

Peace

The Second Sunday of Advent

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6

Orchard Road
Presbyterian Church

10 December 2023
9am & 6pm





10 December 2023

AM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Holy Communion Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent – Peace

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** Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth (page 5)

WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle – The Candle of Peace

Worship Leader:

In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1).

Choir:

We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

Postlude

*Congregation to stand

Incredible and Indescribable Joy!

Psalm 85

Introduction:

1. God's track record when it comes to Restoration
2. Asking God in times of need for Restoration
3. God's promise of Restoration
4. What does God's Restoration look like

Conclusion

Hymn of Praise & Adoration (AM)

Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Latin Hymn
Puer Nobis

1. Come Thou Re - deem - er of the earth, Come,
2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, But
3. From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, To
4. O e - qual to thy Fa - ther, thou! Gird
5. Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, And
6. All laud e - ter - nal Son, to Thee; Whose

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tes - ti - fy Thy won - drous birth: All
of the Spi - rit, thou art still The
God the Fa - ther back he speeds, Runs
on thy flesh - ly man - tle now, The
dark - ness breathe a new - born light, No
ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free Whom

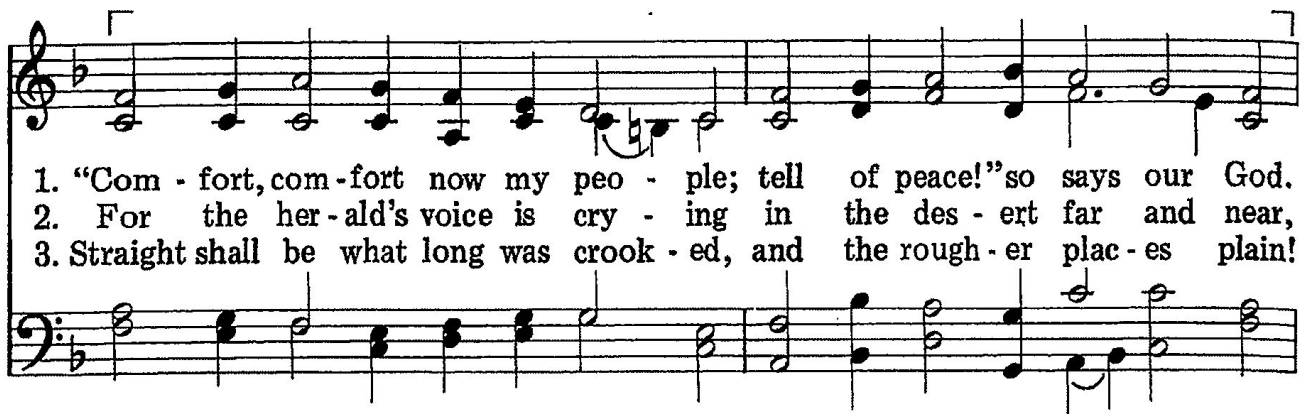
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lands ad - mire, all times ap - plaud: Such
Word of God, in flesh ar - rayed, The
out his course to death and hell, Re -
weak - ness of our mor - tal state With
more shall night ex - tin - guish day, Where
with the Fa - ther we a - dore, And

13
is the birth that fits our God.
Sav - iour, now to man dis - played.
turns on God's high throne to dwell.
death - less might in - vi - gor - ate.
love's bright beams their power dis - play.
Ho - ly Ghost, for e - ver - more.

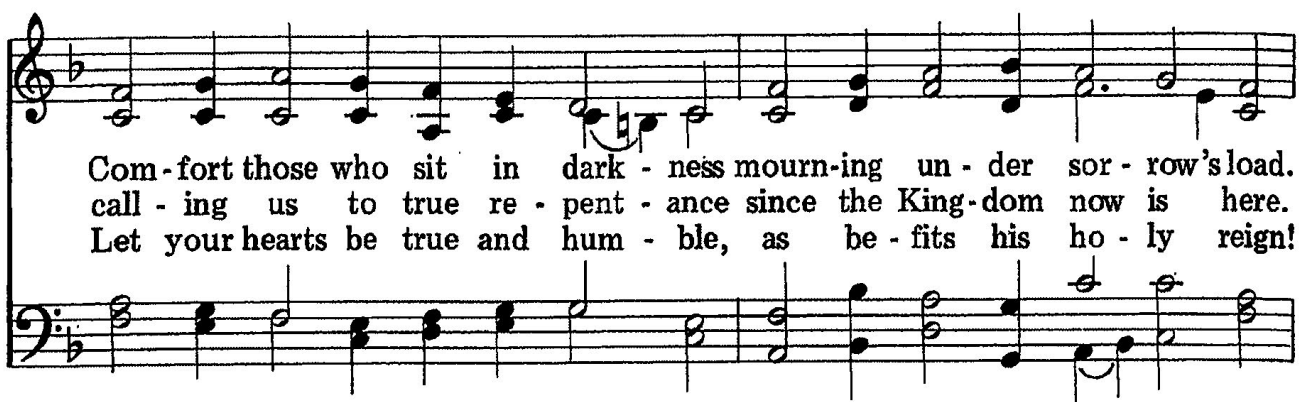
Hymn of Prayer (AM)

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

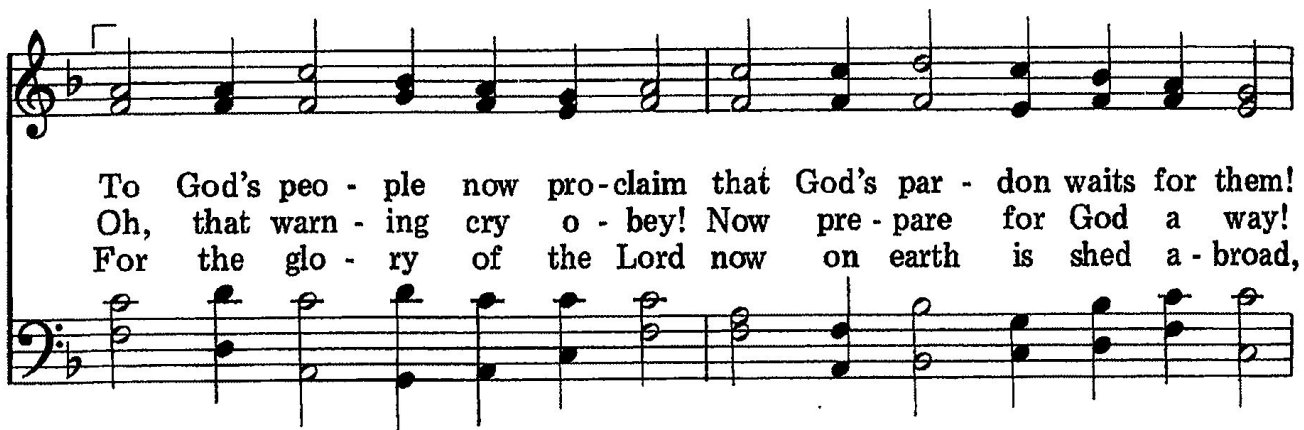
Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Is. 40:1



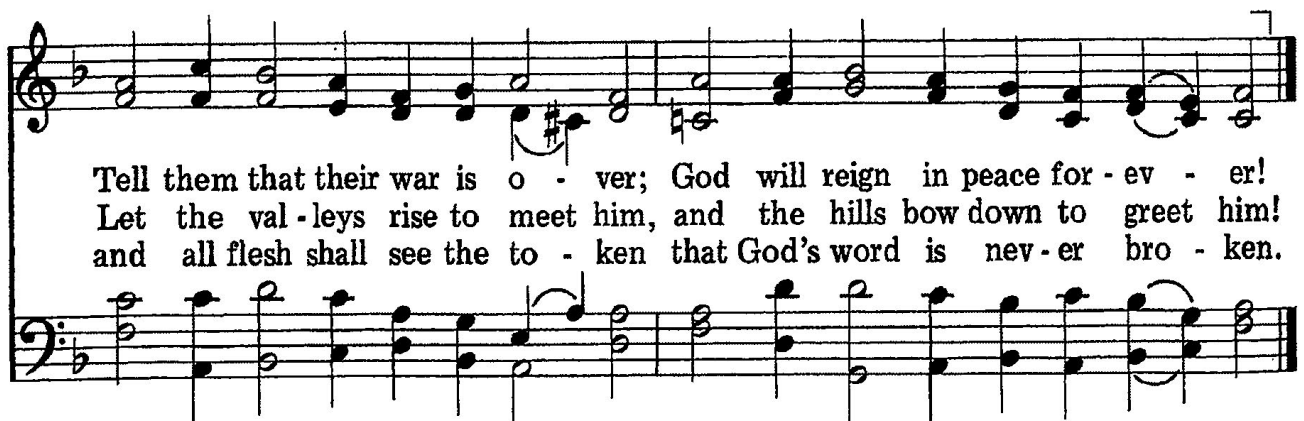
1. "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" so says our God.
2. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3. Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pent - ance since the King - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro - claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Yearning

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There is a yearning
In hearts weighed down by ancient grief
And centuries of sorrow.
There is a yearning
In hearts that in the darkness hide
And in the shades of death abide,
A yearning of tomorrow.

There is a yearning
For the promised One,
The Firstborn of creation.
There is a yearning
For the Lord who visited His own,
And by His death for sin atoned,
To bring to us salvation.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Within our hearts, the yearning.

There is a yearning
That fills the hearts of those who wait
The day of His appearing.
There is a yearning
When all our sorrows are erased
And we shall see the One who placed
Within our hearts the yearning.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Within our hearts, the yearning.

Hymn of Response (AM)

Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Refrain

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7

church gath - ered to - day.

1-4 G Last time G



10 December 2023

PM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Holy Communion Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent – Peace

6 to 7 pm

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Hymns of Praise & Adoration

All Praise to Him (page 13)

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (page 14)

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle – The Candle of Peace

Worship Leader:

In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1).

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Congregation:

We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

Worship Leader:

We light these candles as signs of God's hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Scripture Reading

Psalms 85

Worship Leader: This is the word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Incredible and Indescribable Joy!

***Hymn of Response**

What Child Is This (page 15)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

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ALL PRAISE TO HIM

Based on the hymn, "All Praise to Him Who Built the Hills" by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
 Music and additional words by Matt Merker and Bob Kauflin

1. All praise to Him, the God of light, who formed the moun - tains by His
 2. All praise to Him Whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the ser - vant
 3. All praise to Him Whose pow'r im-parts the love of God with - in our

5 might. All praise to Him who names the stars, that sing His fame in skies a -
 King, Who left be - hind His glo - rious throne to pay the ran - som for His
 hearts, The Spir - it of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and ho - li -

9 far. All praise to Him Who reigns in love, Who guides the gal - ax - ies a -
 own. All praise to Him Who hum - bly came to bear our sor - row, sin, and
 ness. To Fath - er, Son And Spir - it now our souls we lift, our wills we

13 bove, yet bends to hear our ev - ery prayer, with sov - ereign pow'r and ten - der
 shame, Who lived to die, Who died to rise, the all suf - fi - cient sac - ri -
 bow, To You the Tri - une God we raise, with lov - ing hearts our songs of

17 care.
 fice.
 praise.

Chords: Bb, Bb, F, Bb/D, Eb, F, Cm, Gm, Eb, F, Bb, Gm, Eb, F, Gm, Eb, F, Bb

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Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Come Thou long— ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
 12 Born Thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, Born a Child and
 peo - ple free. From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our
 yet— a King. Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious

16

rest— in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
 king - dom bring. By Thine own— e - ter - nal spi - rit

20

Hope of all— the earth Thou art. Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion,
 Rule in all— our hearts a - lone. By— Thine all— suf - fi - cient me - rit

24

Joy of ev - ery long - ing
 Raise us to— Thy glo - rious—

30

2. throne He is born, Christ is born, Hal - le - lu -

34

- jah to him we will sing.— He is born,— Christ is born, we will

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bow down and wor - ship the King.—

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As Iron Sharpens Iron

Humans are hard. That's not a typo or a grammatical error, by the way. Being human is hard, being *around* humans is also hard, *relating* to humans is hard. This is true everywhere. But when faith and discipleship come into this equation, many times it means humans are harder.

There's just more at stake when faith and discipleship are involved, it seems. Each of us is convinced that our way is the Lord's way, or that God has called us to correct others from their erroneous paths, and so our opinions and preferences become somewhat kin to Holy Writ, and it feels imperative that others must agree with us, must accept our criticism, or else they are not being faithful and obedient.

Of course, there is some truth to that. We are meant to correct and rebuke each other, admonishing each other (see Prov 27:5-6, 17; Luke 17:3; 1 Tim 5:20; 2 Tim 4:2, among others). But what we often forget is that we are meant to rebuke *in love*. Love is the foundation of the rebuke, love surrounds the rebuke, and love seeks to restore. Love does not seek to score a point, does not seek to undermine and destroy. Love covers a multitude of sins (1 Pet 4:8) – love forgives wrongs.

Love doesn't mean that we all have to agree with each other, and love doesn't mean that we don't consider each other's decisions with a critical eye. But love does mean that we pause before we comment, whether to each other, or in congregational settings, and it means that we use that pause to consider if we are being critical or we are criticising. After all, we are meant to be filled with the Spirit of love, not a spirit of criticism, and while the difference between the two may be slight, it remains significant. Take a moment to consider if your way is truly the only way; take a moment to consider if you can begin with affirmation, with acknowledgement; take a moment to consider your phrasing; take a moment to reassure the other party that your comment does not negate your love.

May God give each of us the grace to love each other, to rebuke each other in love, and to grow together as disciples in Christ.

Bible Readings & Prayer Points

Monday

Read Psalm 126:1. In what ways has God restored your “fortunes” in your life?

May God grant our DG leaders the wisdom and ability to lead their flock with love and care.

Tuesday

Read Psalm 126:2. How do you express thankfulness when God has done “great” things in your life?

Pray for missionaries serving in war torn areas in the world. May God keep them safe while empowering them to share the gospel faithfully.

Wednesday

Read Psalm 126:3. How should our church express joy in the Lord for what He has done for us?

Pray that our church members will love and care for each other in a Christlike manner.

Thursday

Read Psalm 126:4. In what ways may the “fortunes” of our church be restored?

Give thanks for those serving in the Floral Ministry. May God continue to give them the gift of creativity in arranging works of floral beauty for our worship services.

Friday

Read Psalm 126:5. Reflect on a time in your life when a moment of “tears” became an outpouring of joy because of what God has done. How did you feel?

Give thanks for those who are caregivers of children with special needs. May God continue to give them the support needed to care for their children.

Saturday

Read Psalm 126:6. The word “joy” appears in four out of six verses in this psalm. How does our faith in God bring us joy?

Pray for those who are facing difficulties in their work. May God give them the wisdom and strength to overcome 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
	4.00 pm	Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal	DB6
	6.00 pm	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tues 12	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
Wed 13	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	MR1
	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting	Sanctuary & Online
Thu 14	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall, SHKA, B, SR2
Sat 16	9.00 am	Candlelight Service Rehearsal	Chapel
	3.00 pm	Christmas Combined 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

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(Use your Bank App to scan)

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>03.12.2023</u>	RECEIVED TO <u>03.12.2023</u>	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,696,153.85	\$1,618,315.73	(\$77,838.12)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$235,576.92	\$287,240.60	\$51,663.68
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,931,730.77	\$1,905,556.33	(\$26,174.44)

PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	10 Dec Holy Communion Sunday	17 Dec	24 Dec Lessons & Carols
Sermon Title	2 nd Sunday of Advent Incredible and Indescribable Joy!	3 rd Sunday of Advent	4 th Sunday of Advent
Scripture Ref	Psalm 85	Psalm 126	Psalm 96
Preacher	Ps Lim Chung Wei	Pr Ho Wei Liang	Pr Tan Hui Ru
Worship Leader	Eld Tatang Halim <i>Dcn Alicia Yeo</i>	Eld Dr Tang Yew Chung <i>Dcn Benjamin Ong</i>	Eld Gabriel Tan -
Pastoral Prayer	Ps Lim Chung Wei	Pr Ho Wei Liang	Pr Tan Hui Ru
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan
Musicians	Dcn Li-Ki Khaw Dr Noah Lim <i>Juanita Lestari</i> <i>Andrew Loh</i>	Lisa Ong Aubert Saragi Shannon Chia <i>Aubert Saragi</i>	Eunice Tang Dr Noah Lim Aubert Saragi -
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Team G Tan Gek Khim <i>Team D</i> <i>Ivy Ang</i>	Team A Veronica Song <i>Team E</i> <i>Eld Winston Choo</i>	Team B Jimmy Tan -
Greeters	Ps Casurine Low Eld Derrick Lee <i>Pr Tan Hui Ru</i> <i>Eld Philip Ong</i>	Pr Tan Hui Ru Dcn Benjamin Ong <i>Rev Dr Edward Goh</i> <i>Eld Lim Ee Tuo</i>	Pr Herna Kong Dcn Samuel Tandijanto -
AV Duty Roster	Jethro Cheung Maria Halim Susan Tan <i>Andrew Loh</i> <i>Delia Chan</i> <i>Geoff Holmes</i>	Andrew Loh Delia Chan Dcn Mazmur The <i>Elson Chan</i> <i>Jane Tham</i> <i>Eld Paul Johnson</i>	Donald Lim Winduputra Prasetijo Selvarajan Rengasamy <i>Huang Junxiong [11pm]</i> <i>Dcn Mazmur The [11pm]</i>

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 Nicholas and Viviana Tan on the arrival of their baby boy, Ezra Tan, on 5 Dec 2023. We thank God for Ezra and we rejoice with the family.

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.

DR WALTER MCCONNELL'S PARTNERSHIP & SERVICE WITH ORPC ENDS IN DEC 2023

Our financial support for Dr Walter McConnell will be completed by the end of 2023. Walter and Claire have been based in Belfast while serving with OMF. We thank God for their partnership and service with ORPC over the years and look forward to seeing them when they travel back to Singapore.

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

Tony & Jehanne Puah: Remembering our dearest "Jet is fine" boy in heaven on his 18th birthday. With much love, mum and dad.

Kenneth Lee: Praise and thank God for all His 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 or contact the church office (Mon to Fri).

STAFF UPDATE

Pastoral Staff on leave:

Rev Dr Clive Chin 12 – 19 Dec.

Rev Dr Edward Goh 7 – 14 Dec.

Pr Herna Kong 5 – 22 Dec.

Pr Ho Wei Liang 6 – 13 Dec.

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS: DEC 2023 – FEB 2024

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]

Lessons & Carols

The Fourth
Sunday of
Advent

Orchard Road
Presbyterian Church

24 December 2023, 9am



Christmas Day Morning Service

The Word became flesh
and made his dwelling
among us. We have seen
his glory, the glory of the
one and only Son, who
came from the Father,
full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14

Orchard Road
Presbyterian Church

25 December 2023
10am



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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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.