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TIMEN CONSUMER

22 September 2024 Building a Disciple-Making Church

9 to 10.30 am

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP GOD

Entry of the Word

Prelude

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise & Adoration Holy, Holy, Holy (page 5)

WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

*Hymn of Prayer Come, Holy Spirit (page 7)

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem My Dear Redeemer, Lord and King (page 8)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Exodus 40:17-38

Scripture Reader: This is the word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon God with Us

WE SERVE GOD IN HIS WORLD

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

*Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

^{*}Congregation to stand

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 40:17-38 NIV

¹⁷So the tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month in the second year. ¹⁸When Moses set up the tabernacle, he put the bases in place, erected the frames, inserted the crossbars and set up the posts. ¹⁹Then he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering over the tent, as the LORD commanded him.

- ²⁰ He took the tablets of the covenant law and placed them in the ark, attached the poles to the ark and put the atonement cover over it. ²¹ Then he brought the ark into the tabernacle and hung the shielding curtain and shielded the ark of the covenant law, as the LORD commanded him.
- ²² Moses placed the table in the tent of meeting on the north side of the tabernacle outside the curtain ²³ and set out the bread on it before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him.
- ²⁴ He placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle ²⁵ and set up the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him.
- ²⁶ Moses placed the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the curtain ²⁷ and burned fragrant incense on it, as the LORD commanded him.
- ²⁸ Then he put up the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle. ²⁹ He set the altar of burnt offering near the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, and offered on it burnt offerings and grain offerings, as the LORD commanded him.
- ³⁰ He placed the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing, ³¹ and Moses and Aaron and his sons used it to wash their hands and feet. ³² They washed whenever they entered the tent of meeting or approached the altar, as the LORD commanded Moses.
- ³³ Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work.
- Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
- ³⁶ In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; ³⁷ but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. ³⁸ So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels.

SERMON OUTLINE 22 SEP (AM)

God with Us
Exodus 40:17-38
Introduction: What is the significance of the completion of the Tabernacle?
1. It fulfils God's covenant promise
2. It points to Jesus
Conclusion

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty. Rev. 4:8

Text: Reginald Heber Music: John B. Dykes





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Text: Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither

Come, Holy Spirit
The law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8:2 Music: William J. Gaither wis - dom to chil-dren, Come as new sight to the 1. Come as a the Come as balm for the to wea -ry, a 2. Come as rest Come to the with-ered of the 3. Come like a spring in des - ert, weak - ness, Come, Lord, as strength to my blind, dry - ness: dew to my Come as a sore, let Your sweet heal - ing pow - er soul; Refrainbod - y and mind. Take me: soul, Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, I me with ev - er more. Fill joy Touch me and whole. make me Come in Your Come, sweet Spir - it, I need You, pray; Come in Your own gen-tle strength and Your pow-er, way.

Anthem (AM)

My Dear Redeemer, Lord and King

Words and Music by Orrin Hatch and Lowell Alexander.
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Conductor: Charly Lie

My dear Redeemer, Lord and King,

My trust in Thee is everything.

At morning or at eventide in Your arms I will abide.

My dear Redeemer, Lord and King,

My faith in Thee is all I bring,

For Your blood and my belief

Brings assurance of lasting peace.

My dear Redeemer, Lord and King,

My love for Thee is everything,

Thy faithful child I'll ever be

With thanks for grace that has made me free.

When evening comes and I am old,

When heav'n before me shines like gold,

With mountains scaled and battles won,

Eternity will have just begun.

My dear Redeemer, Lord and King,

My faith in Thee is all I bring,

Thy faithful child I'll ever be

With thanks for grace that has made me free.

We Come, O Christ, to You

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68



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6 to 7 pm

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Hymns of Praise & Adoration Holy, Holy, Holy (page 12)

Shout to the Lord (page 13)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Scripture Reading Exodus 40:17-38

Scripture Reader: This is the word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon God with Us

*Hymn of Response We Come, O Christ, to You (page 15)

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

*Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

Post-Service Discussion

^{*}Congregation to stand

SERMON OUTLINE 22 SEP (PM)

God with Us
Exodus 40:17-38
Introduction: What is the significance of the completion of the Tabernacle?
1. It fulfils God's covenant promise
2. It points to Jesus
Conclusion

Hymns of Praise & Adoration (PM)

Holy Holy Holy



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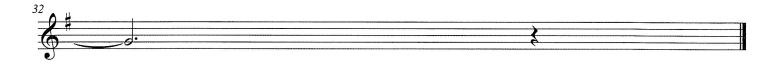
Shout To The Lord

(as published by Hillsong Music)

Words and Music by **Darlene Zschech**







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Growing in Spiritual Maturity

Most of us have heard such a statement, "They're just children, so they're easily swayed." This is because a child's thinking is shallow, as it is still developing and has yet to be developed sufficiently. Therefore, the child cannot make a wise judgement or decision. An adult, unlike a child, has a broader and deeper understanding so the adult is not so easily swayed.

This same principle applies to spiritual matters as well. Christians who are spiritually mature are not easily swayed either; they are not tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming (Ephesians 4:14).

Josiah was eight years old when he became king (2 Chronicles 34:1). He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and followed the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left (v.2). When he was twenty years old, he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of idols (vv. 3b-7). It was not easy to carry out a major spiritual reform. There were certainly opponents. However, Josiah succeeded because God was on his side.

We are glad if we have been Christians for a long time. However, what if our spiritual state is still like that of a child despite the long years? We only want to listen to sermons or teachings that are pleasing to the ear, such as those that emphasise physical or earthly blessings, physical healings or personal achievements. When the sermons or teachings rebuke us for our sins or seek to correct us of our ungodly actions, we get angry or upset. When we are going through a trial, we complain. What we want from God is only the crown but not the thorns, the way of the cross. If that describes us, according to the apostle Paul, we are still an infant who lives on milk and is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness (Hebrews 5:12-13).

Of course, spiritual maturity does not take place automatically or overnight. It requires the Christian to be intentional in developing spiritually and it requires time as it is a process. Therefore, we must be willing to discipline ourselves to take the time to study God's Word diligently and put His truths into practice. Let us do so then, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

Spiritual maturity is measured by how much our lives have been changed and renewed in Christ but not by how long we have been a Christian.

Read Acts 20:17-32

- Based on the passage, what are the sufferings that Paul has experienced and will face going forward in serving God?
- What motivates Paul to suffer so greatly for our Lord and how can we learn from him?
- How do we as a church protect ourselves from 'savage wolves' who try to harm us by distorting God's word?

Prayer Points

- Pray for those who will be taking part in school examinations soon or later in the year. May God calm their minds, help them in their preparation and always remind them of His love and care for them no matter the circumstances.
- Pray for those serving in the Congregation Care Ministry. May God continue to help them serve with love, compassion and empathy and may He provide abundantly for their needs.
- Today, countries in many parts of the world are experiencing either energy shortage or rising energy prices. Pray that the world will be able tap its available stockpiles and reserves to address the current problem. And as a long-term solution, pray for the world to be able to increase its production of affordable renewable energy.

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

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Sanctuary

DB: Dunman Basement; DH: Dunman Hall; SHK: Su Han Kuen Hall; MR: Meeting Room; SR: Study Room

(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 Bank Account No: 450-312-122-5

(3) PAYNOW/PAYLAH

UEN No.: S90CC0750JGRO

Orchard Rd Presbyterian Church - Giro Offering QR Code (Use your Bank App, Scan to pay)



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 CONTRIBUTIONS:

Please indicate the type of Giving, i.e.

"ENGLISH - GENERAL" or "ENGLISH - MISSION"

- (1) at the back of **Cheque** or
- (2) in "Comments" box for Interbank Transfer or

The Pledge Form may be accessed

Completed Pledge Forms should be sent to aafundraising@orpc.org.sg

here https://bit.ly/ORPCpledge

(3) in "Reference" box for PayNow

OUR OFFERING

OFFERING	TARGET <u>01.01.24 - 31.12.24</u>	TARGET TO 15.09.2024	RECEIVED TO 15.09.2024	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,280,769.23	\$1,226,467.36	(\$54,301.87)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$177,884.62	\$183,896.35	\$6,011.73
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,458,653.85	\$1,410,363.71	(\$48,290.14)

A&A FUNDRAISING

(1) BANK TRANSFER

Bank: UOB Singapore SWIFT Code: UOVBSGSG

Account Name: Orchard Road Presbyterian Church - A&A Project

Account No.: 773-347-101-1

(2) PAYNOW/PAYLAH

UEN No.: S90CC0750JAA1

Payee Name: Orchard Road Presbyterian Church - A&A Project

QR Code (Use your Bank App, Scan to pay)



A&A Fundraising Collection

Minimum target for Fundraising

\$10,000,000

\$1,028,960

Collection as of 15/9/2024

(3) CHEQUE or CASHIER'S ORDER

Payee Name: Orchard Road Presbyterian Church - A&A Project

Mailing Address: 3 Orchard Road, Singapore 238825

PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	22 Sep	29 Sep	6 Oct Inter-Generational Service
Sermon Title	God with Us	A Life Well Lived	The Joy of Partnership in
Semion fille	God Willi os	A Life Well Lived	Christ
Scripture Reference	Exodus 40:17-38	Acts 20:17-32	Philippians 1:1-11
Preacher	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Worship Leader	Eld Derrick Lee	Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong	Eld Neo Kian Hong
	Dcn Timothy Song	Dcn Liow Koh Chuan	Dcn Timothy Song
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Scripture Reader	Kristianne Magkawas	Laura Ang	Joshua Lim
	Japheth Ang	Evelyn Koh	
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan
Musicians	Pieter Verheul	Dr Evelyn Lim	Eunice Tang
	Lisa Ong	Aubert Saragi	Pieter Verheul
			Hannah Leong
			Natalie Chu
Ushers Team/	Team C	Team G	Team A
Leaders	Kenneth Koh	Tan Gek Khim	Veronica Song
	Team H	Team D	Team E
	Alicia Yeo	Ivy Ang	Eld Winston Choo
Greeters	Pr Lim Chung Wei	Pr Herna Kong	Rev Dr Edward Goh
	Dcn Benjamin Goh	Dcn Gan Keng Swee	Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong
	Pr Ho Wei Liang	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Pr Ho Wei Liang
	Dcn Mazmur The	Dcn Li-Ki Khaw	Dcn Li-Ki Khaw
AV Duty Roster	Donald Lim	Jabez Selvarajan	Jabez Selvarajan
	Jethro Cheung	Selvarajan Rengasamy	Selvarajan Rengasamy
	Winduputra Prasetijo	Dcn Mazmur The	Jabez Ong
	Davendran Arumugam	Geoff Holmes	Elson Chan
Pold Italian Evaning Sa	Nestor Magkawas		Jane Tham

Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	22 Sep	29 Sep	6 Oct
Sermon Title	God's Indwelling Glory at the Tabernacle's Completion		
Scripture Reference	Exodus 40:17-38		
Preacher	Rev Dr Edward Goh		
Scripture Reader	Samuel Neo		
Worship Leader	Lim Yan Di		
Musicians	Joel Chua Michelle C. Shalomita	Worship in the Sanctuary	Worship in the Sanctuary
Announcements	Pr Ho Wei Liang		
Ushers Team	Kaira Tang Chloe Tjahjono		
AV Duty Roster	Marie Tan, Jabez Ong, Miguel Carlos G. Templonuevo		

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCM CLASS—A BIBLICAL-THEOLOGICAL RESPONSE TO HOMOSEXUALITY (TODAY)

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.

A&A PROJECT UPDATE AND PLEDGE FORM TABLE (TODAY)

There will be an update on the fundraising status today.

A pledge form table has been set up as an additional physical touchpoint to online ones. For members who have questions regarding pledge forms or fundraising, please visit our table outside the Sanctuary main entrance after service today where you can pick up A&A information booklet, have your questions answered by our fundraising committee and submit pledge forms.

Please see the bulletin insert for the latest update on the A&A Project.

OCTOBER CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (2 OCT)

Our next prayer meeting will be on Wednesday, 2 Oct, 7.30 – 8.30 pm, in Dunman Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

PRE-AM SERVICE PRAYER TIME

On Sundays, 6 and 13 Oct, we shall have a short prayer time at 8.40 am sharp before the church service. Rev Clive (6 Oct) and Rev Edward (13 Oct) will share a few prayer points. All are welcome to join in prayer in small groups of 3 or 4 wherever you are seated in the Sanctuary.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS (FROM 26 OCT)

The membership class will be on 4 Saturdays, 26 Oct, 2, 9, 16 Nov, 4 – 6 pm. The classes will be held on-site in DB6 (Dunman Basement, Room 6). Regular worshippers who are deciding to become Communicant Members of ORPC by baptism, confirmation or transfer are encouraged to join the class. Membership Service(s) will be on Sunday, 1 Dec 2024.

- Register via the QR code here or <u>http://chms.orpc.org.sg/equipping/registration/69/public</u>
- 2. Download the relevant form from https://orpc.sg/forms/membershipforms/
- 3. Submit your form to orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg
 The closing date for application is Sun, 6 Oct.



NOMINATION & ELECTION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS (17 NOV)

Session is calling for an Extraordinary Congregational Meeting for the election of Elders and Deacons to be held on Sunday, 17 Nov 2024. Please prayerfully consider suitable candidates for nomination by the closing date, 29 Sep 2024. More details on the criteria and process may be found in the insert or via this link https://orpc.sg/nomination-election-of-elders-and-deacons-4/

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.

FLOWER OFFERING

Meyliana and Handoko give thanks to God for His guidance and blessings for the family.

Paul and Valerie thank God for His abundant blessings upon their 18 years of marriage.

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: SEP - DEC 2024			
Sun 22 Sep	3 pm	Biblical Parenting Class, Part 2 [Online]	
Wed 2 Oct	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]	
Sat 26 Oct	4 pm	Membership Class 26 Oct – 16 Nov [DB6]	
Sun 27 Oct	9 am & 6 pm	ORPC 168th Anniversary & 507th Anniversary of Reformation	
Sun 3 Nov	9 am & 6 pm	Infant Baptism	
Wed 6 Nov	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]	
Sat 9 Nov	11 am	Congregational Thanksgiving Lunch	
Sun 17 Nov	9 am & 6 pm	ECM – Election of Elders & Deacons	
Sat 30 Nov	10 am	Annual Ministry Meeting (AMM) [Dunman Hall]	
Sun 1 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	First Sunday of Advent Membership Sunday	
Wed 4 Dec	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]	
Sun 8 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	Second Sunday of Advent	
Sun 15 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	Third Sunday of Advent	
Tue 17 Dec –	Fri 20 Dec	Youth Camp	
Sun 22 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent Lessons & Carols	
Tue 24 Dec	10 pm 11 pm	Candlelight Service Combined Christmas Eve Communion Service	
Wed 25 Dec	10 am	Christmas Day Service	
Tue 31 Dec	9 pm	Year-End Service	



Latest updates on ORPC Alteration & Additions (A&A) Project September 2024

Building a Disciple Making Church
Our Legacy of Faith for Future Generations

In August, we shared a big milestone for our A&A project - the official launch of our fund-raising activity, and the opening of the bank account. The details can now be found on the pews and pledge forms are available online: https://bit.ly/ORPCpledge. If you require physical copies, they can be collected from the ushers.

At the ECM on 21 January 2024, the congregation of ORPC granted a new mandate to the session to begin the process of A&A works, which included the appointment of a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) for the design and management of the A&A project.

In this update, we share the latest on this process.

1. Appointment of Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) for design and management of the A&A project:

We have successfully conducted a design competition in June 2024 to get the best ideas for the ORPC site. All five architect firms invited to participate have submitted their proposal as of 28 June 2024.

An 11-member jury panel consisting of Pastoral staff, leaders of ORPC and PPC, and members of the A&A Technical Team have evaluated the various proposals and forwarded their findings to the Session for a final decision.

The evaluation process focused on the following 5 main areas:

- Experience and responsiveness of the MDT team in handling a project of our complexity, scale and size
- 2. Design approach to meeting our need for more space/meeting rooms
- 3. Design compatibility with the Sanctuary Building and surrounding areas
- 4. Potential for future expansion
- 5. Cost effectiveness

A presentation by the leading MDT was held for leaders of both ORPC and PPC on 6 August, 2024, where attendees were able to interact and clarify questions with the MDT team members. Following this meeting, a special Session meeting was held on 21 August, 2024, and we are pleased to inform that Session has approved the



appointment of Messrs Formwerkz Architects LLP to undertake the full design and management of the project, including making the necessary submissions to the relevant authorities for the A&A project.

This MDT is currently working on conservation and rejuvenation projects in Singapore such as Clarke Quay (2024), the Malay Heritage Centre (2025) and the current rejuvenation of NAFA (2026), and has previously undertaken technically challenging sites around the Dhoby Ghaut area such as the Cathay Building (2006) and The Luxe at Handy Road (2007). In addition, they have a track record of working on more than 20 places of worship in Singapore including Spiritual Grace Presbyterian Church, Novena Church, and Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church.

In addition to their track record, the evaluation team believes that their proposal best meets the church's needs and requirements based on the five criteria listed above. Further details to the site plan will be developed with Messrs Formwerkz Architects LLP, after the necessary technical studies and consultation work have been conducted.

Here is an artist impression of the design of ORPC, by Messrs Formwerkz Architects LLP:



2. A&A Fund Raising:

We thank God for the support from the congregation towards the fund raising effort. Weekly updates on the progress will continue to be provided for your information. We continue to seek your prayerful support towards this project and also to help us in our cash-flow planning by submitting your pledge forms (https://bit.ly/ORPCpledge) to us.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

PLEDGE FORM

for the ORPC Building Alterations and Additions (A&A) Project Fund, launched in May 2024



What is a pledge?

A pledge is a confidential, written promise to give money (whether a one-off sum or installments over a period of time) to the A&A project fund in the future. It is a commitment made in faith in accordance with the resources that God has given us. A pledge is not a legally binding contract, and can be reviewed and changed as circumstances evolve.

Why pledge?

Your pledge enables the A&A committee to plan its finances for the A&A project fund effectively, and to determine the financial commitment we are able to undertake for the entire rebuilding works ahead of time. We hope that through pledging, congregation members will build a culture of giving to the project based on our pre-committed goals.

I/We pledge our support for the A&A Project Fund of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church (ORPC)

Name:	
Telephone:	
Email Address:	
Congregation:	

I/We pledge to give the Church's A&A Project Fund a one-off giving or by regular giving over a period of time or a combination of the two.

Pledge for one-o	off giving: Amoun	t: \$	_	
On the date:				
Pledge for regul	ar giving: Amoun	t: \$	_ monthly/quarterly	y/half-yearly (state):
Starting the	(day) of	(month)	(year) for	months (maximum of 24
months from the	commencement	date of the fund	l-raising efforts in A	Aug 2024)

The A&A Fund Raising Committee will be approaching individuals or groups who are donating SGD\$100,000 and above to discuss your contribution.

Please send in your pledge early so we can plan our finances more effectively. Thank you.

You will find below a QR code for donations to the AA Project, please input your unique pledge ref no (which will be given in the pledge acknowledgement letter) in the reference field when you make your transfer, in order to facilitate a seamless process for our finance operations staff.



Personal Data Protection -

By signing on this Form,

- I consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal data by ORPC for purposes of my
 participation in pledging of funds towards the Church Building Re-development Project. I acknowledge
 that my personal data may be disclosed to third parties engaged in the organization and hosting of this
 A&A Project.
- 2. ORPC will limit the personal data disclosed to the third parties to that which is necessary and will remind the third parties not to process, use, disclose and retain your personal data beyond the purpose for which it is required by the third party.

9	Signed:
	Date:

Thank you for your commitment to contributing to the A&A Project Fund. Let's build the Lord's house, our legacy of faith together

Notes:

- This Form can be placed in the Sunday offering box; scanned and emailed to aafundraising@orpc.org.sg; or handed/mailed it to the Church at "Orchard Road Presbyterian Church, No. 3 Orchard Road, Singapore 238825 for the Attention of the Fund Raising Committee"
- This Pledge Form is for use only by members and regular worshippers at Orchard Road Presbyterian Church
- If you need any help completing this Form, please contact any of the Church Leaders

A BIBLICAL-THEOLOGICAL RESPONSE TO HOMOSEXUALITY

22 September 2024

11 am - 12.15 pm

@ The Chapel



In recent times, the issue of homosexuality and related matters concerning LGBTQ people have emerged in both society and the Christian church.

In this talk, we will summarise the formal statements of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore and the National Council of Churches of Singapore. We will provide the biblical-theological basis for the positions taken.

The session will conclude by addressing a few frequently asked questions, such as:

- Is homosexual behaviour a sin?
- Can a homosexual be a Christian?
- What do we make of same-sex attraction?
- How should we interact with those who struggle with these experiences?
- How do we interact with non-Christian LGBTQ individuals?

Conducted by Rev. Dr. Clive Chin





Worship team open recruitment

Join us and be part of the Handbell team if you can read musical score

Training will be provided

Rehearsals 2 - 4pm Sat 28 Sept - 26 Oct 2024



Scan QR to register interest by 25 Sept 2024

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Session is calling for an Extraordinary Congregational Meeting (ECM) for the election of Elders and Deacons to be held on **Sunday, 17 Nov 2024**. Those elected will serve a three-year term from 1 Jan 2025.

ORPC members are entitled to nominate other ORPC members who have been serving faithfully in ORPC and demonstrated leadership qualities, for election as Elders or Deacons.

The closing date for nominations is **Sunday**, **29 Sep 2024**.

Session will interview all candidates with their spouses (if any). Those who qualify and are deemed to be suitable nominees will be recommended and announced to the congregation on three Sundays (27 Oct, 3 & 10 Nov 2024) prior to the election date.

To be duly elected, candidates must receive at least (a) two-thirds of the votes cast for Elders and (b) half of the votes cast for Deacons.

WHAT DO ELDERS AND DEACONS DO?

Elders and Deacons are voluntary office bearers in the Congregation. They join the pastoral staff in pastoral leadership and oversight, oversee the management of ORPC, assist in the administration of ORPC and in all matters concerning the building-up and growth of ORPC.

Elders serve primarily in Session and may also be appointed to the Board of Management (BoM). Session is the final decision-making body in ORPC and has particular responsibility for the spiritual mission and growth of ORPC.

Deacons serve in the BoM and have particular responsibility for the pastoral care of God's people and for managing the material resources of ORPC to serve its spiritual mission.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED AND ELECTED?

- Elders and Deacons must meet the biblical qualifications according to 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:6-9.
- Nominees must be communicant members of ORPC for more than three years.
- All nominees are expected to have served in at least one area of ministry in ORPC for a minimum period of one year prior to being nominated.
- Elders must have served for at least one term of three years as a Deacon.
- Spouses of Elders and Deacons must also be communicant members of ORPC.
 Divorcees and those with previously-divorced spouses do not qualify for nomination.

- Elders and Deacons must assent to the basic creeds and confessions of the Presbyterian Church, the Apostles' Creed, the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Constitution of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore and the Constitution of ORPC.
- Elders and Deacons must assent to and carry out the vision and mission of ORPC to do Disciple-Making Church.
- Elders and Deacons are expected to be regular in attendance at worship, leadership and congregational meetings e.g. Session/Board of Management meetings, life-stage / ministry / committee meetings as assigned, Leaders Onboarding, Leaders Equipping & Training, Leaders Retreat, Annual / Extraordinary congregational meetings. They will also undertake other duties relevant to their office and other assigned responsibilities as decided from time to time.
- Nominees must not be or have been disqualified to be a member of the Board of Management or Session by virtue of the Charities Act, chapter 37 of Singapore, or any other statute, law or regulation.

HOW TO NOMINATE?

Elders and Deacons must be proposed and seconded by other communicant members of ORPC.

A member who wants to nominate another member should first check the eligibility of that other member (please see above) before making any nomination.

The proposer needs a seconder for the nomination. After both the proposer and the seconder have signed the nomination form, the nominee must sign the form to confirm his/her consent to the nomination.

Nomination forms are available on our website or the Church Office. All completed nomination forms must be submitted, for the attention of the Session Clerk, to the English Congregation Executive (yongping@orpc.org.sg) by Sunday, 29 Sep 2024.

Elder Alvin Ooi Session Clerk 8 Sep 2024



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 be 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.