

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





3 December 2023

AM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Inter-Generational & Membership Sunday

First Sunday of Advent – Hope

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** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (page 5)

WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Reception of New Members

Lighting of the First Advent Candle – The Candle of Hope

Worship Leader:

In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out:
“O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.” (Isaiah 64:1-3)

Choir:

In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, “Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come” (Mark 13:35).

Congregation:

We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kingdom all around us.

Worship Leader:

We light this candle as a sign of our hope. May we stay awake to God's activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

***Hymn of Prayer**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? (page 7)

Pastoral Prayer**Anthem**

Salvation Is Created/Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (page 8)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 69:1-9

Worship Leader: This is the word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message**Sermon**

Why Did Jesus Come?

***Hymn of Response**

Blessed Be the God of Israel (page 9)

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

Postlude

*Congregation to stand

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2. He came to be hated for no justifiable cause (vv.4-6).

3. He came to substitute us (vv.7-9).

Conclusion

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The virgin will . . . give birth to a Son, and will call Him Immanuel. Isa. 7:14

Unison



- 1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
- 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our
- 3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, And
- 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All

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optional
introduction
first verse
only

ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 spir - its by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 or - der all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge
 peo - ples in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels

here, Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 show, And cause us in her ways to go.
 cease, Fill all the world with heav - en's peace.

Refrain
parts optional

Re - joice! Re -

joice! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Hymn of Prayer (AM)

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

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Paul Gerhardt, 1653

Trans. Catherine Winkworth and others, 1863; alt.

Melchior Teschner, 1614

Harm. William Henry Monk, 1861

1. O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
2. Love caused Your in - car - na - tion, Love brought You down to me;
3. A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high,

Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
That will not fail nor leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, A lamp with - in my breast,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new,

To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
In love all loves ex - cel - ling Our lost and fall - en race.
And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.

Anthem (AM)

Salvation Is Created/Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Latin Hymn translated by John Mason Neale.

Plainsong by Thomas Helmore.

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Salvation is created
O Lord, God almighty
We offer praise to Thee above
O Lord, holy Lord God

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly minded
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand

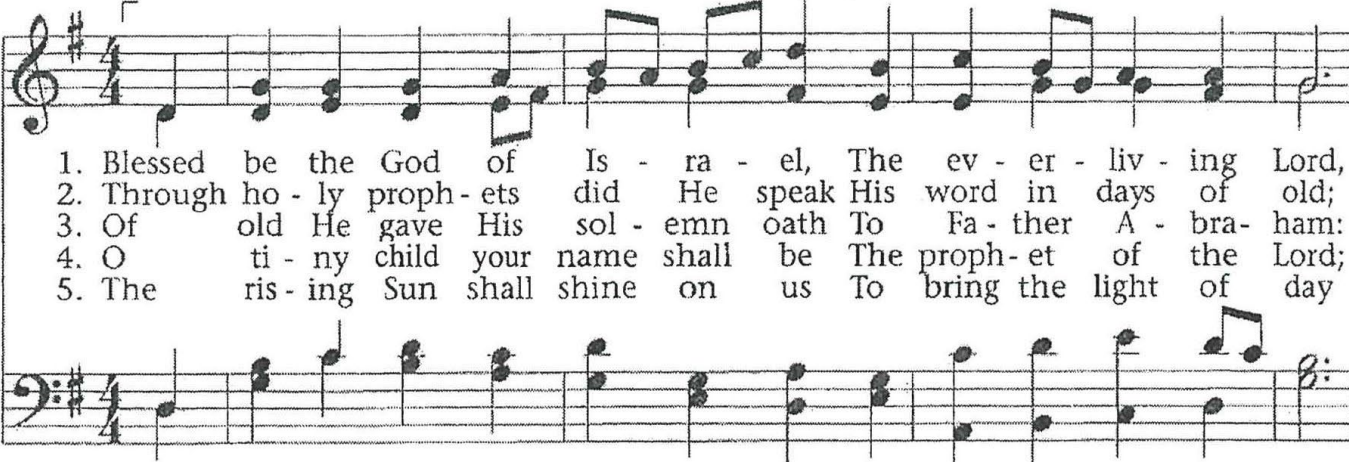
Alleluia Alleluia
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We offer praise to Thee above, O Lord

Salvation is created
Alleluia

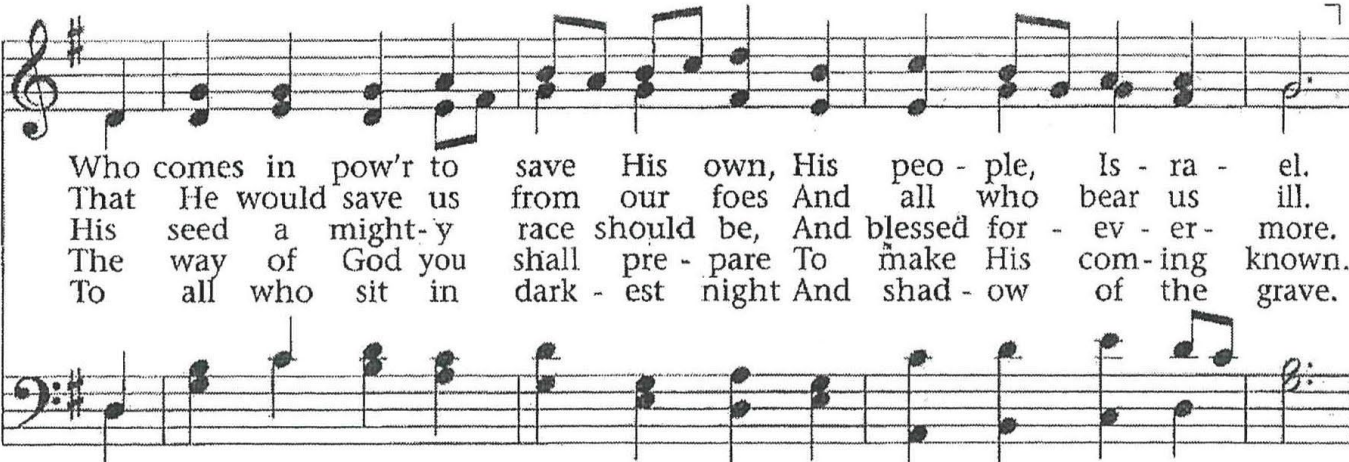
Hymn of Response (AM)

Blessed Be the God of Israel

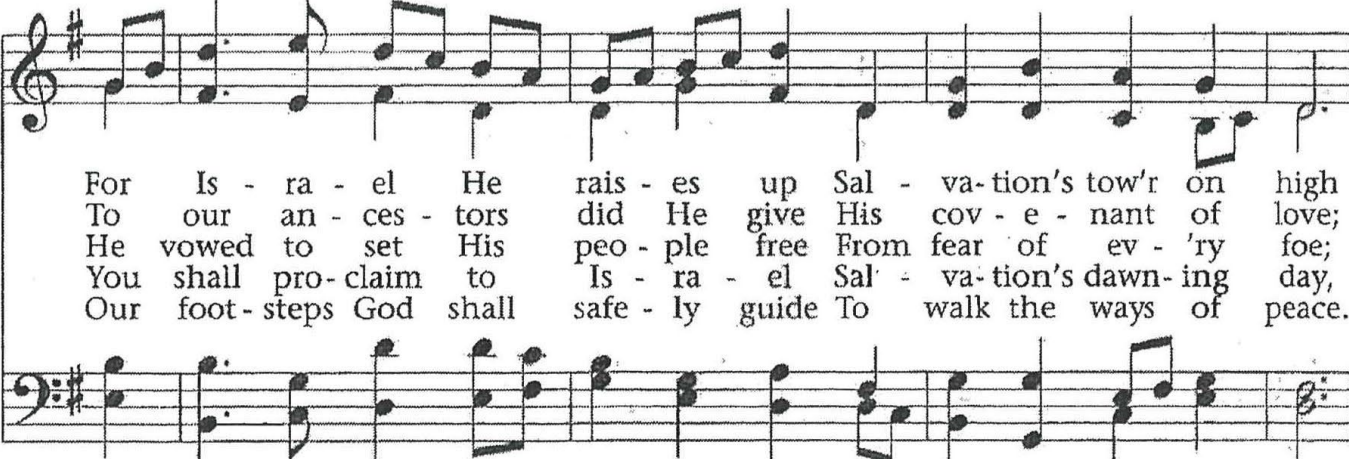
Praise be to the Lord ... because he ... has redeemed his people — Luke 1:68 NIV



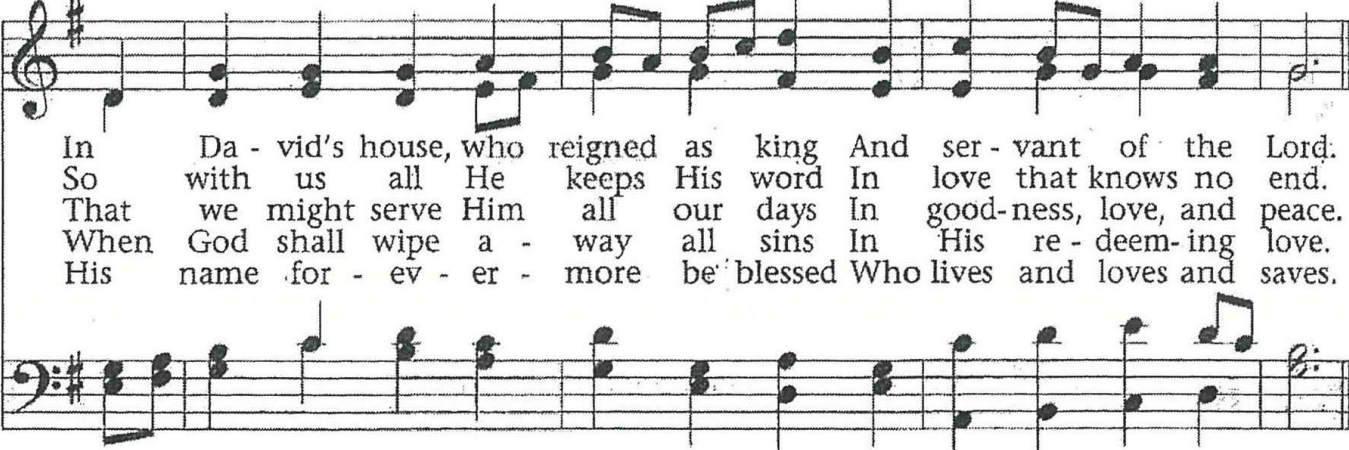
1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, The ev - er - liv - ing Lord,
2. Through ho - ly proph - ets did He speak His word in days of old;
3. Of old He gave His sol - emn oath To Fa - ther A - bra - ham:
4. O ti - ny child your name shall be The proph - et of the Lord;
5. The ris - ing Sun shall shine on us To bring the light of day



Who comes in pow'r to save His own, His peo - ple, Is - ra - el.
That He would save us from our foes And all who bear us ill.
His seed a might-y race should be, And blessed for - ev - er - more.
The way of God you shall pre - pare To make His com - ing known.
To all who sit in dark - est night And shad - ow of the grave.



For Is - ra - el He rais - es up Sal - va - tion's tow'r on high
To our an - ces - tors did He give His cov - e - nant of love;
He vowed to set His peo - ple free From fear of ev - 'ry foe;
You shall pro - claim to Is - ra - el Sal - va - tion's dawning day,
Our foot - steps God shall safe - ly guide To walk the ways of peace.



In Da - vid's house, who reigned as king And ser - vant of the Lord.
So with us all He keeps His word In love that knows no end.
That we might serve Him all our days In good - ness, love, and peace.
When God shall wipe a - way all sins In His re - deem - ing love.
His name for - ev - er - more be' blessed Who lives and loves and saves.



3 December 2023

PM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Membership Sunday

First Sunday of Advent – Hope

6 to 7 pm

Prelude

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*Hymns of Praise & Adoration

- Come O Come Emmanuel (page 13)
- Come Messiah King (page 14)
- Worship the King (page 15)

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O Come O Come Emmanuel

Translated by
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Arranged by
Thomas Helmore

Words and Music
Veni Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer our
3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, and
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all



ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el; That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
spir - its by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
or - der all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge
peo - ples in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels



here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
night, and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
show, and cause us in her ways to go.
cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.



man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Come Messiah King (R Vader)

Come, O — come, — Mes-si-ah — King, Prom-ised Son, — sent to re - deem — us one by —
one, so we may tell the won-ders of your match-less love Em-man - u - el

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O Worship The King

Words by
Robert Grant and Chris Tomlin

Music by
Johann Michael Haydn and Chris Tomlin



1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove, O
 (2. O) tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose
 (3. O) meas - ure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love; While



grate - ful - ly sing His won - der - ful love; Our Shield and De - fend - er, the
 robe is the light and can - o - py space! His char - iots of wrath the deep
 an - gels de - light to wor - ship a - bove. Thy mer - cies how ten - der, how



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm. _____
 firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend. _____

2, 3



You a - lone are the match - less King, to You a - lone be all



maj - es - ty. Your glo - ries and won - ders, what tongue can re - cite? You



breathe in the air, You shine in the light.

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TURN YOUR EYES

Turn Your Eyes, p. 1 of 2

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.

INTRO

VERSE

9

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

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

CHORUS

raised.
veins.

Je - sus, to You we lift our eyes...

32

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

39

2nd time to CODA



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

TURN

44

51 **CODA** **VERSE**

C G/C F/C C G/C F/C C F/C

You. 4. Turn your eyes to the hea - vens, 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**

Csus/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. . . .

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The Other Lion

What comes to mind when you picture a lion in your mind? For me, the verse from 1 Peter 5:8 pops into my head right away —“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” But as we dwell upon the imagery a little longer, we quickly and easily realise that there is another lion depicted in the Bible—Christ (Rev. 5-6).

In the Old Testament, God is described as a protective lion standing guard over his people (Isa. 31:4; Jer. 50:44-45), but there are also times He becomes the threatening lion standing over Israel, intent on destroying them (Isa. 38:12-13; Hos. 5:14). As his people, we are more than glad to have a God who stands on our side to protect us and destroy our enemies, but we have great trouble reconciling the disturbing fact that He can shift from sustainer to destroyer: “I cared for you in the desert, in the land of burning heat. When I fed them, they were satisfied, they became proud; then they forgot me. So I will be like a lion to them...like a lion I will devour them” (Hos. 13:5-8a).

The author who gives us disturbing insight into the devil's work in *The Screwtape Letters* also provides us an unsettling view of God in *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. In this fictional but theologically laced novel, C. S. Lewis depicts God as a wise and majestic lion named Aslan. Among the most memorable descriptions of the royal figure is found in Mr Beaver's answer to Susan's question, “Is he—quite safe?” The Narnian guide replied, “Who said anything about safe? ‘Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the king, I tell you.’” (p75-76).

God is not safe. But He is good. I wonder how much we have domesticated God in our minds, unwilling to imagine the King of the universe as unsafe. It is natural human tendency to seek safety and security in our egocentrism, to want a Saviour who deliver us from sin and death, but may we grow and learn to see that His goodness and beauty far surpasses what He did on the cross, that we may willingly and joyfully step down from our throne, and He may ascend as our Lord. May we submit our lives and every part of it to Him.

Bible Readings & Prayer Points

Monday

Read Psalm 85:1-2. Remember a time when you committed a wrong and experienced God's forgiveness. How did you feel?

May God grant our leaders the foresight and ability to oversee the A&A project so as to be in line with God's purpose.

Tuesday

Read Psalm 85:3-4. In these verses, God shows forgiveness to a community. Why is being part of a community important?

Pray that God will continue to give the Singapore government the wisdom to ensure that freedom to worship is practised in a peaceful and harmonious manner.

Wednesday

Read Psalm 85:5-7. Remember a time when you experienced revival in your life. How did you feel about God at that time?

Pray that our church members will actively and appropriately apply the Bible in their lives so as to become more like Jesus.

Thursday

Read Psalm 85:8-9. How should you live in reverence of God?

Give thanks for those serving in the AV Ministry. May God support them as they serve the church faithfully.

Friday

Read Psalm 85:10-11. In what ways can God's righteousness be seen in your life?

Give thanks for those who are caregivers for their loved ones. May God continue to give them wisdom, patience and strength to love those under their care.

Saturday

Read Psalm 85:12-13. How does God show His goodness to you?

Pray for those who are in bereavement. May God continue to provide comfort and assurance to them.

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
	4.00 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	Sanctuary & Online
Thu 7	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall, SHKA, B, SR2
Sat 9	9.00 am	Candlelight Service Rehearsal	Chapel
	10.00 am	iLoveChristmas (seniors outreach)	Sanctuary
	2.00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal	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

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>26.11.2023</u>	RECEIVED TO <u>26.11.2023</u>	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,661,538.46	\$1,574,506.80	(\$87,031.66)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$230,769.23	\$279,924.60	\$49,155.37
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,892,307.69	\$1,854,431.40	(\$37,876.29)

PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	3 Dec Inter-Generational Sunday & Membership Sunday	10 Dec Holy Communion Sunday	17 Dec
Sermon Title	1 st Sunday of Advent Why did Jesus Come?	2 nd Sunday of Advent Incredible and Indescribable Joy!	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Scripture Ref	Psalm 69:1-9	Psalm 85	Psalm 126
Preacher	Pr Herna Kong	Ps Lim Chung Wei	Pr Ho Wei Liang
Children's Message	Pr Ho Wei Liang		
Worship Leader	Dcn Rita Soh Eld Lim Ee Tuo	Eld Tatang Halim Dcn Alicia Yeo	Eld Dr Tang Yew Chung Dcn Benjamin Ong
Pastoral Prayer	Pr Herna Kong	Ps Lim Chung Wei	Pr Ho Wei Liang
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan
Musicians	Eunice Tang Hannah Leong	Dcn Li-Ki Khaw Dr Noah Lim Juanita Lestari Andrew Loh	Eunice Tang Lisa Ong Shannon Chia Aubert Saragi
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Team C Kenneth Koh Team H Dcn Alicia Yeo	Team G Tan Gek Khim Team D Ivy Ang	Team A Veronica Song Team E Eld Winston Choo
Greeters	Ps Lim Chung Wei Dcn Timothy Song Pr Ho Wei Liang Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong	Ps Casurine Low Eld Derrick Lee Pr Tan Hui Ru Eld Philip Ong	Pr Tan Hui Ru Dcn Benjamin Ong Rev Dr Edward Goh Eld Lim Ee Tuo
AV Duty Roster	Elson Chan Juniarto Hadiatmadja Patrick Chow Davendran Arumugam Nestor Magkawas	Jethro Cheung Maria Halim Susan Tan Andrew Loh Delia Chan Geoff Holmes	Andrew Loh Delia Chan Dcn Mazmur The Elson Chan Jane Tham Eld Paul Johnson

Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

- *Worship in the Sanctuary*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARENTS ON THE ARRIVAL OF A NEWBORN

We congratulate Shawn Ong Shujian and Joyce Tan on the arrival of their baby boy, Kaleb Ong, on 27 Nov 2023. We thank God for Kaleb and we rejoice with the family.

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.

iLoveCHRISTMAS Outreach (9 DEC)

In collaboration with Providence Presbyterian Church, we are holding a Christmas outreach event to seniors on Sat, 9 Dec, from 10 - 11.30 am in the Sanctuary. The event will be conducted in Mandarin and is a great opportunity for us to bring our mandarin-speaking seniors to hear the gospel. The speaker is Rev Roy Koh (Glory Presbyterian Church) and there is an invited artiste (Mr Tan Tiaw Gem) to engage the seniors. Admission is free. Please scan the QR code to register.



ORPC WEBSITE TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE (16 - 17 DEC)

The ORPC website will not be available from 8 pm on Sat, 16 Dec till 4 am on Sun, 17 Dec, due to web server maintenance. We seek your kind understanding.

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.

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

How Wai Chew and Lye Sim: With gratitude, we give thanks to God on our wedding anniversary, for His love and bountiful blessings.

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

Pastoral Staff on leave:

Rev Dr Clive Chin 28 Nov – 7 Dec.

Rev Dr Edward Goh 5, 7 – 14 Dec.

Pr Herna Kong 5 – 22 Dec.

Pr Ho Wei Liang 6 – 13 Dec.

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS: DEC 2023 – FEB 2024

Sun 3 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	First Sunday of Advent Membership Sunday
Wed 6 Dec	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Sanctuary & Online]
Sun 24 Dec	9 am	Lessons & Carols Service
	10 pm	Outdoor Candlelight Service
	11 pm	Combined Christmas Eve Communion Service
	No 6 pm Service	
Mon 25 Dec	10 am	Christmas Day Service
Sun 31 Dec	9 am	Sunday AM Service
	9 pm	Year-End Service
	No 6 pm Service	
Wed 3 Jan	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Sanctuary & Online]
Sun 7 Jan	9 am	Leadership Dedication & Leaders' Installation
Wed 7 Feb	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]

COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP (3 Dec 2023)

The following 8 candidates have applied for Communicant Membership.

Baptism

- 1 Mr Lee Yun Long
- 2 Miss Lim Yan Di
- 3 Miss Jasmine Alicia Wangko

Confirmation

- 1 Mr Joel Chua Shao Jun
- 2 ***Mr Noah Huang Zi Yi****
- 3 Miss Valerie Lee Hui Ting
- 4 Miss Marie Tan

Transfer

- 1 Miss Shirlin Koh Ming Yi

****Bold Italics*** – Evening Service

Confirmation

I confirm the Baptism that I received when my parents brought me to the Lord in my infancy.

Profession of Faith (Baptism/Confirmation)

I believe in God as the only true God, the Creator of all things, and my heavenly Father.

I believe in Jesus Christ as God's only begotten Son, and that his incarnation, death and resurrection were for my salvation from sin.

I believe in the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth, who is from the Father and the Son, and to be the Comforter who is with believers and in them.

I believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the word of God given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that they are the supreme standard of a Christian's faith and conduct.

I believe in the Holy Church to have been instituted by the Lord Jesus, and that Christ is head of the Church and all believers are his members. And I promise to worship God and serve the Lord with all his members in the fellowship of the Church.

I promise to give myself to God as a servant of righteousness, and by observing the Lord's Day and the Sacraments, and by prayer and Bible study, to make my life holy and to foster my spiritual growth.

I promise, according as the Lord blesses me with abilities and material possessions, faithfully to serve the Church and society, that God's holy name may be glorified in me.

Transfer

I profess my faith in the triune God and in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. I renew the promises and vows that I made at my baptism or confirmation. I dedicate my time, talents and money to jointly unite with all our church members to work hard for the gospel that we together believe in.

Membership Vows (All)

1. Do you believe in God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit? (*I do*)
2. Do you humbly repent of your sins? (*I do*)
3. Do you promise, depending only on the grace of God, to continually fight against sin within yourself and in the world, and to strive daily to be like Jesus Christ? (*I do*)
4. As a committed member of the body of Christ, do you promise to be faithful in daily Bible reading and prayer, to worship God each Sunday, to fellowship with His people and partake regularly in the Sacrament of Holy Communion? (*I do*)
5. Do you promise to dedicate your daily life to God, to be a faithful witness of His Gospel, to use your time and talents for the advancement of His Kingdom; to seek the unity and growth of His church; and to support its work and witness throughout the world? (*I do*)
6. **CONGREGATION:**
Do you as God's people also promise to welcome these brothers and sisters in Christ into our spiritual family? Will you encourage and pray for them so that they will be faithful and fruitful disciples of Jesus Christ all their lives?
(*I do, I will*)

If you do please stand.

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Saturday, 9 Dec 2023

10am-11:30am

Guest

Speaker: Rev Roy Koh

(Glory Presbyterian Church)

Artiste : Mr Tan Tiaw Gem

Emcee : Carol Chiam

*Jointly organised by ORPC & Providence
Presbyterian Church Orchard Rd Congregation*

Free admission

Note: The event will be conducted in Mandarin.



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2023年12月9日 (星期六)

上午10点至11点30分

地点: 恩泽堂(乌节路聚会)

Orchard Road Presbyterian Church

**3 Orchard Road
SE 238825**

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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.

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 19th 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.

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



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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.