



26 November 2023

AM

## Building a Disciple-Making Church

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** Jesus Shall Reign (page 4)

### WE SEEK GOD

**Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving**

**The Lord's Prayer** (sung)

**\*Hymn of Prayer** The Risen Christ (page 5)

**Pastoral Prayer**

### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

**Anthem** Live for the Lord (page 6)

**Scripture Reading** Acts 2:40-47  
Worship Leader: This is the word of God.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** The Reign of Jesus in His Church

**\*Hymn of Response** A Community of Faith (page 7)

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Three-Fold Amen**

**Postlude**

\*Congregation to stand

## **The Reign of Jesus in His Church**

Acts 2:40-47

Introduction:

1. Together, embrace the reign of Jesus (vv. 40-42)

2. Together, extend the reign of Jesus (vv. 43-47)

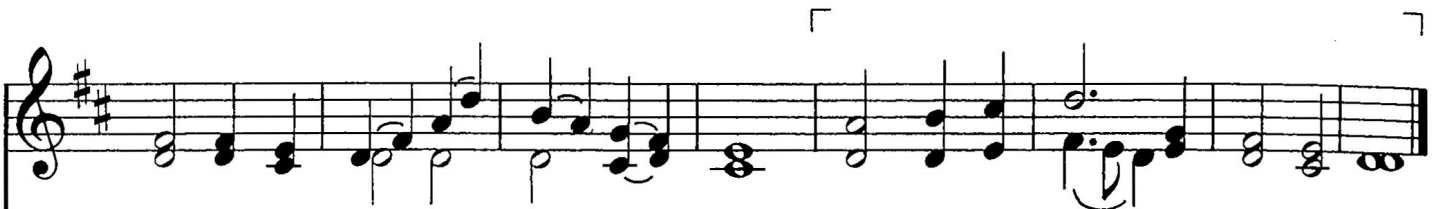
Conclusion

# Jesus Shall Reign

*He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8*



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does His suc - ces-sive jour-neys run;
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end-less prais-es crown His head;
3. Peo-ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweet-est song;
4. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring His grate-ful hon-ors to our King;



His king-dom spread from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
His name like sweet per - fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud "A-men!"



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# Hymn of Prayer (AM)

## The Risen Christ

Words by  
Phil Madeira

Music by  
Keith Getty

### VERSE

G/B A/C# D Em D/F# A<sup>sus</sup> A Bm A/C#

1. O, Breath of God, come fill this place, re - vive our  
2. O, Word of God, so clear and true, re - new our  
3. O, love of God, so un - re - strained, re - fresh our  
4. May God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the

3 D Em D/F# A<sup>sus</sup> A Gmaj<sup>7</sup> F#m<sup>7</sup> Bm G D/F# D F#m

hearts to know Your grace; And from our slum - ber make us  
minds to trust in You; And give to us the Bread of  
souls, in Je - sus' name; Let us re - flect Your sac - ri -  
Spir - it, make us one; In ho - li - ness let us u -

6 G<sup>2</sup> G D/F# Bm A/C# D Em D/F# Em<sup>7</sup>/G A A<sup>7sus</sup> D

rise; That we may know the ris - en Christ.  
Life; That we may know the ris - en Christ.  
-fice; That we may know the ris - en Christ.  
-nite; That we may know the ris - en Christ.

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## **Anthem (AM)**

### **Live For The Lord**

Words and Music by Tim Akers and Pete Carlson.  
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#### *Chorus*

*Let us live as one people, as one body,  
Let us work 'til our work on earth is done.  
Let us stand with a faith that can move mountains,  
Trusting Him more, let us live for the Lord.*

There is only one God and Father of us all,  
We are His to use as He commands.  
Unified as one heart, we listen to His call,  
Led by His holy hand.  
By His Spirit, by His strength  
We will further His Kingdom here. (*Chorus*)

He has called us to be reflections of His light  
To live our days committed to His will.  
Come together as one body, join to fight the fight,  
And let His Spirit fill.  
He will give us all we need,  
For His grace will provide for us. (*Chorus*)

Live for the Lord!

# Hymn of Response (AM)

## Community of Faith



Lord, You are God, the Au - thor of\_\_ our faith. Di - rect the path we take;  
Lord, we are Yours. You speak and we o - bey. We long to know Your will.



4 lead us, Lord, to - day. Let us live in grat - i - tude and fol - low where You lead.  
Teach us, Lord, we pray.



7 Lord, we are Yours a - lone. You have made us free. A com -



10 mu - ni - ty\_\_ of faith, lov - ing one a - noth - er. A com - mu - ni - ty\_\_ of grace,



13 reach - ing out to oth - ers; A place of hope and car - ing, to - geth - er - ness and shar - ing.



16 This is our leg - a - cy.\_\_ We are one fam - i - ly,\_\_ One great com - mu - ni - ty\_\_ of faith.



20 faith. We are one voice, we have one song. We lift our praise in one



24 al - le - lu - ia. Though we are man - y, our faith u - nites us.



27 Our hearts are joined in truth and love! Our hearts are joined in love! A com



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PM

## Building a Disciple-Making Church

6 to 7 pm

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymns of Praise & Adoration**

Come, People of the Risen King (page 10)  
Blessed Be the Name (page 12)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** (sung)

**Scripture Reading**

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**Sermon**

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Conclusion

# Come People Of The Risen King

www.praisecharts.com/74811

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,  
& Stuart Townend

**B $\flat$**  **Gm $^7$**  **E $\flat$**  **F**

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King who de - light to bring Him praise; Come  
 2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night. Come,  
 3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the faith. Come,

**B $\flat$**  **Gm $^7$**  **Cm $^7$**  **E $\flat$**  **F(4)**

all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the  
 those who tell of bat - tles won, and those to the strug - gling in the fight. For His  
 those with full or emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver

**E $\flat$**  **Gm $^7$**  **Cm $^7$**  **F**

shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him, where  
 per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er cease, but  
 all the world His peo - ple sing; Shore to shore we hear them call. The

**B $\flat$**  **Gm $^7$**  **Cm $^7$**  **E $\flat$**  **B $\flat$**

stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to the gath - er chil - dren in.  
 fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.  
 Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: our God is all in all.

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Chorus

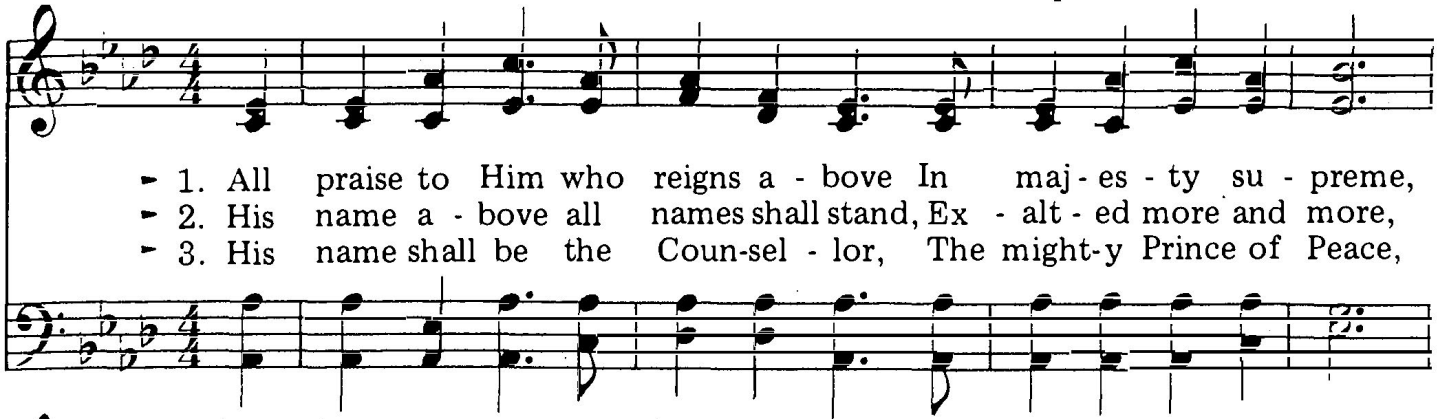
Musical notation for the first system of the chorus, measures 17-21. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Re - joice, re - joice, let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice. One". The chords are: F, Cm7, F, Eb, Bb/D, Bb.

Musical notation for the second system of the chorus, measures 22-26. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "heart, one voice, oh, church of Christ, re - joice.". The chords are: F, Gm, F, Eb, Bb/D, Cm7, F, Bb.

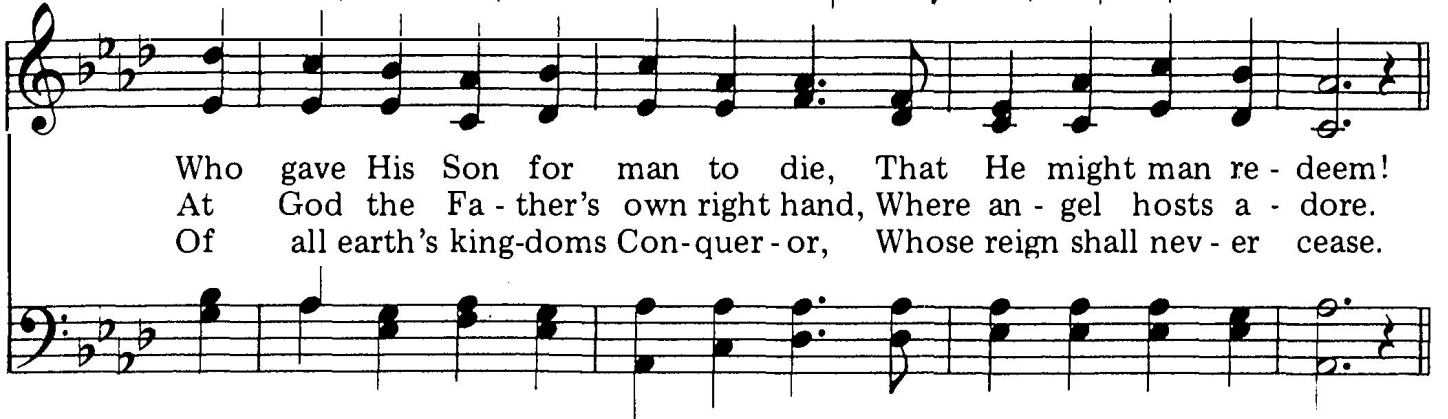
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# Blessed Be the Name

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

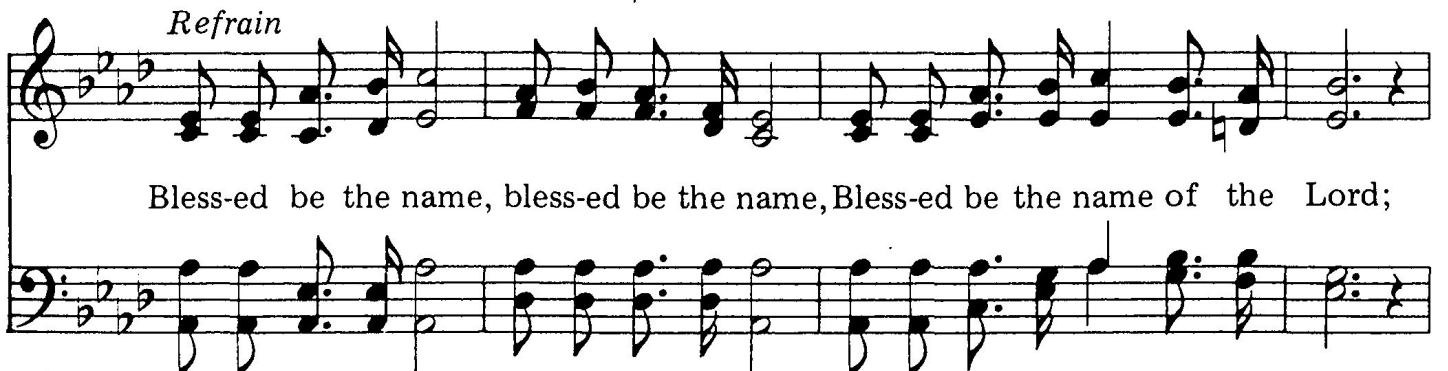


1. All praise to Him who reigns a - bove In maj - es - ty su - preme,  
2. His name a - bove all names shall stand, Ex - alt - ed more and more,  
3. His name shall be the Coun - sel - lor, The might - y Prince of Peace,

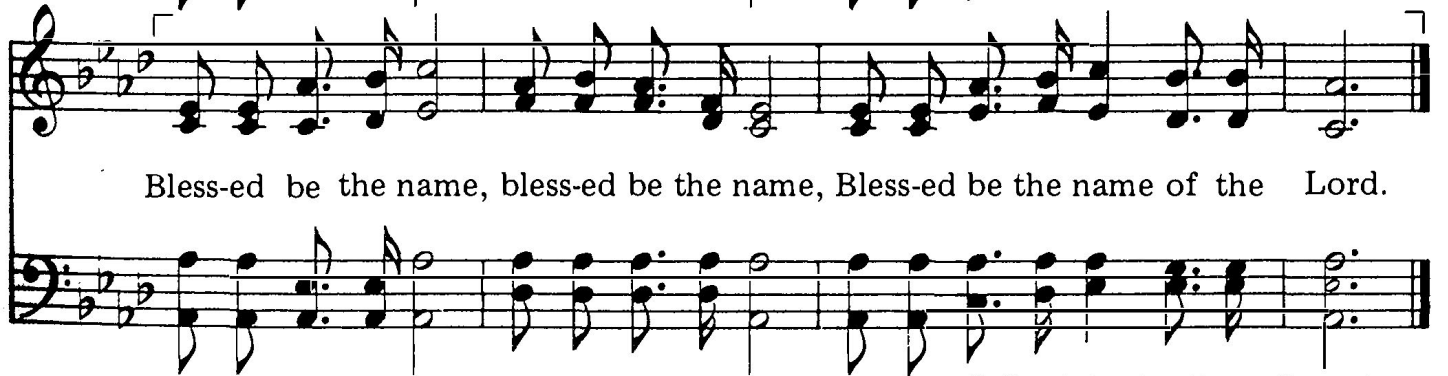


Who gave His Son for man to die, That He might man re - deem!  
At God the Fa - ther's own right hand, Where an - gel hosts a - dore.  
Of all earth's king - doms Con - quer - or, Whose reign shall nev - er cease.

*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 RESPONSE (PM)

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## “Discovering God’s Vision for Re-building” Neh. 1:1-11

You remember the story? Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall around the city—a big project for his team of Jewish exiles! We read from vv. 1-4 that Nehemiah was troubled when he received report that the Jewish people in Judah were in distress, and the wall of Jerusalem was broken down. This left the city vulnerable to enemy attacks.

Upon hearing this news, Nehemiah mourned, fasted, and prayed to God. The story goes on to describe how he received a vision from God. From the outset, it is clear that the vision to rebuild the wall was formed out of an intensive desire to meet an important need. So, what did Nehemiah do? First, he went to God. The answer to the vision is not a strategy or a plan. The answer is God. He sought the Lord and prayed earnestly.

Secondly, Nehemiah was wise enough to realize that he could not just plunge into a wall rebuilding project. Something important had to be dealt with—the sin of Israel (read vv. 6-7). An important lesson can be gleaned from this passage. As the people of God, we cannot move ahead when God is in the midst of purging our sinfulness. We will be frustrated all the time. We need first to confess sin. I always ask God this: is there sin behind all the pain and trauma of God's people? Nehemiah stood between the people's sin and God, and confessed their sin to God. We cannot move ahead when people's sin is in the way. Without confession and turning away from sin, the Spirit cannot break through to us. We need God's cleansing of our sins.

Thirdly, the people of God need to claim God's promises for meeting that need (vv. 5, 8-11). Then God will lead and commission them to meeting that need. What was it that Nehemiah remembered about God's promises to his fore-father Moses? God promised to gather his exiled people and bring them to the place he has chosen as a dwelling, if they repented obeyed the Lord.

How do we know if a vision is from God? There are two confirmers of a vision. One, the proclamation validator. As leaders, we need to share it publicly, risking opposition and rejection. That's exactly what Nehemiah did. If leaders are afraid to tell people about it, the vision is not from God (2:1-3). Two, the permission validator (2:4-8). If the people do not give you their permission to go ahead, stop!

## **Bible Readings & Prayer Points**

### **Monday**

Read Psalm 69:1-3. What was happening in the life of the psalmist?

*Pray for our elected deacons, Benjamin Goh and Liow Koh Chuan, that God will grant them guidance and strength as they serve Him in the roles they are taking charge of.*

### **Tuesday**

Read Psalm 69:4. The Lord Jesus quoted this verse concerning Himself in John 15:25. How was it fulfilled in His life?

*Pray for God to grant wisdom and discernment to global leaders as well as to those in positions to influence the course of the Israel-Hamas war.*

### **Wednesday**

Read Psalm 69:6. The psalmist expressed his concern about not being a stumbling block to others who were seeking God. How does this apply to us, in our own spiritual influence on those around us?

*Pray for churches in Singapore, in their love for Christ and His mission, to send many to share the gospel with those who have lost hope.*

### **Thursday**

Read Psalm 69:7-9a. This psalm, which refers to King David initially but subsequently to the Lord Jesus, reveals a "Zeal for your house (that) will consume me" (Jn 2:17). What future prophetic significance would this reference have?

*Pray for Sunday School (SS) superintendent Jane Tham, Ps Casurine Low, and all the teachers that God will grant them wisdom as they lead, guide and teach their SS children.*

### **Friday**

Read Psalm 69:9b. The Apostle Paul quoted this part of verse 9 to show that Jesus had come not to please Himself (Rom. 15:3). What does this mean for us today?

*Pray for tomorrow's Congregational Fellowship's Thanksgiving Lunch, that God will bless the occasion as we remember His faithfulness and goodness.*

### **Saturday**

Read Psalm 69:1-9. How can we imitate, in our own lives, Jesus' willingness to suffer injustice and hatred?

*Pray for tomorrow's Membership Sunday, as we welcome 2 of our youths; Joel Chua and Marie Tan, and 6 of our young adults; Lim Yan Di, Valerie Lee, Jasmine Wangko, Noah Huang, Shirlin Koh and Yun Long, into our ORPC family. Pray that they will continue to grow in their understanding of their faith in Jesus Christ, and their love and service for Him.*

## MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sun 26	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	Chapel
	1.00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Quarters
	4.00 pm	Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall A
	6.00 pm	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tues 28	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
	7.00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal	SR2
Wed 29	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	MR1
Thu 30	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall, SHKA, B, SR2
Sat 2	11.30 am	Congregational Fellowship Thanksgiving Lunch	Metropolitan YMCA
	2.00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal	Conference Room, SHK
	4.30 pm	Music Makers Club	SHK A, B, 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**

Orchard Rd Presbyterian Church - Giro Offering

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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>19.11.2023</u>	RECEIVED TO <u>19.11.2023</u>	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,626,923.08	\$1,540,288.80	(\$86,634.28)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$225,961.54	\$274,964.60	\$49,003.06
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,852,884.62	\$1,815,253.40	(\$37,631.22)



## PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	26 Nov	3 Dec Inter-Generational Sunday & Membership Sunday	10 Dec Holy Communion Sunday
<b>Sermon Title</b>	The Reign of Jesus in His Church	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Why did Jesus Come?	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Incredible and Indescribable Joy!
<b>Scripture Ref</b>	Acts 2:40-47	Psalms 69:1-9	Psalms 85
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Pr Herna Kong	Ps Lim Chung Wei
<b>Children's Message</b>		Pr Ho Wei Liang	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Dcn Samuel Tandijanto <b><i>Dcn Timothy Song</i></b>	Dcn Rita Soh <b><i>Eld Lim Ee Tuo</i></b>	Eld Tatang Halim <b><i>Dcn Alicia Yeo</i></b>
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Pr Herna Kong	Ps Lim Chung Wei
<b>Music Director</b>	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan
<b>Musicians</b>	Dr Evelyn Lim Dr Noah Lim <b><i>Patrick Harjadi</i></b>	Eunice Tang <b><i>Hannah Leong</i></b>	Dcn Li-Ki Khaw Dr Noah Lim <b><i>Juanita Lestari</i></b> <b><i>Andrew Loh</i></b>
<b>Ushers Team/Leaders</b>	Team B Jimmy Tan <b><i>Team F</i></b> <b><i>Ang Eng Joo</i></b>	Team C Kenneth Koh <b><i>Team H</i></b> <b><i>Dcn Alicia Yeo</i></b>	Team G Tan Gek Khim <b><i>Team D</i></b> <b><i>Ivy Ang</i></b>
<b>Guest Table Greeters</b>	Eld Derrick Lee Pr Tan Hui Ru Eld Gabriel Tan <b><i>Pr Ho Wei Liang</i></b> <b><i>Dcn Liow Koh Chuan</i></b>	Eld Dr Tang Yew Chung Ps Lim Chung Wei Dcn Timothy Song <b><i>Rev Dr Edward Goh</i></b> <b><i>Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong</i></b>	Dcn Rita Soh Ps Casurine Low Eld Derrick Lee <b><i>Pr Tan Hui Ru</i></b> <b><i>Eld Philip Ong</i></b>
<b>AV Duty Roster</b>	Donald Lim Winduputra Prasetijo Selvarajan Rengasamy <b><i>Huang Junxiong</i></b> <b><i>Dcn Mazmur The</i></b>	Elson Chan Juniarto Hadiatmadja Patrick Chow <b><i>Davendran Arumugam</i></b> <b><i>Nestor Magkawas</i></b>	Jethro Cheung Maria Halim Susan Tan <b><i>Andrew Loh</i></b> <b><i>Delia Chan</i></b> <b><i>Geoff Holmes</i></b>

***Bold Italics*** - Evening Service

## YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	26 Nov	3 Dec	10 Dec
<b>Sermon Title</b>	The Reign of Jesus in the Church		
<b>Scripture Reference</b>	Acts 2:42-47		
<b>Preacher</b>	Pr Ho Wei Liang		
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Elise Lim		
<b>Worship Leader</b>	James The		
<b>Musicians</b>	Althaea Wangko Natalie Chu Michelle Christabel Shalomita	Worship in the Sanctuary	Worship in the Sanctuary
<b>Ushers Team</b>	Alexa Dharmawan Chua Brian Seet		
<b>AV Duty Roster</b>	Marie Tan Miguel Carlos G. Templonuevo		

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### EXTRAORDINARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR ELECTION OF DEACONS HELD ON 12 NOV

With strong support, the congregation re-elected Deacon Liow Koh Chuan for a further 3-year term and elected Benjamin Goh Seng Chuan as deacon. Their period of service is from 1 Jan 2024 to 31 Dec 2026. Please pray for our new leaders.

### SIGN UP FOR JAN-FEB 2024 DESIGN FOR DISCIPLESHIP (DFD) BOOK 1 STUDIES

For all members and worshippers **who are not** in a Discipleship Group (DG), we are starting a new series of topical DFD book studies by the Navigators as part of our discipleship journey to know God and His word. You may join a DG for this study to learn about the work of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit over 4 sessions from Jan to Feb 2024. **Sign up with a DG on 12, 19, or 26 Nov** right after our AM or PM service at the Dunman Hall area.

### FELLOWSHIP OVER A CUPPA (TODAY)

Coffee@3 will be doing its once-a-month sale of freshly brewed pour-over coffee at the patio behind Dunman Hall after the AM service! Come get a cuppa and join the fellowship at the patio and Dunman Hall. Coffee@3 is an extension of Breakfast Corner.

### CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP THANKSGIVING LUNCH (2 DEC)

The Congregational Fellowship will be organising a Thanksgiving Lunch in December. Please refer to the flyer for details. The brief details are as follows:

1. Date and time: Saturday, 2 Dec 2023, 11.30 am to 2 pm
2. Theme: Thankfulness in All Circumstances
3. Venue: New Ubin Seafood  
at Metropolitan YMCA Singapore  
60 Stevens Road  
Singapore 257854  
(Nearest MRT is Stevens MRT)

Please register by using the QR code in the flyer and making payment, S\$30 per pax, at the booth in Dunman Hall after the worship services starting 12 Nov 2023. Registration closes on 26 Nov 2023.

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (6 DEC)

Our next Congregational Prayer Meeting is on Wed, 6 Dec, from 7.30 - 8.30 pm. It will be held both onsite (in the Sanctuary) *and* via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89011680728?pwd=T1dXdDV2WXpMU3E3UktPRURETEINUT09>

Meeting ID: 890 1168 0728

Passcode: 412140

This Dec's Prayer Meeting is focused on our significant project - the Alteration & Additions (A&A) Project.

## FEEDBACK/SUGGESTIONS FOR THE A&A PROJECT

Following the dialogue meeting held on 30 Sep, the A&A Steering Committee is keen to hear from you. Please use the following QR code to submit your feedback and suggestions. You may refer to the 'Summary of Feedback and Suggestions received on A&A Proposal' as of 7 Nov 2023 that is attached to this bulletin. The video recording and minutes of the dialogue meeting that was held on 30 Sep are available on our church website. You may access them here <https://orpc.sg/aanda/>



## FLOWER OFFERING FOR JAN – DEC 2024

The 2024 Weekly Flower Offering Chart for Sunday Worship is now available on the noticeboard in the Dunman Hall for those who wish to make a flower offering. The offering per Sunday is for 2 donors at \$150 each. Please read and abide by the instructions on the Flower Offering Chart when reserving your date(s) on the Chart.

## FLOWER OFFERING

Bryan Loke gives thanks to God for His loving care and providence.

## 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

Rev Dr Clive Chin will be on leave 28 Nov to 7 Dec.

### CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS: DEC 2023

Sat 2 Dec	11.30 am	Thanksgiving Lunch [Metropolitan YMCA]
Sun 3 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	First Sunday of Advent Membership Sunday
Wed 6 Dec	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall & Online]
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	Year-End Service
	No PM Service	

# Hope

## The First Sunday of Advent

The people walking in  
darkness have seen a great  
light; on those living in the  
land of deep darkness a  
light has dawned.

ISAIAH 9:2-6

Orchard Road  
Presbyterian Church

3 December 2023  
9am & 6pm



# DESIGN FOR DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire to deepen your walk with Christ, but are not a part of our Discipleship Groups, we invite you to join us for a series of Design for Discipleship (DFD) book studies in 2024.

JAN-FEB

DFD Book 1

## **Your Life in Christ (4 lessons)**

Who are You Lord?

What are You doing among us?

MAR-MAY

DFD Book 2

## **The Spirit-Filled Follower of Jesus (6 lessons)**

How may we know and walk with You God?

JUL-SEP

DFD Book 4

## **The Character of a Follower of Jesus (5 lessons)**

Who are we in Christ?

How then shall we live?

SEP-NOV

DFD Book 6

## **Growing in Discipleship (5 lessons)**

What do You want us to do?

The **Sign-up for DFD Book 1** study is now open. Please register your interest with one of our Discipleship Groups (DGs) right after our AM or PM service on 12, 19, or 26 Nov. The commitment for each sign-up is for the duration of one DFD book study.

## Summary of Feedback and Suggestions received on A&A Proposal 07 Nov 2023

On 30th September 2023, the Alteration and Additions (A&A) steering committee for the church building held a fruitful dialogue session with members of the ORPC congregation. Since then, we have continued to receive more feedback and suggestions from members.

The church belongs to all of us, to both our present and future generations. We are heartened at the continued support, interest and participation in the future of our church.

In the document below, we outline some of the matters raised about the project to date in order to keep everyone updated on the latest developments.

Some of the most salient themes discussed were the legal implications, the scope of work, funding, time-line of project as well as the need to improve upon our communication between leaders and members of the ORPC congregation. The committee's responses to these themes have also been included.

Where we can, we will seek to incorporate your feedback while considering the existing site constraints, with the goal of achieving the best collective outcome for the future of our church.

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### **1) Legal Implications:**

A concern was raised regarding the legal implications that may arise if we were to vacate the present premises during the A&A works, as it may lead to a legal situation where the government may repossess the site on the grounds that it is not used for public worship purposes as stipulated in the land grant and Certificate of Title. We have been advised to seek legal advice on this matter, and not to proceed with the proposed A&A works without first obtaining an unequivocal and legally binding confirmation from the State that the proposal is not a breach of the condition attached to the land and the same will not trigger a reversion of the land to the State.

*Response: Session intends to seek independent legal advice and clearance from the relevant authorities before deciding to cease public worship for any period at our church land.*

### **2) Scope of Work:**

A question was also raised regarding the proposal being over and above the scope of work mandated at the Extraordinary Congregation Meeting (ECM), given that a prior decision was already made on the exact scope of work to be carried out. The member also sought to understand the necessity for strengthening of the rear slope behind the Sanctuary and Chapel.

*Response: Session appreciates the mandate given on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2020. However, three years on and since the beginning of 2023, the A&A Steering Committee has undertaken a fresh review of the scope of work required and its associated costs. The A&A Steering Committee has identified an option where with an incremental cost of \$4 million, Dunman Building will be reconstructed into a five storey building to better meet present and future ministry needs. This alternative approach was presented for Session's consideration and has received unanimous support from the church leadership to bring forward for ORPC congregation consideration.*

*Specific details on both the Jan 2020 mandate and the latest approach can be found on our slide deck available on our website or through this link: <https://orpc.sg/aanda/projectproposal/>*

### **3) Enhancing the usage of our church premises:**

A few members have raised the possibility of using the enhanced church facilities for greater outreach to our surrounding community; promoting the Christian faith to the youths, students and seniors, leveraging on our location and ministry potentials.

*Response: The Session and A&A Steering Committee acknowledge the tremendous ministry potential that ORPC may offer, given its strategic location and history. We will seek to maximise flexibility during the design and planning phase so that the ministry goals of a Disciple Making Church may be achieved.*

### **4) Funding:**

Given the funding gap of about \$10 million for ORPC, a question was raised as to the possibility of ORPC committing more from its accumulated reserves, leaving less to be raised from fundraising activities as the amount of \$10 million is still a substantial sum.

Another member wanted to know more about the fundraising plans and schedule and if fundraising activities can be launched now.

Question was also raised regarding the basis of cost sharing with Providence Presbyterian Church (PPC), and the legal ownership of the redevelopment as well as our commitment towards PPC in return for their sharing of A&A project cost.

*Response: We noted the concern regarding the substantial funding gap. Based on current calculations, the proposed total funding requirement from ORPC is \$23 million. The Finance Committee has provided a maximum sum of \$13 million from the church's accumulated reserves towards the A&A project. The amount provided by the Finance Committee takes into consideration the need to set aside sufficient reserves for the ongoing operating expenditures of ORPC. This leaves us with a funding gap of \$10 million that needs to be raised from members. We seek your prayer and support towards this endeavour.*

*A Fundraising Committee is being formed to plan and execute the fundraising program. We will provide further details as they become available.*

*The cost sharing/commitment proposal presented at the dialogue meeting is in the midst of being discussed and negotiated with the leadership of PPC. We will provide details of any final decisions to our congregation when they are available.*

*Do note that current proposals are a high-level cost estimate done by professional architects. Specific costs can only be provided after a full feasibility study is conducted on our site.*

*More specific details on the funding proposal can be found on our slide deck available on our website available or through this link: <https://orpc.sg/aanda/projectproposal/>*

## **5) Prayer:**

A suggestion to start a prayer group specifically to pray for this project was received.

*Response: A series of prayer meetings and congregation information programs are being planned currently. We hope that every member of ORPC will be able to vote on the project at the oncoming Extraordinary Congregation Meeting in an informed and prayerful manner. Prayer and Communication will remain key to the project until its completion.*

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*We thank each of you who are joining the A&A steering committee on this journey. We will continue to share progress updates as information becomes available and ask that you continue to pray alongside us for our church's A&A project. Please continue to reach out to us to share your concerns and thoughts.*

*Thank you.*

*ORPC A&A Steering Committee*



**ORPC**  
ORCHARD ROAD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES;  
FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU  
IN CHRIST JESUS.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18



# thankfulness in all circumstances

A THANKSGIVING LUNCH

## PROGRAMME

- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- Devotion
- Thanksgiving Sharing
- Lunch
- Closing Prayer

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## 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

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 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

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.