



10 September 2023

AM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Holy Communion 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** Blessed be the Name (page 3)

WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

***Hymn of Prayer** God the Uncreated One (page 4)

Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem Lamb of God (page 6)

Scripture Reading Luke 20:9-19
Worship Leader: This is the word of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Who Owns the Vineyard?

***Hymn of Response**

The Old Rugged Cross (page 7)

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

Sacrament of Holy Communion

WE SERVE GOD IN HIS WORLD

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

Postlude

*Congregation to stand

Blessed Be the Name

The name He has inherited is superior. Heb. 1:4



- 1. All praise to Him who reigns a - bove In maj - es - ty su - preme,
- 2. His name a - bove all names shall stand, Ex - alt - ed more and more,
- 3. His name shall be the Coun - sel - lor, The might - y Prince of Peace,



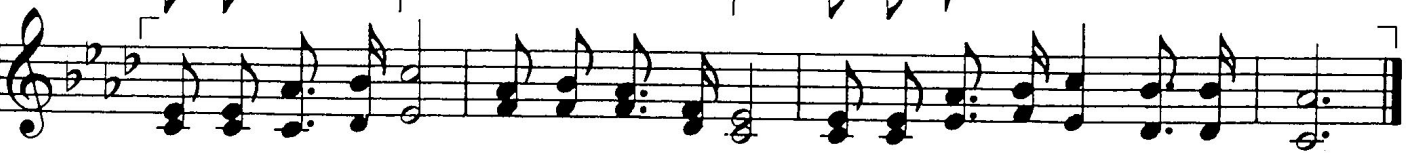
Who gave His Son for man to die, That He might man re - deem!
At God the Fa - ther's own right hand, Where an - gel hosts a - dore.
Of all earth's king - doms Con - quer - or, Whose reign shall nev - er cease.



Refrain



Bless-ed be the name, bless-ed be the name, Bless-ed be the name of the Lord;



Bless-ed be the name, bless-ed be the name, Bless-ed be the name of the Lord.



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Hymn of Prayer (AM)

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

Anthem (AM)

Lamb of God

Words and Music by Twila Paris. Arr by Lloyd Larson.
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Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as he died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

(Refrain)

O Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
O wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God (Refrain)

Hymn of Response (AM)

The Old Rugged Cross

Words and Music by
George Bennard

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 110$

$A\flat$

$D\flat$

$B\flat$

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, the
2. O the old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, a
4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true; Its

3

$E\flat$

$E\flat 7$

$A\flat$

em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame; And I love that old cross, where the
won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His
won - drous beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
shame and re - proach glad - ly bear. Then He'll call me some day to my

6

$D\flat$

$B\flat$

$E\flat$

$E\flat 7$

$A\flat$

dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain. So I'll
glo - ry a - bove to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
suf - fered and died to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
home far a - way, where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

CHORUS

E \flat 7 A \flat A \flat /C D \flat A \flat

cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my tro - phies at last I lay down. I will
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

13 D \flat A \flat /E \flat E \flat 7 A \flat

cling to the old rug - ged cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

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10 September 2023

PM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Holy Communion Sunday

6 to 7 pm

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Hymns of Praise & Adoration

Turn Your Eyes (page 10)
Blessed Assurance (page 12)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Scripture Reading

Luke 20:9-19
Worship Leader: This is the word of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Who Owns the Vineyard?

*Hymn of Response

The Old Rugged Cross (page 14)

Apostles' Creed

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

*Congregation to stand

TURN YOUR EYES

Original Words (vs 1) and Music by Helen Howarth Lemmel.
Additional words (vs 2-4) and Chorus by George Romanacce,
Nic Trout, Kevin Winebarger, and Nathan Stiff.

C Em Am F C Em F

VERSE

9 C Em Am C/G vs 3 F G G

1. Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in His won-der-ful face. And the
2. Turn your eyes to the hill - side where jus - tice and mer-cy em-brace. There the
3. Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the li - on a - wake. What a

17 C C/E F (Am vs 3) Dm(F vs 3) C/G G7 C

things of earth will grow strange - ly dim, in the light of His glo - ry and grace.
Son of God gave His life for us, and our mea-sure-less debt was e -
glo - rious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we car - ry His life in our

24 Em Am F C 2.3. CHORUS F C

raised.
veins.

Je - sus, to You we lift our eyes. —

32 F Am C/G F G

— Je - sus, our glo - ry and our prize. — We a - dore You, be - hold — You, our

39 Am C/E F G C 2nd time to CODA

Sav - ior ev - er true. Oh — Je - sus, we turn our eyes to You.

TURN

44 Em Am F C C/G F D.S.

51 **CODA** C G/C F/C **VERSE** C G/C F/C C F/C

You. 4. Turn your eyes to the heavens, our King will re -

60 G/C C Dm7 C/E Am G F C/G

turn for His own. Ev-ery knee will bow, ev - ery tongue will shout "All_ glo - ry to

68 **CHORUS** C^{sus}/G C F C

Je - sus a - lone"! Je - sus, to You we lift our eyes.

75 F Am G C/E F G Am

Je - sus, our glo-ry and our prize. We a - dore You, be - hold You, our Sav - ior ev - er

82 C/E F G 1. C C 2. Am7

true. Oh_ Je - sus, we turn our eyes to You. You. O_

87 **TAG** F G C Em Am F C

Je - sus, we turn our eyes to You. rit.

Blessed Assurance

Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. James 5:13

1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion—all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Descant

This is my sto - ry,
Refrain
 Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood. This is my sto - ry,
 Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.

this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my

this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my

sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE (PM)

The Old Rugged Cross

Words and Music by
George Bennard

VERSE

♩ = 110

A^b

D^b

B^b

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, the
 2. O the old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, a
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true; Its

3

E^b

E^b7

A^b

em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame; And I love that old cross, where the
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His
 won - drous beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
 shame and re - proach glad - ly bear. Then He'll call me some day to my

6

D^b

B^b

E^b

E^b7

A^b

dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain. So I'll
 glo - ry a - bove to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 suf - fered and died to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 home far a - way, where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

CHORUS

Eb7 Ab Ab/C Db Ab

cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my tro - phies at last I lay down. I will
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of the chorus. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chord symbols Eb7, Ab, Ab/C, Db, and Ab are placed above the treble staff. The melody in the treble staff starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

13 Db Ab/Eb Eb7 Ab

cling to the old rug - ged cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Detailed description: This system contains the next two lines of the chorus, starting at measure 13. The notation follows the same format as the first system, with treble and bass staves and lyrics. Chord symbols Db, Ab/Eb, Eb7, and Ab are placed above the treble staff. The melody continues with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes C5, Bb4, and A4. The bass line continues with the eighth-note accompaniment.

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Worrying Is Worrying

Imagine the following scenarios.

First Scenario

Kelly's son, John, is struggling in school. He has been failing his assessments and the PSLE is looming. Dismayed at his lack of progress, John is at a quandary as to what to do. His mood has changed from being cheerful to being sullen and unresponsive. Kelly's heart sank at what was happening.

Second Scenario

Matt has not been feeling well for some time. His doctor suspects that it may be due to cancer. In fact, Matt went for an MRI test last week. Tomorrow, he will see his oncologist to receive the result. It is now 3am and he is unable to sleep and tosses in bed with his mind churning...

Third Scenario

Steven has been through a lot lately. He has been falsely accused of committing a serious crime. He has experienced the agony of being involved in a three-week criminal trial. Tomorrow, he will return to court to receive the judgement. Now, he stares into open space feeling numb...

Brothers and sisters, how did Kelly, Matt and Steven respond to their respective predicament? Well, their response was a common one, which was to worry and this pounded against their hearts. Worry is like an insidious virus that can immobilize us.

In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus provides sound reasons as to why we should not worry but instead put our trust in God:

First, Jesus says, "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?" (Matthew 6:25).

Second, He says, by worrying, we show a lack of trust in God. If God can take care of the birds, He will surely take care of us (Matthew 6:26). If God can clothe the flowers of the field, He will surely clothe us. Why? Because we are His children and precious to Him (Matthew 6:28-30).

Third, He says worrying is useless and unproductive (Matthew 6:27). It gnaws at one's soul and achieves nothing. It can also affect our health.

How do we increase our trust in God? We need to deepen our relationship with Him. As we know Him more deeply, we will be transformed. We will taste more of His goodness and our trust in Him will blossom.

How then do we engage with God? In fact, He is the one who will reach out to us. The question is: Will you respond?

Who Owns the Vineyard?

Luke 20:9-19

Introduction

1. God expects fruitfulness from his people

2. God demands accountability from his people

Conclusion

Bible Readings & Prayer Points

Monday

Read Luke 20:34-35. How does knowing that marriage is a divine institution this side of heaven help you understand and view it now?

Pray for the seniors which our volunteers reach out to in Active Ageing Centres Esther, Evergreen Circle, and Sarah, that they may experience the love of God and come to know him.

Tuesday

Read Luke 20:36-38. How does knowing that the resurrection is real influence your living today?

Give thanks for God's salvation given through Jesus Christ. Pray for our church's plans and efforts to make Christ known.

Wednesday

Read Luke 20:39-44. How does the right understanding that Jesus is the risen ascended Lord guide all our thoughts and actions?

Pray for the five mission teams to be sent out by the English Presbytery Japan Mission from Oct to Dec, that they may be effective in reaching the Japanese people with Christ's gospel.

Thursday

Read Luke 20:45-47a. How did the teachers of the law measure their own value? What about us?

Give thanks for the work and station in life God has given us in this phase of life. Pray that we may be faithful in serving Him and His world.

Friday

Read Luke 20:47b. Whose value will prevail in the end? How can we align ourselves to that value by which the world will one day be measured against?

Pray for the Congregational Fellowship Event on 23 Sep, that young and old may come together and be built up through fellowship and friendship.

Saturday

Read Luke 20:34-47 again. How does human thought and value contrast with the way God measures reality? How has our thinking and values been transformed by God?

Give thanks and pray for the Sunday School teachers and Youth Mentors who faithfully give of themselves to our young. Pray for God's constant blessing and renewal upon them.

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Venue</u> |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sun 10 | 9.00 am | Sunday Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | 9.00 am | Sunday School | Dunman Building |
| | 10.30 am | Youth Fellowship | 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 12 | 8.30 am | Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting | Online |
| | 7.30 pm | Classic EE Training – Evangelism Equipping 5/8 | Conference Room |
| Wed 13 | 2.00 pm | Pastoral Staff Meeting | MR1 |
| | 7.30 pm | Board of Management Meeting | DB6 |
| Thu 14 | 7.30 pm | Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal | Dunman Hall, SHKA, B, SR2 |
| | 8.00 pm | Christianity Explained 3/6 | Online |
| Sat 16 | 9.00 am | Youth Worship Team Rehearsal | Chapel |
| | 9.00 am | Inter-Ministry Platform (IMP) Meeting 3 | DB6 |
| | 1.30 pm | Leaders' Equipping & Training | SHK |
| | 4.30 pm | Music Makers Club | SHK, SR1, 2 |

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 <u>01.1.23- 31.12.23</u> | TARGET TO <u>03.09.2023</u> | RECEIVED TO <u>03.09.2023</u> | YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL) |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| GENERAL | \$1,800,000.00 | \$1,246,153.85 | \$1,197,924.81 | (\$48,229.04) |
| MISSIONS | \$250,000.00 | \$173,076.92 | \$214,976.50 | \$41,899.58 |
| TOTAL | \$2,050,000.00 | \$1,419,230.77 | \$1,412,901.31 | (\$6,329.46) |

PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

| Sunday Service | 10 Sep | 17 Sep | 24 Sep |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sermon Title | Holy Communion Sunday Who Owns the Vineyard? | Mission Sunday Jesus, Lord of the Resurrection | Live for Jesus' Return |
| Scripture Ref | Luke 20:9-19 | Luke 20:34-47 | Luke 21:5-28 |
| Preacher | Rev Dr Clive Chin | Rev Dr Clive Chin | Ps Lim Chung Wei Pr Tan Hui Ru |
| Worship Leader | Eld Derrick Lee Eld Lim Ee Tuo | Eld Dr Tang Yew Chung Dcn Alicia Yeo | Eld Tatang Halim Eld Neo Kian Hong |
| Pastoral Prayer | Rev Dr Clive Chin | Rev Dr Clive Chin | Ps Lim Chung Wei Pr Tan Hui Ru |
| Music Director | Dr Agnes Tan | Dr Agnes Tan | Dr Agnes Tan |
| Musicians | Maria Oskar Halim Eunice Tang Dr Noah Lim Jabez Selvarajan Aubert Saragi Serene Goh Hannah Leong Valerie Ng | Eunice Tang Kate Magkawas Valerie Lee Juanita Lestari Andrew Loh | Dorothy Oskar Lie Dr Evelyn Lim Dr Noah Lim Gabriella Lim Patrick Harjadi |
| Ushers Team/ Leaders | Team C Kenneth Koh Team H Dcn Alicia Yeo | Team G Winnie Wong Team D Ivy Ang | Team A Veronica Song Team E Eld Winston Choo |
| Greeters | Ps Lim Chung Wei Eld Neo Kian Hong Pr Ho Wei Liang Dcn Alicia Yeo | Pr Herna Kong Eld Gabriel Tan Ps Lim Chung Wei Eld Paul Johnson | Pr Tan Hui Ru Dcn Liow Koh Chuan Rev Dr Edward Goh Eld Dr Tang Yew Chung |
| AV Duty Roster | Elson Chan Juniarto Hadiatmadja Patrick Chow Geoff Holmes Eld Paul Johnson | Jethro Cheung Maria Halim Susan Tan Andrew Loh Delia Chan | Andrew Loh Delia Chan Dcn Mazmur The Elson Chan Jane Tham |

Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

| Sunday Service | 10 Sep | 17 Sep | 24 Sep |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sermon Title | | Jesus, Lord of the Resurrection | Live for Jesus' Return |
| Scripture Reference | | Luke 20:34-47 | Luke 21:5-28 |
| Preacher | | Pr Ho Wei Liang | Rev Dr Clive Chin |
| Scripture Reader | | Elise Lim | Heidi Lim |
| Worship Leader | | Isaiah Tang | James The |
| Musicians | Worship in the Sanctuary | James The Joel Chua Darryl Yap | Althaea Wangko Natalie Chu Michelle Christabel Shalomita |
| Ushers Team | | Shannon Chia Gabrian Huang | Shannon Chia Gabrian Huang |
| AV Duty Roster | | Marie Tan Jabez Ong | Marie Tan Jabez Ong |

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEREAVEMENT

It is with sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Deacon Goh Hui Yeow, on 1 Sep. Let us uphold Mdm Seah Ching Ching and their children—Amos, Christine and Elizabeth, in prayer.

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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS (FROM 23 SEP)

The class will be held over 3 Saturdays, on 23, 30 Sep and 7 Oct, from 2 – 6 pm, in Dunman Basement 6 (DB6). Please see the flyer. For enquiries, please email MAP@ORPC.sg Do register early via <https://tinyurl.com/mpcsep23>

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.

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| 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.

SEASON'S PIPINGS: PRAISE & THANKSGIVING (30 SEP)

The Singapore Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be presenting organ music and song in praise and thanksgiving to God on Saturday, 30 Sep, 7.30 pm. Venue: Sanctuary. Admission is free. Freewill offerings will be collected at the event. Please see the flyer.

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.

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).

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS: SEP - DEC 2023

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| 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: Praise & Thanksgiving [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 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> |
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| 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.

Marriage Preparation Class

Marriage is instituted by God. He has purposed it for good. In reality, many marriages end up broken and relationships strained. What can we do so that our marriages may be a source of joy and blessings, fulfilling the good purposes which God has intended for?

If you are dating and contemplating marriage, join us to learn what the Bible teaches about marriage, to hear from a team of married couples on various practical aspects of marriage life, and to discover for yourselves how you can live out the gospel in a Godly marriage.

A pre-requisite class for members who wish to get married in ORPC

GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE

The classes will cover on

1. God's Design for Marriage
2. Relationships in Marriage
3. Communication and Conflict Resolution
4. Family Finance
5. Family Life & Home Management
6. Sex and Intimacy in Marriage

2 - 6 PM SAT / 23 SEP / 30 SEP / 7 OCT
DUNMAN BASEMENT 6

For enquiries, please email MAP@ORPC.sg.
Registration at <https://tinyurl.com/mpcsep23>



ORPC MARRIAGE AND PARENTING MINISTRY



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!

Season's *Pipings*

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Praising God through organ music and song

Saturday, 30 September 2023, 7:30PM

Presented by
THE SINGAPORE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Orchard Road Presbyterian Church
3 Orchard Road S238825

Admission is free; freewill offering



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.

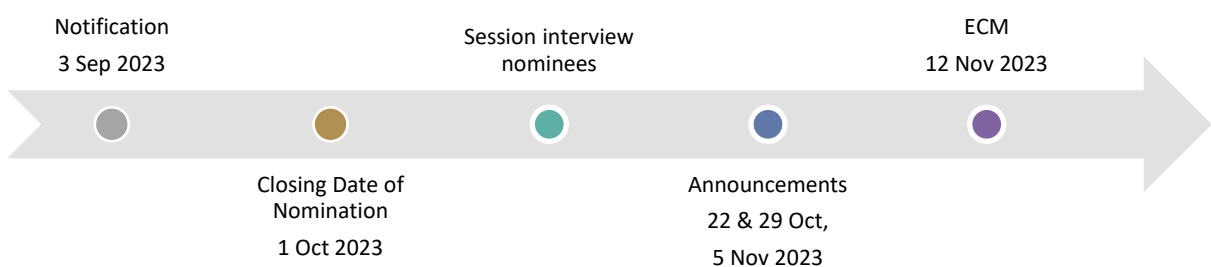
The proposer needs a seconder for the nomination. After both the proposer and the seconder have signed the nomination form, the nominee must sign the form to confirm his/her consent to the nomination.

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.