

Joy

The Third Sunday of Advent

Restore to me the joy
of your salvation, and
uphold me with a
willing spirit

PSALMS 51:12

Orchard Road
Presbyterian Church

17 December 2023
9am & 6pm





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AM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Mission Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent – Joy

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** Long Ago, Prophets Knew (page 5)

WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle – The Candle of Joy

Worship Leader:

When God's people were surrounded by hardship, suffering, and grief, Isaiah proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit (Isaiah 61:1-3a).

Choir:

We come today as people who are also surrounded by suffering and grief. And yet, the Spirit hovers among us, tending and anointing, inspiring freedom where there is captivity, declaring blessing in places the world has cursed, and igniting joy where mourning and heartache prevail.

Congregation:

We wait as people who experience hardship and pain, yet we are called to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God's people.

Worship Leader:

We light these candles as signs of hope, peace, and joy. May our lives shine with the fierce, tenacious joy of the Light who lives in our hearts as we wait and work for the coming of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

***Hymn of Prayer**

Tell Out, My Soul (page 6)

Pastoral Prayer**Anthem**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (page 7)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 126

Worship Leader: This is the word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Living from Joy to Joy

***Hymn of Response**

Prepare the Way, O Zion (page 8)

WE SERVE GOD IN HIS WORLD

Welcome & Announcements**Sunday School Presentation**

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

Postlude

*Congregation to stand

Living from Joy to Joy

Psalm 126

Introduction:

1. Joy Re-lived

2. Joy Anticipated

Conclusion

Hymn of Praise & Adoration (AM)

Long Ago, Prophets Knew

"In Bethlehem in Judea, . . . for this is what the prophet has written." Mt. 2:5

Unison

1. Long a - go, proph-ets knew Christ would come,
2. God in time, God in man, this is God's
3. Ma - ry, hail! Though a - fraid, she be - lieved,
4. Jour - ney ends! Where a - far Beth - lehem shines,

born a Jew, come to make all things new, bear his peo - ple's bur - den,
time-less plan: he will come, as a man, born him-self of wom - an,
she o - beyed. In her womb, God is laid till the time ex - spect - ed,
like a star, sta - ble door stands a - jar: un-born Son of Ma - ry,

Refrain

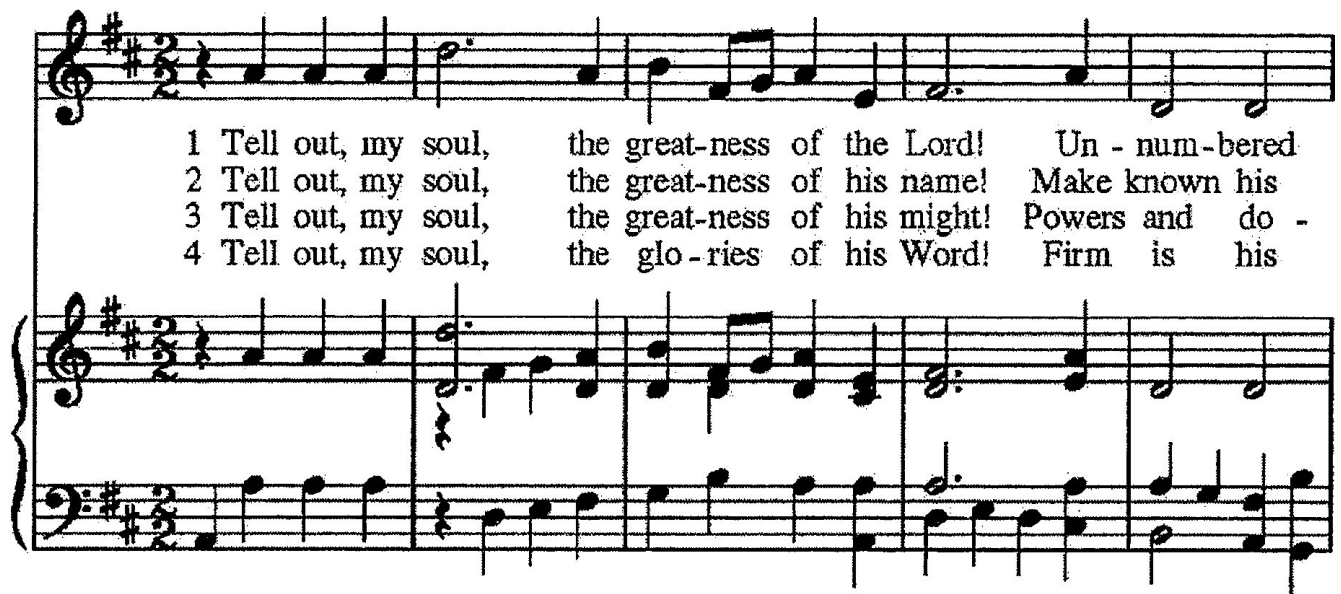
free - ly love and par - don. r.h. l.h. r.h. l.h.
God di - vine - ly hu - man. Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing,
nur - tured and pro - tect - ed.
Sav - ior, do not tar - ry!

8ba

r.h. l.h. r.h.
sing, sing! When he comes, when he comes, who will make him wel - come?
(last verse) we will make him wel - come!

(8ba) loco

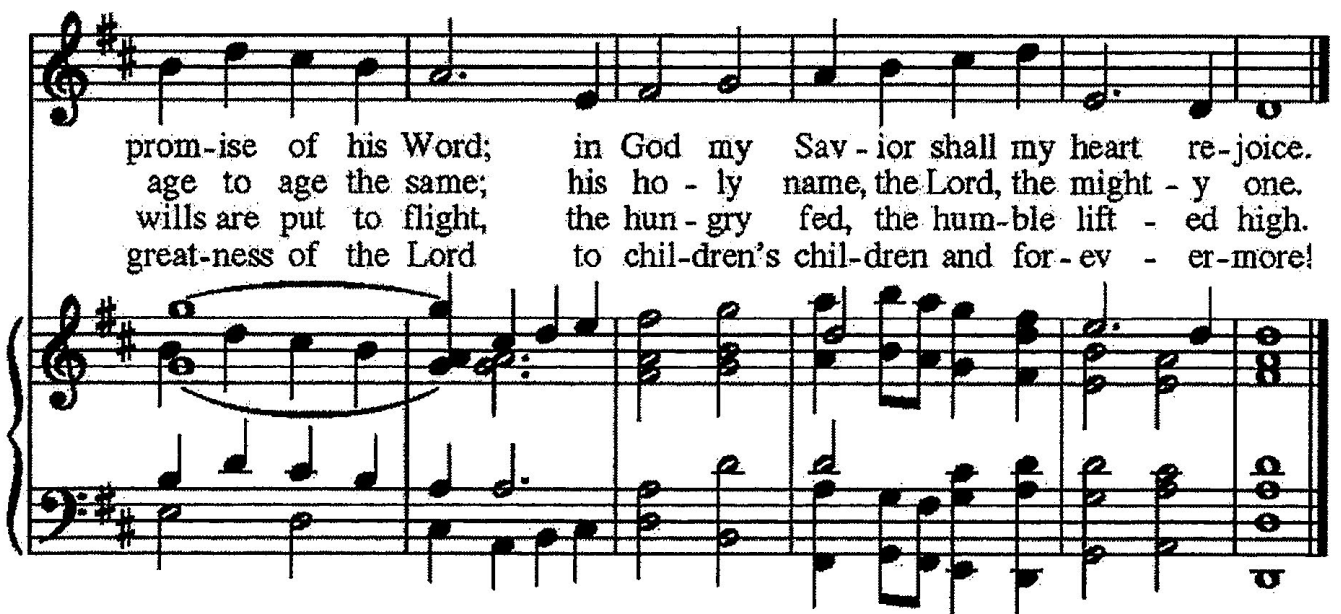
Tell Out, My Soul



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord! Un - num - bered
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his name! Make known his
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might! Powers and do -
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his Word! Firm is his



bles - ings give my spir - it voice; ten - der to me the
might, the deeds his arm has done; his mer - cy sure, from
min - ions lay their glo - ry by. Proud hearts and stub - born
prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure. Tell out, my soul, the



prom - ise of his Word; in God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
age to age the same; his ho - ly name, the Lord, the might - y one.
wills are put to flight, the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
great-ness of the Lord to chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee

Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a Child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring

By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

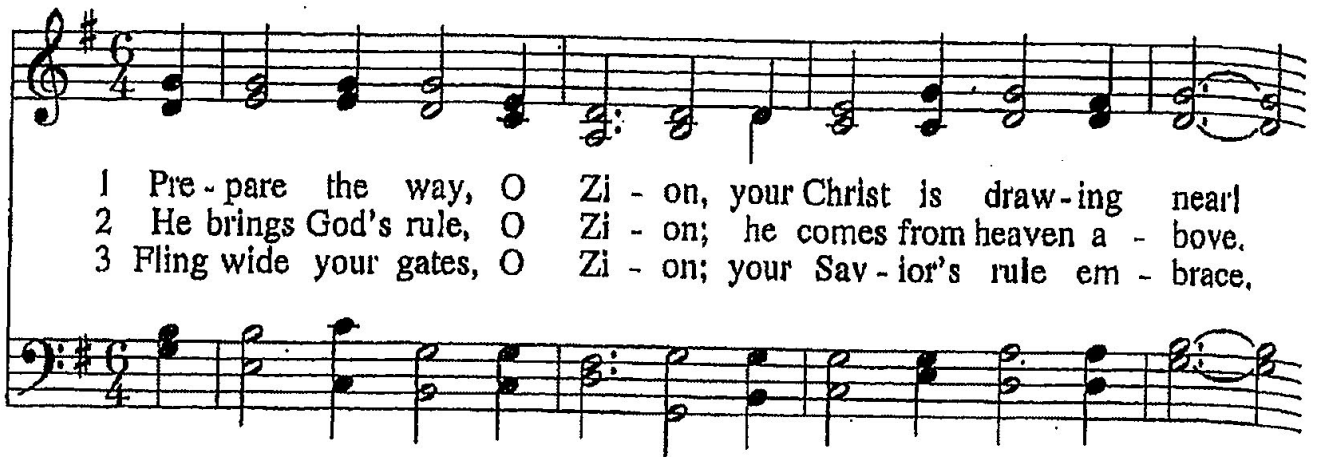
He is born, Christ is born.
"Hallelujah!" to Him we will sing.
He is born, Christ is born.
We will bow down and worship the King.

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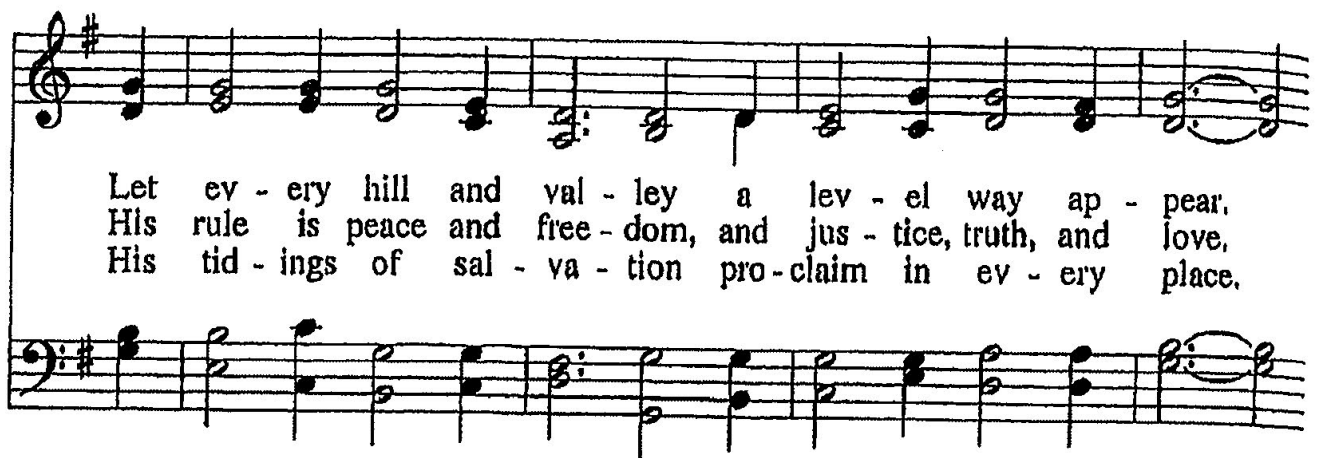
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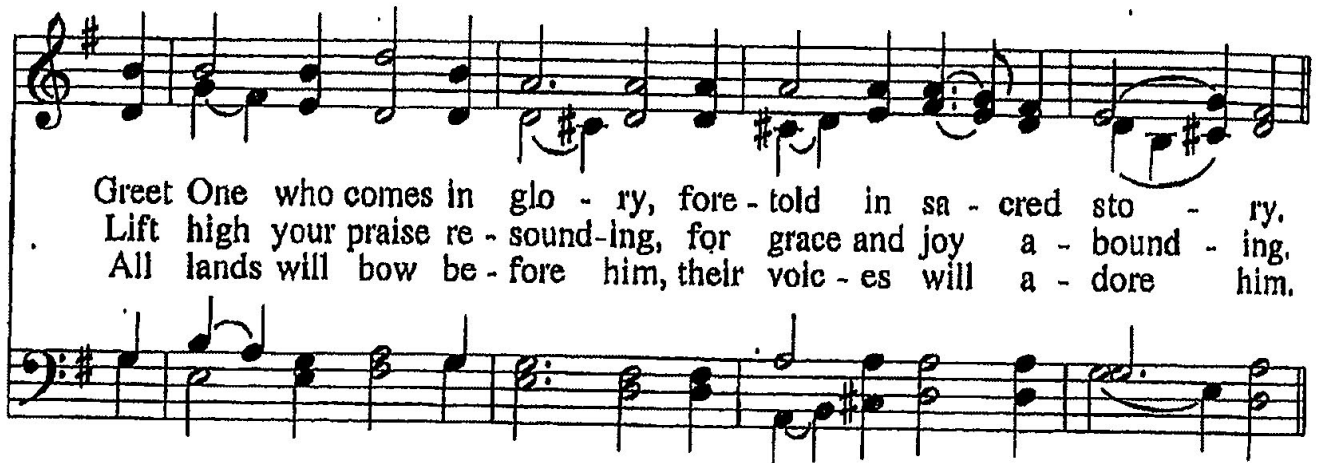
Prepare the Way, O Zion



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear,
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love,
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.



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PM

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6 to 7 pm

Prelude

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*Hymns of Praise & Adoration

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Long Ago, Prophets Knew (page 13)

Come Messiah King (page 14)

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1. Joy Re-lived

2. Joy Anticipated

Conclusion

O Worship the King

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

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

fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and
 wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, and dark is His path on the
 ten - der, how firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fen - der, Re -

gird - ed with praise.
 wings of the storm.
 deem - er and Friend.

Chorus

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

lone be all ma - jes - ty. Your glo - ries and won - ders, what

tongue can re - cite? You breathe in the air, You

shine in the light.

Long Ago, Prophets Knew

"In Bethlehem in Judea, . . . for this is what the prophet has written." Mt. 2:5

Unison

1. Long a - go, proph-ets knew Christ would come,
2. God in time, God in man, this is God's
3. Ma - ry, hail! Though a - fraid, she be - lieved,
4. Jour-ney ends! Where a - far Beth-lehem shines,

born a Jew, come to make all things new, bear his peo-ple's bur - den,
 time-less plan: he will come, as a man, born him-self of wom - an,
 she o-beyed. In her womb, God is laid till the time ex-pect - ed,
 like a star, sta-ble door stands a - jar: un-born Son of Ma - ry,

Refrain

free - ly love and par - don. Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing,
 God di - vine - ly hu - man. Sing, choirs, sing,
 nur - tured and pro - tect - ed.
 Sav - ior, do not tar - ry!

sing, sing! When he comes, when he comes, who will make him wel - come?
 (last verse) we will make him wel - come!

(8ba) loco

Come Messiah King

C Dm7 E/C F

Come, O come, Mes - si - ah King, Prom - ised

3 C/G Am Dm7 G7 C Dm7

Son, sent to re - deem us one by one, so we may

6 C/E F C/G F C/G G7 C

tell the won - ders of your match - less love Em - man - u - el

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Hymn of Response (PM)

The King Shall Come

ADVENT

*Words: Unknown author. Translated by John Brownlie, 1907.
Music and Setting: 'Consolation' or 'Morning Song' John Wyeth, 1813.
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1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns, And light tri - um - phant breaks;
2. Not as of old a lit - tle child To bear, and fight, and die,
3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns, And eāth's dark night is past;
4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By wea - ry saints fore - told,
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns, And light and beaut - y brings;

When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills, And life to joy a - wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
O haste the ris - ing of that morn, The day that aye shall last.
When right shall tri - umph ov - er wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
Hail! Christ the Lord; Thy peo - ple pray. Come quick - ly, King of kings.

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Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph

I love country songs, partly because they often tell a story. Brad Paisley's country song *He Didn't Have to Be* tells the story of a single mother who is hoping for a remarriage but potential suitors are put off by the fact that she has a little son. The little boy cannot do anything but watch helplessly as each hope for happiness gets dashed by suitor after suitor. Finally, a gentleman graciously asks the mother to bring along the boy to their date. That gives birth to a bond of love and appreciation between him and the boy, which leads to the man becoming the boy's stepfather. The boy grows up well in the love of and acceptance by his stepfather. In time to come, the boy himself gets married. As he looks at his newborn, he prays that he will be able to be at least half the dad that his stepfather was even though he "didn't have to be". He could have backed away like the other suitors, but he chose to be the boy's father and to love him. He chose to be what he did not have to be.

This song reminds me of Joseph of Nazareth—the silent and almost invisible central character in the Christmas story. He also made a choice that "didn't have to be". He could have backed away from his marriage to Mary. Instead, he undertook willingly and obediently what could arguably have been the most impossible task in the universe (Matt. 1:24-25)—to be the "stepfather" of the Son of God. He was obedient, at a great personal cost, choosing to be what he did not have to be. As a result of Joseph's obedience, the Son of God was born in Bethlehem, as prophesied in Micah 5:2, and God's plan for the salvation of humankind was fulfilled.

The call to participate in God's work must not be seen as a burden. Instead, it must be accepted with the total submission that God expects and deserves from His children.

Bible Readings & Prayer Points

Monday

Read Psalm 96:1-2. Why should you sing praises to God in your life?

May God continue to grant our Sunday School teachers the wisdom and ability to teach and guide their students with love and care.

Tuesday

Read Psalm 96:3-4. Remember a time when God did a marvelous deed in your life? How did you respond?

Pray for those who serve God by translating the Bible into many languages so that the gospel can reach all tribes and nations. May God protect and empower them to do their work effectively.

Wednesday

Read Psalm 96:5-6. What is one idol that you are susceptible to and how can you resist the temptation to follow it?

Pray that our church members will be able to reach out to non-believers to share the gospel with them powerfully.

Thursday

Read Psalm 96:7-8. In your life, what are some things that you should ascribe to the Lord for?

Give thanks for those serving in the Visitation ministry. May God continue to empower them to show love and care to those whom they visit.

Friday

Read Psalm 96:9-10. What does it mean to say that God reigns in your life?

Give thanks for those who are providing care for their parents or grandparents. May God continue to give them the wisdom and ability to provide such care.

Saturday

Read Psalm 96:11-13. How can you live a righteous and faithful life?

Pray for those who are facing difficulties in parenting their children. May God guide them in providing care for their children.

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sun 17	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 19	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
Wed 20	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	MR1
Thu 21	7.30 pm	Lessons & Carols Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat 23	9.00 am	Candlelight Service Rehearsal	Chapel

TITHES & OFFERINGS ORPC English Congregation

(1) CHEQUE or CASHIER'S ORDER

Please make this payable to "Orchard Road Presbyterian Church"
and mail to: No. 3 Orchard Road Singapore 238825

(2) INTERBANK TRANSFER

Beneficiary: Orchard Rd Presbyterian Church – Giro Offering
Bank: UOB/7375/001 Account No: 450-312-122-5

(3) PAYNOW/PAYLAH

UEN No.: S90CC0750JGRO

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(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>10.12.2023</u>	RECEIVED TO <u>10.12.2023</u>	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,730,769.23	\$1,652,094.73	(\$78,674.50)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$240,384.62	\$291,272.60	\$50,887.98
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,971,153.85	\$1,943,367.33	(\$27,786.52)

PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	17 Dec	24 Dec Lessons & Carols	25 Dec Christmas Day
Sermon Title	3 rd Sunday of Advent	4 th Sunday of Advent	Jesus the Prince of Peace
Scripture Ref	Psalms 126	Psalms 96	
Preacher	Pr Ho Wei Liang	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Worship Leader	Eld Dr Tang Yew Chung <i>Dcn Benjamin Ong</i>	Eld Gabriel Tan -	Eld Neo Kian Hong -
Pastoral Prayer	Pr Ho Wei Liang	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan
Musicians	Lisa Ong Aubert Saragi Shannon Chia <i>Aubert Saragi</i>	Eunice Tang Dr Noah Lim Aubert Saragi -	Lisa Ong
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Team A Veronica Song <i>Team E</i> <i>Eld Winston Choo</i>	Team B Jimmy Tan -	Team C Kenneth Koh -
Greeters	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 -	Ps Casurine Low Eld Dr Tang Yew Chung -
AV Duty Roster	Andrew Loh Delia Chan Dcn Mazmur The <i>Eelson 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>	Eelson Chan Juniarto Hadiatmadja Patrick Chow -

Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

- *Worship in the Sanctuary*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION SUNDAY (TODAY)

Today is Mission Sunday. To support our mission efforts, please use the electronic means shown on page 18.

EP EXPRESS ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

the Presbyterian Express team presents to you a series of Advent Daily Devotionals contributed by various EP churches. You may access them here

<https://www.presbyterianexpress.org/post/ep-express-advent-devotionals-23-week-2>

May God's word speak to us afresh about Jesus, the Word made flesh!

OUTDOOR CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 10PM & COMBINED COMMUNION SERVICE 11PM (24 DEC)

All are welcome to join. For your information, bag checks will be conducted by security personnel before attendees enter the church compound for the services. For security reasons and crowd management purposes, attendees are encouraged to keep belongings light. Please do not bring large bags or luggage etc.

BREAKFAST CORNER CLOSED ON 24, 25 & 31 DEC

Breakfast corner will not be open on 24, 25 and 31 Dec. Please see the flyer.

SoCM 2024

The School of Christian Ministry (SoCM) classes in 2024 will be conducted on 4th Sundays by Rev Dr Clive Chin. The next class will be on 28 Jan 2024, from 11 am – 12.15 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome to join. More details will be available in Jan. Please see the flyer.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (3 JAN 2024)

Our next Congregational Prayer Meeting will be on Wed, 3 Jan, from 7.30 – 8.30 pm. It will be held both onsite (in the Sanctuary) and via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84569828879?pwd=aTQwemUwYXJmck9PRUFQYXZBa2wwUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 6982 8879

Passcode: 574837

This Prayer Meeting will focus on our significant project – the Alteration & Additions (A&A) Project.

ENGLISH PRESBYTERY JAPAN MISSIONS 2024

A series of 9 EPJM mission trips have been planned for 2024, with each mission trip lasting about 10 days. Please prayerfully consider signing up as we join our larger EP family in reaching Japan with the gospel. You may also join the EPJM prayer meetings every 4th Tuesday of each month from 7.30 - 9.00 pm at All Saints Presbyterian Church. For more details, please refer to the flyer.

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

Jethro, Amy and Acacia praise God for His manifold 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 12 – 19 Dec.

Pr Herna Kong 5 – 22 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 Eve

Combined Communion Service

Conducted in
English, Mandarin,
Bahasa Indonesia
& German

Orchard Road
Presbyterian Church

24 December 2023
11pm



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





**OUR BREAKFAST
SERVICE
WILL BE**

CLOSED

ON

CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRISTMAS DAY

NEW YEAR'S EVE

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.