



7 January 2024

AM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Inter-Generational Sunday
& Leadership Sunday

9 to 10.30 am

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP GOD

Entry of the Word

Prelude

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise & Adoration** May The Peoples Praise You/Blessed Assurance
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WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Deacons' Installation & Leaders' Dedication

***Hymn of Prayer** My Heart Is Filled (page 8)

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem Holy Is He (page 9)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1-7
Worship Leader: This is the word of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rock in the Wilderness

***Hymn of Response**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (page 10)

WE SERVE GOD IN HIS WORLD

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

Postlude

*Congregation to stand

The Rock in the Wilderness

Exodus 17:1-7

Introduction: What does the Bible say about the Christian life in this world?

1. Life in the wilderness

2. The Rock in the wilderness

Conclusion

May the Peoples Praise You

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,
Stuart Townend, Ed Cash, and David Zimmer

C F C

▶ 1. You have called us out of dark - est night in - to Your glor - ious light, that
 ▶ 2. May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our strife with
 ▶ 3. All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each har - vest is Your own, and
 ▶ 4. May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not heard. May
 ▶ 5. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your Name to

F Am G F C

we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ. May the
 bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less life.
 from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.
 songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and tongue Your church pro - claim.

Chorus %

F Am G F C G F A G/B

peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be glad. All Your bless - ing comes that

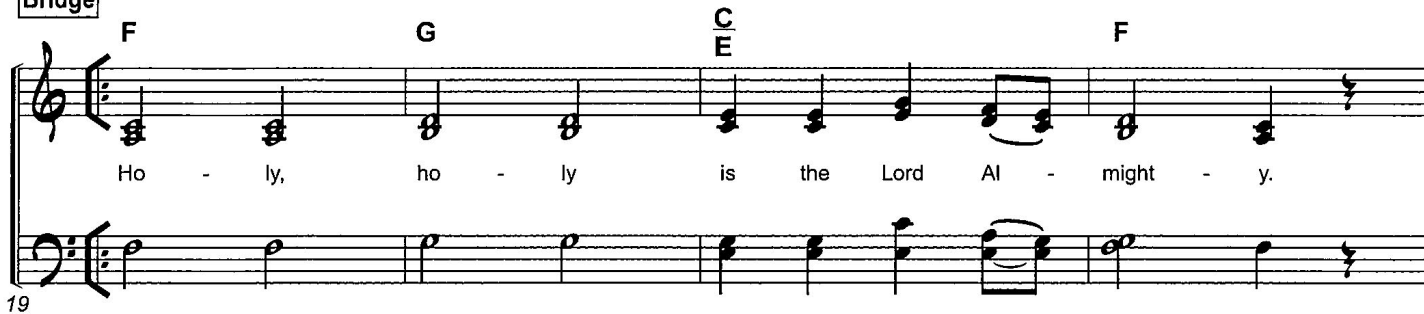
C Cma⁹ E F C E F C E G C Fine

we may praise, may praise the name of Je - - - sus.

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Bridge

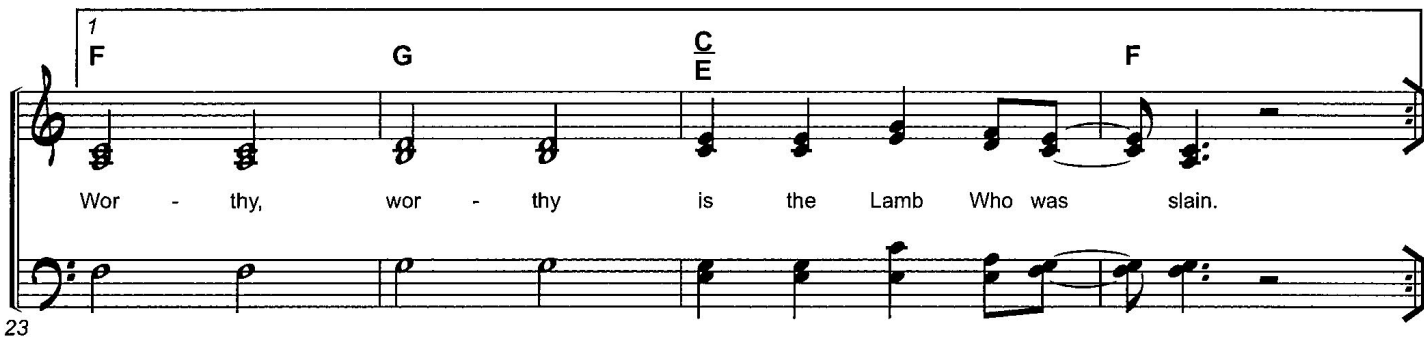
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F G C/E F

Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.

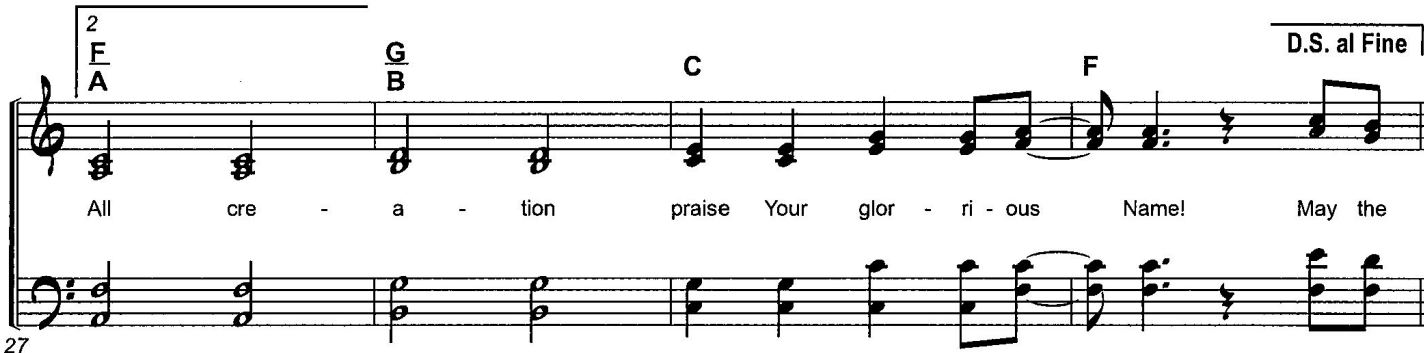
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1 F G C/E F

Wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lamb Who was slain.

27



2 E/A G/B C F D.S. al Fine

All cre - a - tion praise Your glor - ri - ous Name! May the

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Blessed Assurance

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

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

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

Descant

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

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

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



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



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



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My Heart is Filled

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

A⁷ D A/C# Bm⁷ G D/F# Bm⁷ Gadd⁹ A⁷ D A/C#

1. My_ heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain; Who plumbed the depths of
 heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side; Who floods my weak-ness
 heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove; Whose wis - dom is my

6 Bm⁷ G D/F# Gma⁷ Asus A D A/C# Bm D/A G A⁷ Bm⁷ Bm⁷/A

my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain; Who crushed my curse of sin-ful - ness and
 es with strength and caus-es fears to fly; Whose ev - 'ry prom-ise is e - nough for
 per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love. For_ ev - 'ry day I have on earth is

11 G D/F# Gma⁷ Asus A A⁷ D A/C# Bm⁷ G

clothed me in His light, and_ wrote His law of right - eous - ness with
 ev - 'ry step I take; Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and
 gi - ven by the King. So_ I will give my life, my all, to

15 D/F# Gma⁷ A D Fine Bm Gma⁷ Em⁷ Asus A⁷

pow'r u - pon my heart.
 crown - ing me with grace. 2. My_
 love and fol - low Him. 3. My_

Anthem (AM)

Holy Is He

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Refrain

Holy is He and great is His glory.
Holy is He and worthy of all praise.
I stand in His presence amazed,
And crown Him with worship and praise!
Holy is He.

Who pardons my iniquities, Who heals me from within?
Who lifts my fallen life and sets me on my feet again?
Who leads me like a shepherd when I've gone astray?
My Lord, my God, my Jesus,
The One I praise today! (Refrain)

Who hears me in my loneliness, Who finds me where I hide?
Who knocks outside my broken heart 'til I let Him inside?
Whose life deserves the honour laid before His throne?
My Lord, my God, my Jesus,
My Saviour and my own! (Refrain)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy is He. Amen!

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

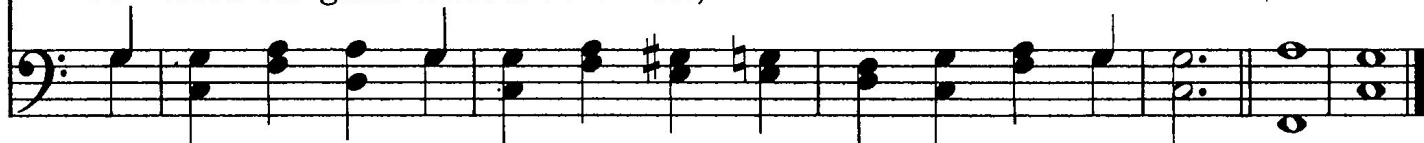
Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1



1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Bears all its sons a - way;
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home!
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
They fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the op - 'ning day.
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal home. A - men.



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PM

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6 to 7 pm

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INTRO



VERSE



1. You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to Your glo - rious
 (2. May our) ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our
 (3. All the) earth is Yours and all with - in, each har - vest is Your
 (4. May the) seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not
 (5. This our) ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your



light, that we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ. 2. May our life. May the
 strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less Word.
 own, and from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known. 4. May the claim.
 heard, may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your
 Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe and tongue Your church pro

CHORUS 1a



peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be glad! All Your bless - ing comes that we may

INSTRUMENTAL



praise, may praise the Name of Je - sus.

BRIDGE



3. All the Je - - sus. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al -
 5. This our Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al -

37 $E\flat$ $E\flat/G$ F/A $B\flat$ $Cm7$ $B\flat$

might - y. Wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain. praise Your glo - ri - ous
might - y. All cre - a - tion

CHORUS 1b

43 $E\flat$ *N.C.* $E\flat$ $B\flat/D$ $B\flat$ Gm F $E\flat$ $B\flat$ F $E\flat/G$ F/A

Name. May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be glad! All Your bless - ing comes that

CHORUS 1a

49 $B\flat$ $B\flat/D$ $E\flat$ $B\flat/D$ F $B\flat$ $E\flat$ Gm F

we may praise, may praise the Name of Je - sus. May the peo - ples praise You, let the

55 $E\flat$ $B\flat$ F $E\flat/G$ F/A $B\flat$ $B\flat/D$ $E\flat$ $B\flat/D$

na - tions be glad! All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of

ENDING

61 F $B\flat$ F/A $Gm7$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ F/A $Gm7$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$

Je - - sus.

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Blessed Assurance

Words by FANNY J. CROSBY
 Music by PHOEBE PALMER KNAPP
 Arranged by Wade McNeal and Gardner Pippin

E \flat Gm F sus E \flat Gm

mp Keys diamonds, Synth
 Ac. strum

VERSE 1, 2 2nd X - Sn. on 4

F sus B \flat *mp-mf* E \flat B \flat

7 1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a
 (2. Per - fect sub) - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of

Gm E \flat F sus B \flat E \flat

12 fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight: An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a -

B \flat Cm F sus B \flat

16 God, Borne of His Spir - it, washed in His blood. This is my
 bove Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.

CHORUS 1, 2 1st X - Add Elec. & Perc.

B \flat *mf-f* Cm B \flat / D Gm E \flat F

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

F/A Gm E \flat B \flat / D Cm F sus

25 This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day

TURN *f* 1st X - Full Band

E \flat Gm F sus

29 long.

Elec.

E \flat Gm F sus 1 2

2. Per - fect sub - 3. Per - fect sub -

Blessed Assurance - Lead Sheet - 2 of 2

38 $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ Gm $E\flat$ $Fsus$
 mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest;

43 $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$
 Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, Filled with His

47 Cm $Fsus$ $B\flat$ **CHORUS 3** $B\flat$ Cm $B\flat/D$ Gm
 good - ness, lost in His love. *f* This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my

52 $E\flat$ F F/A Gm $E\flat$ $B\flat/D$
 Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my

57 Cm $Fsus$ $B\flat$ **CHORUS 4** $B\flat$ Cm
 Sav - ior all the day long. This is my sto - ry, this is my

61 $B\flat/D$ Gm $E\flat$ F F/A
 song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my

65 Gm $E\flat$ $B\flat/D$ Cm $Fsus$ Gm F/A
 sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long,

69 $B\flat$ Cm $B\flat/D$ $E\flat$ $Fsus$ $E\flat$ Gm **OUTRO**
 Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long. *Elec.*

74 $Fsus$ $E\flat$ Gm $Fsus$ $B\flat$

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Hymn of Response (PM)

Goodness Of God (based on the recording by Jenn Johnson)

Words and Music by
Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram,
Ben Fielding and Brian Johnson

VERSE

A \flat

D \flat

1. I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mer - cy nev - er fails
(2. I love Your voice.) You have led me through the fi -

3

A \flat

E \flat /G

Fm⁷

D \flat

me. All my days I've been held in Your hands.
- re. In dark - est night, You are close like no oth -

5

E \flat (4)

Fm⁷

D \flat

- er. From the mo - ment that I wake up un - til I lay
I've known You as a fa - ther, I've known You as

7

A \flat

E \flat /G Fm⁷

D \flat

E \flat (4)

A \flat

my head, I will sing of the good - ness of God.
a friend. I have lived in the good - ness of God.

CHORUS

10

D \flat^2

A \flat

D \flat^2

All my life You have been faith - ful. All my life You have been so,

13

A \flat

E $\flat^{(4)}$

D \flat^2

A \flat

E \flat /G Fm 7

so good. With ev-'ry breath that I am a - ble I will sing

16

D \flat^2

Last time to Coda ⊕
E $\flat^{(4)}$

1.
A \flat

2.
A \flat

of the good - ness of God. 2. I love Your voice.

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One Story, Two Perspectives

A famous author sat in his study, took out his pen and started writing:

"Last year, I had surgery to remove my gallstones. I had to lie in bed for a long time. In the same year, I turned 60 and entered retirement age. I left the job that I really enjoyed doing, at a company that I had worked for 35 years. That same year, I was left behind by my beloved father. Then, still in the same year, my son failed his final medical exam because of a car accident. Repair costs for car damage were at their peak at that time. What a terrible year!"

His wife happened to walk into the room. She found her husband sad and pensive. From behind, she read what he had written. She backed away slowly and left the room.

Fifteen minutes later, she returned and placed on her husband's desk, a sheet of paper with the following written on it:

"Last year, my husband finally managed to get rid of his gallstones that had been hurting him for years. In that same year, I was grateful he was able to retire healthy and happy. I thank God that he had a job to draw an income for 35 years to support our family. Now, my husband can spend more time writing, which has been his passion for a long time. In the same year, my 95-year-old father-in-law without any illness went home to be with the Lord, in peace and bliss. Then, still in the same year, God protected my child from a terrible car accident. Our car was seriously damaged but my child survived without the slightest injury. Last year was a year of abundant blessings from God, and we went through it with great amazement and gratitude."

On reading what she had written, the famous author smiled, warm tears flowing down his cheeks; he was grateful for the different perspective on every event he went through the year before. The different perspective cheered him up.

Brothers and sisters, we must realise that it is not happiness that makes us grateful but it is completely the other way around; it is gratitude that makes us happy. The apostle Paul exhorts us to "*give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus*" (1 Thess. 5:18). Let us then, see life's events from a grateful positive perspective rather than a bitter negative one.

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses." ~ Abraham Lincoln ~

Bible Readings & Prayer Points

Bible Readings (Exodus 17)

Read Exodus 17:1-7 and 1 Corinthians 10:1-4.

- How were the Israelites' grumblings in essence a grumbling against God?
- Were there times we too have grumbled against God and not trusted in his provision, protection, and his abiding presence?
- How has God been gracious to you in spite of our disbelief? How can you prevent falling into disbelief again?

Read Exodus 17:8-16.

- What does the victory of God's people depend on?
- How have you been weak in praying? How can we pray with others more this year?
- Why is it important for us to remember and honour God for his answers to our prayers?

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the elders, deacons, and pastors in our church and pray for them as they continue to rely on God for wisdom and strength in service.
- Pray for timely relief to reach those affected in recent disaster areas of Japan and Australia.
- Pray for increased participation in our church monthly prayer meetings as we come together to seek God's provision for our common needs and God's direction for our proposed Addition & Alteration (A&A) project.
- Pray for our growth as a community of disciples, that we may be a Christ-centred community seeking to know Christ deeper and make him known.

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sun 7	9.00 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
	9.00 am	Sunday School	Dunman Building
	11.00 am	Youth Orientation	Chapel, Quarters
	4.00 pm	Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall A
	6.00 pm	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tues 9	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
Wed 10	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	MR1
	7.30 pm	Board of Management Meeting	DB6
Thu 11	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall, SHK, SR2, Sanctuary
Fri 12	7.30 pm	P&LD Meeting	Online
Sat 13	1.30 pm	Leaders' Equipping & Training	SHK

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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SCAN TO PAY



(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>31.12.2023</u>	RECEIVED TO <u>31.12.2023</u>	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,764,075.41	(\$35,924.59)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$307,097.70	\$57,097.70
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$2,050,000.00	\$2,071,173.11	\$21,173.11

PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	7 Jan	14 Jan	21 Jan
	Leadership Sunday & Inter-Generational Sunday	Holy Communion Sunday	Mission Sunday
Sermon Title	The Rock in the Wilderness	Overcoming Idolatry	The God Who Redeems
Scripture Reference	Exodus 17:1-7	Exodus 18-19	Exodus 12
Preacher	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Edward Goh
Worship Leader	Eld Alvin Ooi Eld Lim Ee Tuo	Dcn Li-Ki Khaw Dcn Timothy Song	Eld Neo Kian Hong Dcn Alicia Yeo
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Edward Goh
Scripture Reader	Kane Koh Charisse Chan		
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan
Musicians	Lisa Ong Dorothy Lie Hannah Leong Natalie Chu	Eunice Tang Dr Noah Lim Meyliana Tjoe Juanita Lestari Andrew Loh	Eunice Tang Hannah Leong
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Team A Veronica Song Team F Ang Eng Joo	Team B Jimmy Tan Team H Dcn Alicia Yeo	Team C Kenneth Koh Team D Ivy Ang
Greeters	Pr Tan Hui Ru Eld Gabriel Tan Ps Casurine Low Pr Ho Wei Liang	Pr Ho Wei Liang Eld Neo Kian Hong Pr Herna Kong Eld Paul Johnson	Pr Tan Hui Ru Dcn Debbie Seah Pr Ho Wei Liang Eld Alvin Ooi
AV Duty Roster	Andrew Loh Delia Chan Dcn Mazmur The Eelson Chan Jane Tham Eld Paul Johnson	Donald Lim Jabez Selvarajan Selvarajan Rengasamy Huang Junxiong Dcn Mazmur The	Eelson Chan Juniarto Hadiatmadja Patrick Chow Davendran Arumugam Nestor Magkawas

Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	7 Jan	14 Jan	21 Jan
Sermon Title			The God Who Redeems
Scripture Reference			Exodus 12
Preacher			Pr Ho Wei Liang
Scripture Reader			Natalie Chu
Worship Leader			Isaiah Tang
Musicians	Worship in the Sanctuary	Worship in the Sanctuary	James The Joel Chua Darryl Yap Darilyn Yap Kaira Tang Marie Tan Miguel Carlos G. Templonuevo Jabez Ong
Ushers Team			
AV Duty Roster			

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF DEACONS & LEADERSHIP DEDICATION (TODAY)

Dcn Liow Koh Chuan is serving his second term while Mr Benjamin Goh Seng Chuan will be installed as a deacon. Their term of service is from 1 Jan 2024 to 31 Dec 2026. We are also having our annual Leadership Dedication during the morning service today. Let us uphold our leaders in prayer.

ADDITION & ALTERATION (A&A) INFORMATION BOOKLET

An information booklet with more detailed information on the A&A project has been prepared and is available from the ushers.

2024 ORPC OVERVIEW CARDS

Please collect the 2024 ORPC Overview cards from the ushers if you have not done so. The Overview gives information about ORPC's direction for 2024 and our calendar of key events for the year.

EXTRAORDINARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – ADDITION & ALTERATION (A&A) PROJECT (21 JAN)

An Extraordinary Congregational Meeting (ECM) will be held on Sunday, 21 January 2024 (after the morning and evening services) for the purpose of voting on a resolution to approve the addition and alteration (“A&A”) project as detailed in the Notice of Meeting including the Appendix A which sets out the scope of the project.

All members are encouraged to attend the ECM. Please bring your NRIC for verification and registration purposes on that day. Registration tables for the ECM will be set up just outside the sanctuary before worship services. The ECM proceedings will commence immediately after the worship service.

If you are *unable* to attend, please authorise another member as *proxy* to vote on your behalf. You may download a Proxy Form here (ORPC website link) or collect a copy from the ushers or from Dunman Hall. Your proxy must bring the duly completed Form with him/her to the ECM for your vote to be counted. One member per proxy form.

SoCM ADULT SUNDAY CLASS—DEFENDING THE FAITH: TRUTH AND FAITH (28 JAN)

The class will be conducted by Rev Dr Clive Chin from 11 am – 12.15 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. Please see the flyer for more details.

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

Doris Lim: 'We always thank God for his love.'

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

If you have changed your personal particulars recently, or you have queries regarding church events/ministries, please email Ping at orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg or contact the church office (Mon to Fri).

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS: JAN - MAR 2024

Sun 7 Jan	9 am	Installation of Deacons & Leadership Dedication
Sun 21 Jan	9 am & 6 pm	ECM – A&A Project
Wed 7 Feb	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]
Wed 6 Mar	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]
Sun 24 Mar	9 am & 6 pm	Palm Sunday Services
Fri 29 Mar	9 am	Good Friday Service
Sun 31 Mar	9 am & 6 pm	Easter Sunday Services



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(Updated as of 1 January 2024)

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Let us uphold and encourage our church leaders with our constant prayers and support.

Approved



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Notice of Extraordinary Congregational Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Congregational Meeting of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church (“**ORPC**”) will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, 21st January 2024 immediately following the morning and evening services for the purpose of considering and, if considered appropriate, passing the following resolution:

That the congregation of ORPC approves the addition and alteration (“**A&A**”) project substantially in the form as attached hereto as **Appendix A** and grants a mandate to the Session to undertake the project, which includes the following:

- a. Appointing consultants to conduct preliminary feasibility studies, application to planning authorities at a cost not exceeding 10% of the total cost for the project.
- b. Calling of tender for builders and selection of contractors and other specialists.
- c. Authority to award construction contract based on competitive tender to the most appropriate bid by a reputable bidder providing the best overall value to the Church.
- d. Commence fund-raising effort in relation to this project including securing financial commitments from Providence Presbyterian Church.
- e. Sale of the Church property at No. 33 Holland Grove Drive Singapore 278873, with the net sales proceeds to be placed into the ORPC Redevelopment Fund.

By order of the Session of ORPC,
Elder Alvin Ooi
Session Clerk
1 January 2024

Notes:

1. Any ORPC member who is unable to attend the meeting due to illness, hospitalisation, overseas travel, etc. may appoint a proxy to attend the meeting and to vote on his/her behalf.
2. A proxy must be an ORPC member. He/she may act only once as a proxy for this meeting.
3. A form of proxy is attached with this notice.

APPENDIX A

PROPOSED ADDITION & ALTERATION WORKS AT NO.3 ORCHARD ROAD, SINGAPORE 238825.

SCOPE OF A&A WORK

1. Strengthening of main Sanctuary structure and carrying out certain conservation, repair and replacement works thereto.
2. Rebuilding of the former Tomlinson Hall (without basement).
3. Strengthen the rear slope with contiguous piled walls.
4. Reconstruction of existing "Dunman building" as a 5-storey block, with new building technology using composite light-weight structure / materials, retaining the current basement and structure and allowing for a new access (drop-off) from Fort Canning Road (subject to LTA approval).
5. Demolition of the present chapel may be required if strengthening works for the rear slope cannot be carried out from Fort Canning Road or by other more practical means.

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT

6. Total Project cost estimated at S\$43 million including circa S\$2 million budget for cost of temporary church sanctuary and office location for the duration of the construction period.

FUNDING PLANS FOR THE PROJECT

7. The provisional plans to fund the overall project are as follows:
 - a. Current accumulated surplus from ORPC Funds and Reserves.
 - b. Net Sales proceeds from sale of 33 Holland Grove Drive.
 - c. Contribution from Providence Presbyterian Church.
 - d. Balance to be raised by English & Indonesian congregation.

ESTIMATED DURATION OF PROJECT

8. Technical studies, planning, tenders and approval Phase - 18 months from date of congregational approval.
9. Construction and internal furnishing Phase - 24 months from award of contract.
10. This summary contains the pertinent aspects of the project and supersedes any previous written or oral presentation in relation to the matter dealt with in this mandate.



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Extraordinary Congregational Meeting (ECM)

Proxy Form

The Proxy below is hereby authorised to vote for the member below at the ECM of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church ("the Church") to be held on **Sunday, 21 January 2024**:

Name of Proxy : _____

Reason for Proxy: _____
(For example: Medical / Overseas / Work)

Name of Member: _____

Phone No.: _____ email: _____

Signature of Member: _____

Dated: _____

Note:

- 1) Proxy must be a member of the Church. This proxy form must be signed under the hand of the appointer.
- 2) Voting by proxy is subject to a maximum of one proxy per member i.e. one member can only bring one proxy form.
- 3) E-signatures are acceptable.

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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DEFENDING THE FAITH

Conducted by Rev. Dr. Clive Chin

28 January 2024 | 11 am to 12.15 pm
@ The Chapel

Truth and Faith

Have you ever pondered the universe's origins, life's purpose, or the true nature of truth? In a world rife with clashing opinions and shifting perspectives, can solid ground ever be found? For ages, these very questions have fueled human curiosity, and one answer that has stood the test of time is Christianity – which claims to possess the objective truth about God and about the way to God through Jesus Christ.

Christians hold that God made himself known through the historical figure of Jesus of Nazareth. This same Jesus claims to be “the truth” (John 14:6).

But in our modern world, truth can feel elusive. Relativism (or perspectivalism) whispers that truth is subjective. Agnosticism throws up its hands, declaring ultimate answers unreachable.

The nature and knowability of truth is crucial to the Christian faith. We believe truth must correspond to reality. What is truth according to the Bible?

Join us as we unpack the nature of faith and its relationship to the concept of truth according to the Bible. Dive into the critiques of relativism and agnosticism as barriers to truth. Discover how we can articulate and defend the Christian perspective with clarity and conviction.

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.