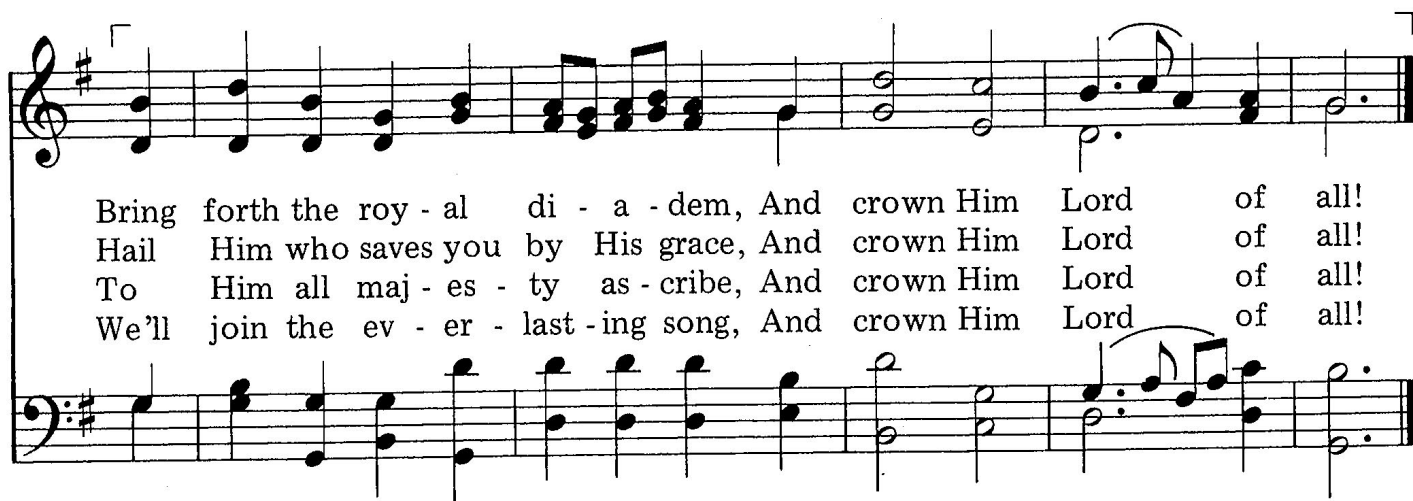
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Rock of all a - ges, Al - mighty God is He; Bow down be-

fore Him, Love and a - dore Him, His name is Won - der-ful, Je - sus, my Lord.

Hymn of Prayer (AM)

Jesus Strong And Kind

(based on the recording by CityAlight & Colin Buchanan)

Words and Music by
Colin Buchanan, Michael Farren,
Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

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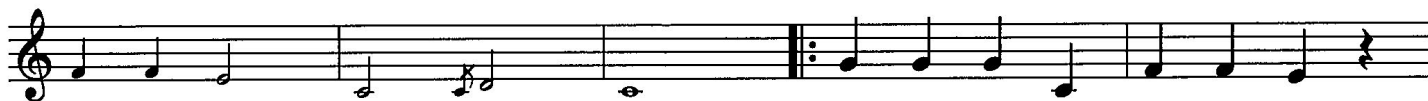
INTRO

C C/E F C Am G C C C/E



VERSE 1, 2 & 3

6 F C Am G C C C/E F C



1. Je - sus said that if I thirst,
2. Je - sus said if I am weak,
3. Je - sus said that if I fear,

11 Am G^{sus} C C/E F C



I should come to him. No one else can sat - is - fy,
I should come to him. No one else can be my strength,
I should come to him. No one else can be my shield.

15 Am G^{sus} 1. C 2. C CHORUS 1a F C



I should come to him. him. For the Lord is good and
I should come to him.
I should come to

19 G^{sus} C F C



faith - ful. He will keep us day and

2nd time to Coda Ⓢ

21 G^{sus} G C/E F C G Am



night. We can al - ways run to Je - sus.

TURNAROUND

24 F G^{SUS} C C/E F C Am G C D.S. al Coda

Je - sus, strong and kind.

⊕ Coda

TURNAROUND

29 F G^{SUS} C C/E F C Am G C

Je - sus, strong and kind.

VERSE 4

34 C Cmaj⁷ F C Am G^{SUS} C C/E

4. Je - sus said if I am lost, he will come to me. And he showed me

CHORUS 1b

39 F C Am G^{SUS} C^{SUS} C F C

on that cross, he will come to me. For the Lord is good and

43 G^{SUS} C F C G^{SUS} G C/E F C

faith - ful. He will keep us day and night. We can al - ways run to

47 G Am F G 1. C 2. Am G

Je - sus. Je - sus, strong and kind. For the kind.

OUTRO

51 F G C C/E F C

Je - sus, strong and kind.

Anthem (AM)

Praise Him

Text based on Psalm 145 and 150. Music by Craig Courtney.
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him for His mighty acts.
Praise Him in the firmament of His power.
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him!

I will extol the Lord, my God,
and I will bless His name forever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
The Lord is righteous and holy.
The Lord is gracious and kind;
full of compassion, slow to anger;
His tender mercies are over all His works;
The Lord is good to all.
Praise Him!

Hymn of Response (AM)

There Is a Redeemer

Christ Jesus . . . is made unto us . . . righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. 1 Cor. 1:30

1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face,

Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain

Thank You, oh, my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, and

leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.



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PM

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6 to 7 pm

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Hymns of Praise & Adoration

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His Name is Wonderful (page 11)
Be Still (page 12)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Scripture Reading

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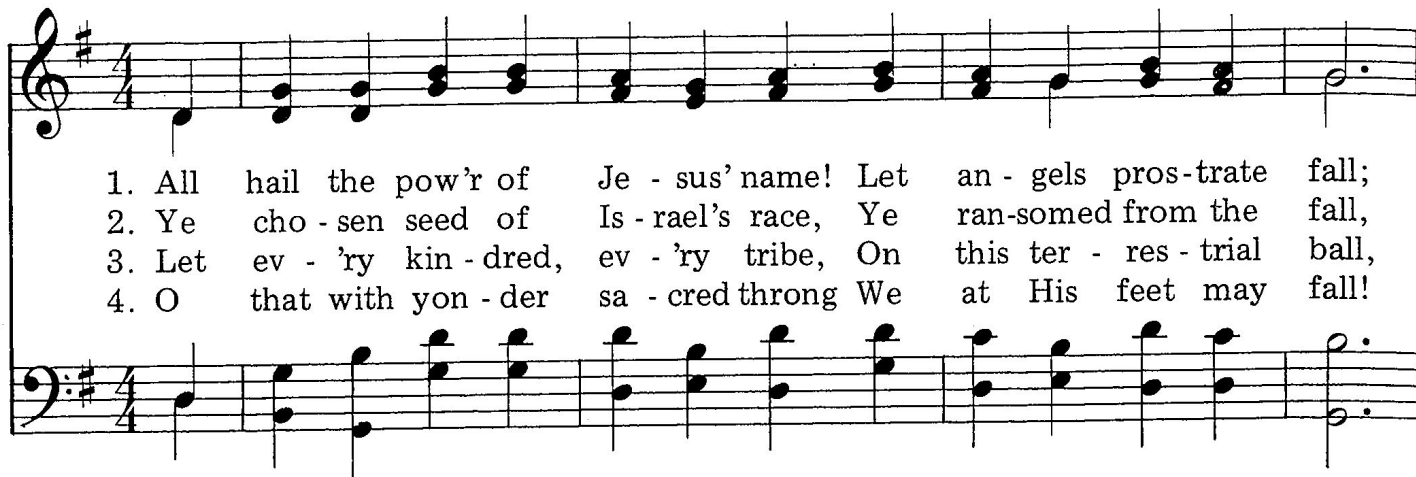
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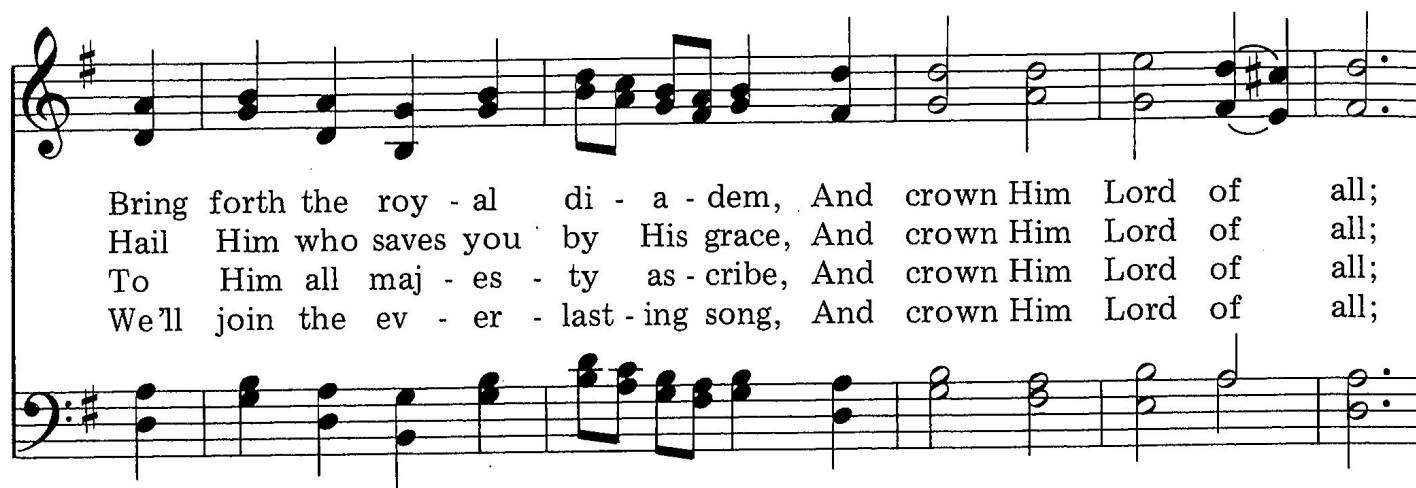
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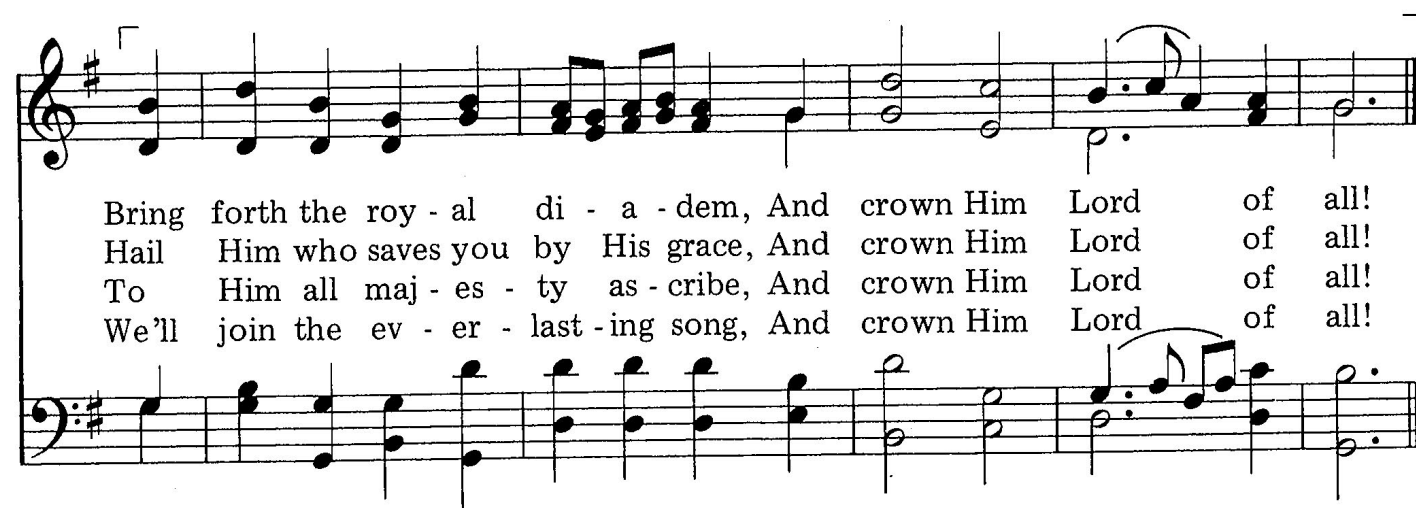
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Rock of all a - ges, Al - mighty God is He; Bow down be-

fore Him, Love and a - dore Him, His name is Won - der-ful, Je - sus, my Lord.

Be Still

Words and Music by
David J. Evans

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VERSE

C Em⁷ Am Dm⁷ G

1. Be still, for the pre-sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One is here.
2. Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round.
3. Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place.

5 C Em⁷ Am Dm⁷ G^{sus} G

Come, bow be - fore Him now, with rev - er - ence and fear.
He burns with ho - ly fire, with splen - dor He is crowned.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter His grace.

9 F G/F C/E F G/F C/E

In Him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.
How awe - some is the sight, our rad - iant King of light!
No work too hard for Him, in faith re - ceive from Him.

13 F G Em⁷ Am Dm⁷ G^{sus} G C

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The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains a bass line of eighth and quarter notes. Above the treble staff, guitar chords are indicated: F, G, Em⁷, Am, Dm⁷, G^{sus}, G, and C. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE (PM)

God The Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

Words and Music by
Aaron Keyes and Pete James

VERSE

F F/E Dm⁷ B^b2 C^{sus}

1. God, the un-cre - a - ted One, the Au - thor of sal - va -
 2. God, our for-tress and our strength, the Rock on which we can de -
 3. Might - y God in mor-tal flesh, for - sak - en by a trait-or's
 4. King e - ter-nal, God of grace, we crown You with the high-est

4 F B^b2 F F/E Dm⁷

-tion, wrote the laws of space and time, and
 -pend; match-less in His maj - es - ty, His
 kiss. The curse of sin and cen - tur - ies did
 praise. Heav - en shouts and saints a - dore, You're

7 B^b2 C^{sus} F F/A B^b2 C^{sus}

fash-ioned worlds to His de - sign. The One whom an - gel hosts re - vere
 pow - er and au - thor - i - ty, un - shak - en by the schemes of man,
 pierce the low - ly Prince of Peace. Lift - ed high, the sin - less man,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! What joy in ev - er - last - ing life,

10 F C/E Dm⁷ Dm⁹ B \flat ² C^{sus}

hung the stars like chan - de - liers, num - bered ev - 'ry grain of sand,
nev - er chang - ing, Great I am. King - doms rise and king - doms fall,
cru - ci - fied, the spot - less Lamb, bur - ied by the sons of man,
all is love and faith is sight. Jus - tice rolls and prais - es rise

12 F C/E Dm⁷ Dm⁹ B \flat ² C^{sus} F/A Dm⁷

knows the heart of ev - 'ry man. He is King for - ev - er, He is King for - ev - er,
He is faith - ful through it all. Crown Him King for - ev - er, crown Him King for - ev - er,
res - cued by the Fa - ther's hand, to reign as King for - ev - er, reign as King for - ev - er,
at the name of Je - sus Christ. King of kings for - ev - er, King of kings for - ev - er,

TURNAROUND

15 B \flat ² C^{sus} F F/A B \flat

He is King for - ev - er - more.
crown Him King for - ev - er - more.
reign as King for - ev - er - more.
King of kings for - ev - er - more.

18 F/A B \flat F

The Community of God

“I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you ... I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one. I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me” (John 17:20-23).

These words of Jesus' high priestly prayer, just before he went onto the cross, reveal to us that the Church (as well as all local churches) is to be the expression of the Triune God in a world that does not know him. All who follow Jesus are called in a limited way to be a communal expression of the Three Persons of God who exists from eternity past delighting in loving, giving to, and glorifying one another.

The Triune God exists as a community; real community is to be reflected in the life of the church. In his book titled *Paul, the Spirit and the People of God*, Gordon Fee remarked, “God is not just saving individuals and preparing them for heaven; rather, he is creating a people among whom he can live and who in their life together will reproduce God's life and character” (p66). The church is the true *koinonia* (literally: sharing) that nurtures caring relationships among its members through its mutual giving of self to others.

In fact, the largest percentage of imperatives in the New Testament do not address the believer's relationship directly to God, nor his relationship to the world, but his relationship to others in the local church. To imitate God, we must as a church seek to cultivate deep friendships. Even though doctrine is important, because it defines the nature and the will of the God we worship, the Christian life is primarily relational. It is learning to love and to respond to one another, albeit in our limited ways, as do the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to one another.

Only by encouraging a web of strong relationships empowered by God's love and centred around our love for God can we demonstrate to the world the blessed communion of heaven and of the Godhead itself. May we be transformed by the Spirit and drawn into the ever-deepening communal life of our Trinitarian God.

Jesus at His Temple

Luke 19:28-48

Introduction:

1. Rejoice in who He is (vv.28-40)

2. Receive what He imparts (vv.41-48)

Conclusion

Bible Readings & Prayer Points

Monday

Read Luke 20:9-19. How is this parable speaking against the religious leaders of Israel? Who do the characters represent?

Pray by name for those in our church whom you know to be struggling with anxieties and addictions.

Tuesday

Read Luke 20:9-10a. What is God looking for in the life of his people?

Pray for the Congregation Prayer Meeting tomorrow as the church comes together to pray for our common needs and intercede for the world.

Wednesday

Read Luke 20:9-19 again. How can we respond in gratitude for the renewed vineyard and new temple that Christ has built?

Give thanks for the care and prayers we have received in our DGs and fellowship groups. Pray that God will continue to use these ministries to build up His people.

Thursday

Read Luke 20:20-22. How do you think the spies are trying to trap Jesus in his words?

Pray for common understanding through the upcoming Dialogue Meeting on 30 Sep with congregation members for the church's Alteration and Addition Project.

Friday

Read Luke 20:23-25 and Gen 1:26. How does Jesus' reply inform us who we owe our ultimate allegiance?

Remember and thank God for each teacher He has placed in your life. Pray and think about how you can be a good role model or significant adult for the next generation.

Saturday

Read Luke 20:26. What had the religious leaders of Israel failed to give back to God?

Pray for the orphans and homeless in Singapore, that they may find the God who cares for the poor through churches and Christian organisations.

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sun 3	9.00 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
	9.00 am	Sunday School	Dunman Building
	10.30 am	Youth Bible Study	Quarters, DB4, Eastern Basement
	11.00 am	SoCM Adult Sunday Class—How the Gospel Changes us	Chapel
	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 5	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
Wed 6	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	MR1
	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting	Dunman Hall
Thu 7	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall, SHKA, B, SR2
Sat 9	2.00 pm	Handbells	Sanctuary
	4.00 pm	Orchestra	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.

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 <u>01.1.23- 31.12.23</u>	TARGET TO <u>27.08.2023</u>	RECEIVED TO <u>27.08.2023</u>	<u>YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)</u>
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,211,538.46	\$1,168,241.08	(\$43,297.38)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$168,269.23	\$205,644.50	\$37,375.27
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,379,807.69	\$1,373,885.58	(\$5,922.11)

PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	3 Sep	10 Sep	17 Sep
Sermon Title	Inter-Generational Sunday Jesus at His Temple	Holy Communion Sunday Jesus, the Rejected Cornerstone	Mission Sunday Jesus, Lord of the Resurrection
Scripture Ref	Luke 19:28-48	Luke 20:9-26	Luke 20:34-47
Preacher	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Children's Message	Ps Herna Kong		
Worship Leader	Eld Philip Ong Eld Lim Ee Tuo	Eld Derrick Lee Eld Lim Ee Tuo	Eld Dr Tang Yew Chung Eld Neo Kian Hong
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan Charly Lie	Dr Agnes Tan Maria Halim	Dr Agnes Tan
Musicians	Lisa Ong Eunice Tang Hannah Leong	Eunice Tang Dr Noah Lim Aubert Saragi	Eunice Tang Juanita Lestari
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Team B Jimmy Tan Team F Ang Eng Joo	Team C Kenneth Koh Team H Dcn Alicia Yeo	Team G Winnie Wong Team D Ivy Ang
Greeters	Pr Tan Hui Ru Dcn Li-Ki Khaw Pr Herna Kong Eld Paul Johnson	Ps Lim Chung Wei Eld Gabriel Tan Pr Ho Wei Liang Dcn Alicia Yeo	Pr Herna Kong Eld Neo Kian Hong Ps Lim Chung Wei Eld Paul Johnson
AV Duty Roster	Donald Lim Jabez Selvarajan Selvarajan Rengasamy Davendran Arumugam Nestor Magkawas	Elson Chan Juniarto Hadiatmadja Patrick Chow Geoff Holmes Eld Paul Johnson	Jethro Cheung Maria Halim Susan Tan Andrew Loh Delia Chan

Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	3 Sep	10 Sep	17 Sep
Sermon Title			Jesus, Lord of the Resurrection
Scripture Reference			Luke 20:34-47
Preacher			Pr Ho Wei Liang
Scripture Reader			
Worship Leader			Isaiah Tang
Musicians	Worship in the Sanctuary	Worship in the Sanctuary	James The Joel Chua Darryl Yap
Ushers Team			
AV Duty Roster			Marie Tan Miguel Carlos G. Templonuevo

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SoCM ADULT SUNDAY CLASS—HOW THE GOSPEL CHANGES US (TODAY)

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.

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.

SEPTEMBER CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (6 SEP)

Our next meeting will be on Wed, 6 Sep, from 7.30 – 8.30 pm, in Dunman Hall. All are encouraged to attend. Please email Ping at orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg if you have any queries.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP EVENT (23 SEP)

The Congregational Fellowship will be holding an event on Saturday evening, 23 Sep 2023 from 7 - 9 pm. This will consist of worship, devotion, decorating of lantern, eating of mooncakes, pomelos with Chinese tea and a lantern walk in the vicinity of the church. The event is open to all, from the young to the seniors. Please see the flyer attached to the bulletin for details.

Theme	Jesus Lights the Way
Time	7 – 9 pm (please come after having your dinner)
Meeting place	Su Han Kuen Hall
Fee	\$5 per person

Registration and payment:

- Please register using the QR code on the flyer.
- Make payment at the booth in Dunman Hall.
- The last day for registration is Sunday, 17 Sep 2023.

BUILDING ALTERATION AND ADDITION (A&A) PROJECT—DIALOGUE MEETING (30 SEP)

A dialogue meeting will be held for all congregation members on Saturday, 30 Sep, from 2 – 4:30 pm at the Sanctuary where the Alteration and Addition (A&A) Steering Committee will provide an update on the project.

CEASING OF LIVESTREAM FOR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE (FROM 1 OCT)

As part of our return to normal post-pandemic operations, the livestream of our 9 am worship service will cease from 1 Oct 2023. ORPC encourages all worshippers to come into God's sanctuary for church service to worship our Lord together in person. For those who are physically unable to come to church, a recording of the service will be available on the same day from 2 pm – 12 am at orpc.sg

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”
Hebrews 10:25

MEMBERSHIP CLASS (7 OCT – 11 NOV)

The membership class will begin on Saturday, 7 Oct, 4 – 6 pm (classes run for 6 consecutive Saturdays till 11 Nov). The classes will be held onsite in DB6 (Dunman Basement, Room 6). Regular worshippers who are deciding to become Communicant Members of ORPC by baptism, confirmation or transfer are encouraged to join the class. Membership Service(s) will be on Sunday, 3 Dec.

- Register via QR code here or <http://chms.orpc.org.sg/equipping/registration/21/public>
- Download relevant form from <https://orpc.sg/forms/membershipforms/>
- Submit your form to orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg



The closing date for application is Sunday, 24 Sep.

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>

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS (12 NOV)

Session will be calling for an Extraordinary Congregational Meeting for the election of Elders and Deacons to be held on Sunday, 12 Nov 2023.

Please prayerfully consider suitable candidates for nomination by Sunday, 1 Oct 2023, closing date. More details on this may be found in the insert.

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 for more information or speak to one of our staff/leaders.

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP—FOR CHILDREN IN THE FISHPORT & SUNRISE SLUM COMMUNITIES

A total of S\$9,250 was raised this year to support 29 students at primary to high school levels and 2 students at the university level. Their school term commenced in August 2023.

We thank God for the faithfulness and generosity of individuals and DGs for their support. In total as a ORPC community, we are supporting 71 students from the slum communities. These numbers include 40 students from last year that continue to be supported by their donors. All Glory to God!

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).

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

Pr Ho Wei Liang, Ps Lim Chung Wei and Pr Tan Hui Ru will be at the EP Retreat 4 – 6 Sep. Rev Dr Edward Goh will be on leave 5 – 6 Sep. Pr Tan Hui Ru will be on leave 7 – 10 Sep.

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS: SEP - DEC 2023

Wed 6 Sep	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]
Sat 23, 30 Sep, 7 Oct	2 pm	Marriage Preparation Class [DB6]
Sat 23 Sep	7 pm	Congregational Fellowship Event [SHK]
Sat 30 Sep	2 pm	Building Alteration and Addition (A&A) Project—Dialogue Meeting [Sanctuary]
Sat 30 Sep	7.30 pm	Season's Pippings: Organ Concert & Hymn Service [Sanctuary]
Wed 4 Oct	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]
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 22 Oct	1 pm	Young Adult Talk
Sun 29 Oct	9 am & 6 pm	ORPC 167 th Anniversary & Reformation Sunday
Wed 1 Nov	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]
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
Wed 6 Dec	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]
Sun 24 Dec	9 am	Lessons & Carols Service
	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>Traditional Apostles' Creed</i>	<i>Contemporary Apostles' Creed</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).

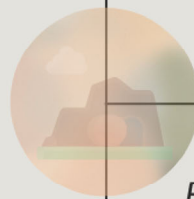
3. What does 1 Peter 3:19 mean then?

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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THE DOCTRINE OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

Jesus the Messianic King had come to establish God's kingdom on earth and forgive people through his own substitutionary life, death, and resurrection, thereby qualifying them to inherit God's kingdom.



For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

SoCM Adult Sunday Class @ the Chapel

Every First Sunday

No Registration Required

Conducted by Rev. Dr. Clive Chin

School of Christian Ministry

ORPC Christian Education

SoCM Adult Sunday Class @ the Chapel

3 SEPTEMBER 2023

11 AM - 12.15 PM

HOW THE GOSPEL CHANGES US

The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Cor 9:13 "...others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel..." What does it mean that our obedience to God is based on the confession of the gospel? Most Christians would say that we are transformed by God when we live like Jesus. That is a good response, but there is much more to it than just trying to live like Jesus. The term "confession" in the Greek means "hold fast" to the gospel.

In our lesson, we will explore how the gospel actually transforms the Christian's heart in a deep and profound way. We will consider:

1. the barriers that keep us from genuine change,
2. the freedom from sin that the gospel provides, and
3. the motivation for long-lasting transformation.



Jesus Lights The Way

Organised by ORPC Congregational Fellowship

Join us for fellowship over Mooncakes, Pomelos, and Chinese Tea. Take home a customised Chinese Lantern!



REJOICE in Jesus Christ as the light of the world and bond as a family of God in Christian family value

23 September 2023, Saturday
7pm - 9pm
Su Han Kuen Hall



\$5/pax - Register with QR code and pay at Dunman Hall booth by 17 Sept

PROGRAM

Worship
Pianist - Amy Lim

Devotion
Pastor Lim Chung Wei

Fellowship
Bring your family and friends; Decorate assorted lanterns. Take a lantern walk around Dhoby Ghaut!

"Listening can be a greater service than speaking...
He who can no longer listen to his brother will soon be no longer listening to God either."

***Calling all Young Adults and those who are young at heart: Join
our YA Fellowship-cum-Talk by Ps Herna, and practise
Christlike Listening.***

Date: Sunday, 24 Sep 2023, 1PM-3PM

Venue: MR 3 (Meeting Room 3)
Level 3, Dunman Building

CHRISTLIKE LISTENING

**Many Christians often think they must speak much
when they are in the company of others.**

**But the Emmaus Road Narrative (Luke 24:13-35)
invites us to consider the practice of Christlike
listening as one aspect of our commitment to
transforming community; the kind of listening that
encourages spiritually-filled conversations!**

— Quote from *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community* ~ Bonhoeffer —

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Session is calling for an Extraordinary Congregational Meeting (ECM) for the election of Elders and Deacons to be held on **Sunday, 12 November 2023**. Those elected will serve a three-year term from 1 January 2024.

ORPC members are entitled to nominate other ORPC members who have been serving faithfully in ORPC and demonstrated leadership qualities, for election as Elders or Deacons.

The closing date for nominations is **Sunday, 1 October 2023**.

Session will interview all candidates with their spouses (if any). Those who qualify and are deemed to be suitable nominees will be recommended and announced to the congregation on three Sundays (22, 29 October, 5 November 2023) prior to the election date.

To be duly elected, candidates must receive at least (a) two-thirds of the votes cast for Elders and (b) half of the votes cast for Deacons.

WHAT DO ELDERS AND DEACONS DO?

Elders and Deacons are voluntary office bearers in the Congregation. They join the pastoral staff in pastoral leadership and oversight, oversee the management of ORPC, assist in the administration of ORPC and in all matters concerning the building-up and growth of ORPC.

Elders serve primarily in Session and may also be appointed to the Board of Management (BoM). Session is the final decision-making body in ORPC and has particular responsibility for the spiritual mission and growth of ORPC.

Deacons serve in the BoM and have particular responsibility for the pastoral care of God's people and for managing the material resources of ORPC to serve its spiritual mission.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED AND ELECTED?

- Elders and Deacons must meet the biblical qualifications according to 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:6-9.
- Nominees must be communicant members of ORPC for more than three years.
- All nominees are expected to have served in at least one area of ministry in ORPC for a minimum period of one year prior to being nominated.
- Elders must have served for at least one term of three years as a Deacon.
- Spouses of Elders and Deacons must also be communicant members of ORPC. Divorcees and those with previously-divorced spouses do not qualify for nomination.

- Elders and Deacons must assent to the basic creeds and confessions of the Presbyterian Church, the Apostles' Creed, the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Constitution of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore and the Constitution of ORPC.
- Elders and Deacons must attend regular Session/BoM meetings, congregational monthly prayer meetings, ministry/committee meetings as assigned, leaders' retreats, annual and extraordinary congregational meetings. They must also share in pastoral visitation and undertake other duties relevant to their office and other assigned responsibilities as decided from time to time.
- Nominees must not be or have been disqualified to be a member of the Board of Management or Session by virtue of the Charities Act, chapter 37 of Singapore, or any other statute, law or regulation.

HOW TO NOMINATE?

Elders and Deacons must be proposed and seconded by other communicant members of ORPC.

A member who wants to nominate another member should first check the eligibility of that other member (please see above) before making any nomination.

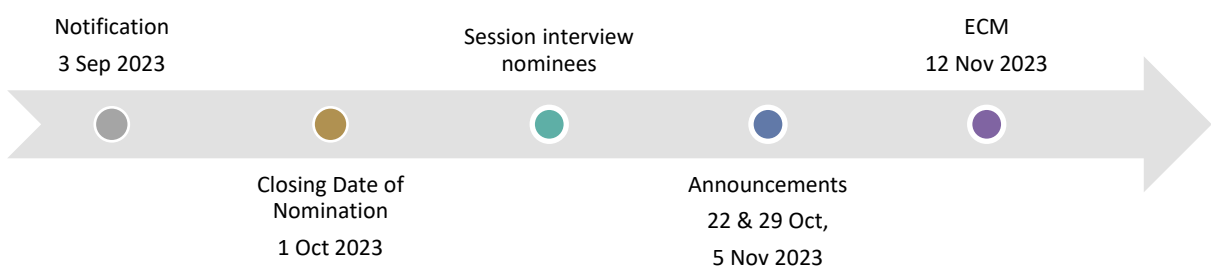
The proposer needs a seconder for the nomination. After both the proposer and the seconder have signed the nomination form, the nominee must sign the form to confirm his/her consent to the nomination.

Nomination forms are available on our website or the Church Office. All completed nomination forms must be submitted, for the attention of the Session Clerk, to the English Congregation Executive (yongpingping@orpc.org.sg) by **Sunday, 1 October 2023**.

Elder Philip Ong

Session Clerk

3 September 2023





As part of our return to normal post-pandemic operations, the livestream of our 9AM worship service will cease from **1 October 2023**. ORPC encourages all worshippers to come into God's sanctuary for church service to worship our Lord together in person. For those who are physically unable to come to church, a recording of the service will be available on the same day from 2pm-12am at orpc.sg

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25

Ceasing of Livestream for Morning Worship Service

HISTORY

The Orchard Road Presbyterian Church (ORPC) 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. In 1975, the sanctuary was extended, and in 1985, the new extension of 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. In 1995 we planted a branch church (Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church) which became independent in 2013. Similarly, our Mandarin congregation (Providence Presbyterian Church) became independent in 2005. ORPC consists of the English Congregation and the Indonesian Congregation, and worshipping with us now in the same building are Providence Presbyterian Church, and the German-speaking Protestant Congregation in Singapore.

FAITH AND MEMBERSHIP

As a church with 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. Members are received upon initial profession of faith in Jesus Christ by baptism, confirmation, and in transfer from other Christian churches. Classes for baptism, confirmation, and for transfer of membership are held periodically and announced in the bulletin.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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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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.