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THE CONSUMER

1 December 2024

Building a Disciple-Making Church

First Sunday of Advent – Hope Membership 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 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (page 6)

Reception of New Members

WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

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Advent is a time to hear again of God's unmerited grace.

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Advent is a time to hear again of our ultimate hope.

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ALL

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Advent text by Rev. Rich Davis, from God is Near by Joel Raney.

*Hymn of Prayer Comfort, Comfort Now My People (page 8)

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem Air for Advent (page 9)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

Scripture Reader: This is the word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Our Hope for Today

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WE SERVE GOD IN HIS WORLD

Welcome & Announcements

Testimony

Offertory

*Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-7

¹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

2The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you

as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice

when dividing the plunder.

4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered

the yoke that burdens them,

the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning,

will be fuel for the fire.

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,

establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

SERMON OUTLINE 1 DEC (AM)

Our Hope for Today

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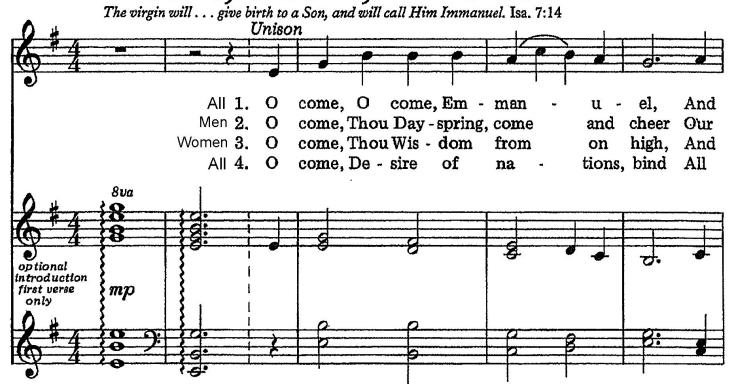
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2. A Saviour is born

Conclusion

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



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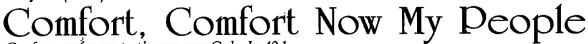
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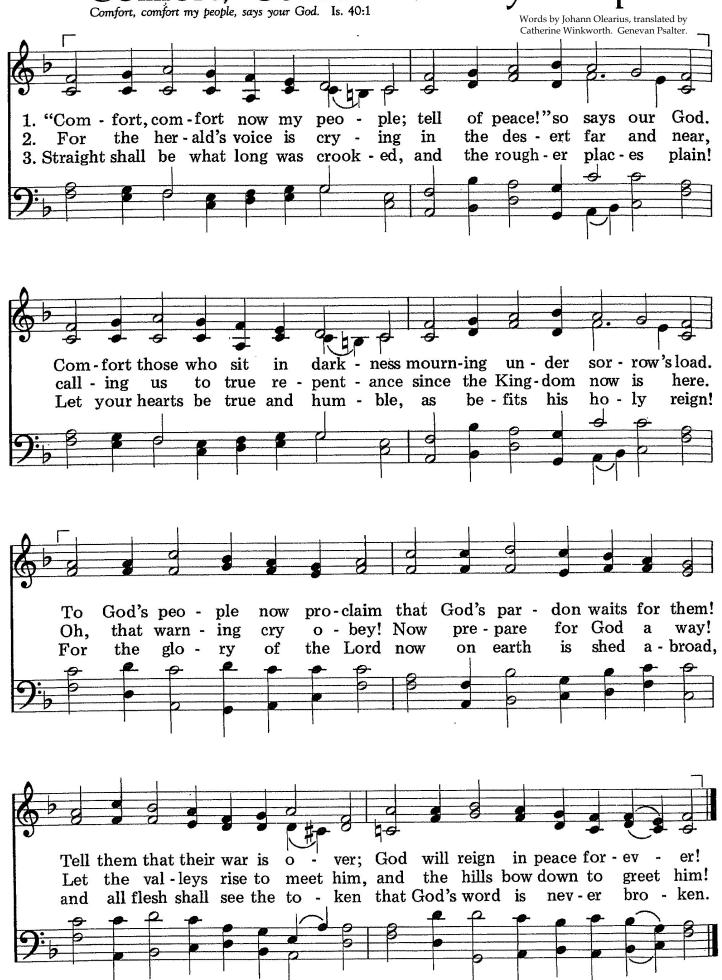
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MUSIC: Adapted from Plainsong by Thomas Helmore; arranged by Tom Fettke

VENI EMMANUEL L.M. with Refrain







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Anthem

Air for Advent

Air on Strings by Johann S Bach. Ed and arr by Tom Fettke.
Words by Charles Wesley.
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Come, come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
O let us find our rest in Thee
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Joy of every longing heart

Come come Thou long expected Jesus Born, He was born to set Thy people free O let us find our rest in Thee Hope of all the earth Thou art Joy of every longing heart

Born a child and yet a King
Born Thy people to deliver
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
And reign in us forevermore.

Come, Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee. Rejoice!

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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THE CONSTREES

1 December 2024 Building a Disciple-Making Church

First Sunday of Advent – Hope Membership Sunday 6 to 7 pm

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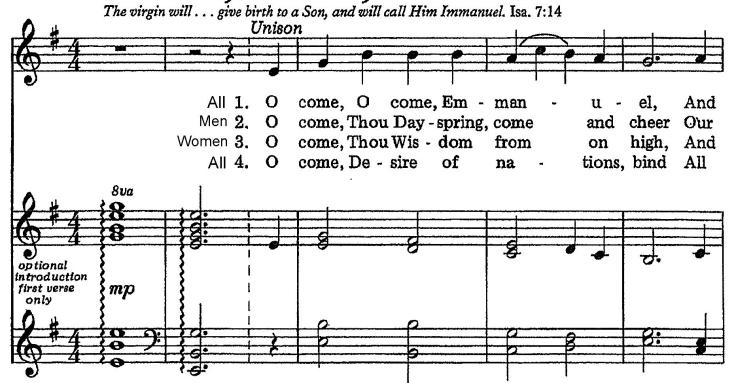
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Here I Am To Worship

(as published by Survivor)

Words and Music by Tim Hughes





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The Word That Transforms Lives

Saint Augustine of Hippo (13 November 354 – 28 August 430) was a church father whose life was transformed by the Word of God. Augustine used to be a womaniser, a rowdy drunk, an occasional thief, and an unbeliever; he made a mess of his life.

At the age of 31, however, Augustine repented because of the Word of God; Romans 13:13-14: Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Since then, Augustine began to yearn for the truth. He was baptised and became a priest, then a bishop. He preached over 6,000 sermons, fought heresies, explained doctrines, and was one of the greatest church fathers and theologians. His legacy lives on to inspire souls through his writings.

The Word of God truly has the power to transform lives. Why is that so? It is because the Word is God Himself. The lives of many people have been transformed when they encountered God as they found the purpose and meaning of life in Him and they found answers in Him that they could not find anywhere else.

When someone reads the Word of God, the Holy Spirit works in him and touches and softens his hardened heart (see Acts 10:44). The Holy Spirit initiates a transformation in his life, which is not a change from without, but from within his heart. Therefore, do not underestimate the importance of reading God's Word as it is a means for us to meet God, who transforms our lives.

"... and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:15-16).

Read Luke 1:46-56

- What can you praise and thank God for in the Lord Jesus as you reflect on this text?
- Why and how should you humble yourself before God who has brought down the proud and exalted the humble?
- How has God been faithful in His promises to us? How may we remain faithful to Him?

Prayer Points

- Pray for God's mercy and protection over His people everywhere during this Advent season.
- Thank God for the nine new communicant members received on 1 Dec. Pray for growth in their walk with God.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those coming for the "iLoveChristmas" this Saturday.

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

| <u>Date</u> | | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Venue</u> |
|-------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sun | 1 | 9.00 am | Sunday Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | | 4.00 pm | Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal | DH A |
| | | 6.00 pm | Sunday Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Tues | 3 | 8.30 am | Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting | Online |
| Wed | 4 | 2.00 pm | Pastoral Staff Meeting | MR1 |
| | | 7.30 pm | Congregational Prayer Meeting | Dunman Hall |
| Thu | 5 | 7.30 pm | Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal | DH, SHK, SR2, Sanctuary |
| Sat | 7 | 10.00 am | iLoveChristmas 2024 | Sanctuary, DH |
| | | 2.00 pm | Orchestra Rehearsal | SHK, Conference Room |
| | | 4.30 pm | Music Makers Club | SHK |
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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
- (3) in "Reference" box for **PayNow**

OUR OFFERING

| OFFERING | TARGET <u>01.01.24 - 31.12.24</u> | TARGET TO 24.11.2024 | RECEIVED TO 24.11.2024 | YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL) |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| GENERAL | \$1,800,000.00 | \$1,626,923.08 | \$1,514,180.53 | (\$112,742.55) |
| MISSIONS | \$250,000.00 | \$225,961.54 | \$232,815.12 | \$6,853.58 |
| TOTAL | \$2,050,000.00 | \$1,852,884.62 | \$1,746,995.65 | (\$105,888.97) |

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

The Pledge Form may be accessed here https://bit.ly/ORPCpledge

Completed Pledge Forms should be sent to <u>aafundraising@orpc.org.sg</u>

(2) PAYNOW/PAYLAH

UEN No.: S90CC0750JAA1

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

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

(3) CHEQUE or CASHIER'S ORDER

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

Mailing Address: 3 Orchard Road, Singapore 238825



A&A FUNDRAISING



PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

| Sunday Service | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Membership Sunday | Holy Communion | Mission Sunday |
| Sermon Title | 1st Sunday of Advent | 2 nd Sunday of Advent | 3 rd Sunday of Advent |
| | Our Hope for Today | The Song of Mary | The Visit of Wise Men |
| Scripture Reference | Isaiah 9:1-7 | Luke 1:46-56 | Matthew 2:1-12 |
| Preacher | Rev Dr Clive Chin | Pr Herna Kong | Rev Dr Edward Goh |
| Worship Leader | Dcn Patrick Chow | Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong | Dcn Samuel Tandijanto |
| | Dcn Liow Koh Chuan | Dcn Timothy Song | Dcn Benjamin Ong |
| Scripture Reader | Joyce Tan | Liza Magkawas | Joshua Lim |
| | Tan Tuan Yong | Michelle Kho | Victor Tan |
| Music Director | Dr Agnes Tan | Dr Agnes Tan | Dr Agnes Tan |
| Musicians | Eunice Tang | Dcn Li-Ki Khaw | Lisa Ong |
| | Hannah Leong | Eunice Tang | Jabez Selvarajan |
| | | Michelle C. Shalomita | Sophia Selvarajan |
| | | Joel Chua | Aubert Saragi |
| | | Hannah Leong | |
| Ushers Team/ | Team A | Team B | Team C |
| Leaders | Veronica Song | Jimmy Tan | Kenneth Koh |
| | Team E | Team F | Team H |
| | Eld Winston Choo | Ang Eng Joo | Alicia Yeo |
| Greeters | Pr Tan Hui Ru | Pr Ho Wei Liang | Pr Ho Wei Liang |
| | Eld Gabriel Tan | Dcn Gan Keng Swee | Dcn Benjamin Goh |
| | Pr Lim Chung Wei | Pr Tan Hui Ru | Pr Ho Wei Liang |
| | Dcn Timothy Song | Eld Paul Johnson | Eld Paul Johnson |
| AV Duty Roster | Jabez Selvarajan | Susan Tan | Elson Chan |
| | Selvarajan Rengasamy | Jeremy Lim | Juniarto Hadiatmadja |
| | Jabez Ong | Marie Tan | Dcn Patrick Chow |
| | Elson Chan | Geoff Holmes | Davendran Arumugam |
| | Jane Tham | Huang Junxiong | Nestor Magkawas |
| | | Dcn Mazmur The | |

Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

- Worship in the Sanctuary

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (4 DEC)

Our next prayer meeting will be on Wednesday, $4 \, \text{Dec}$, $7.30 - 8.30 \, \text{pm}$, in Dunman Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

PRAY FOR I LOVE CHRISTMAS 2024 (7 DEC)

The Mission and Evangelism committee is specially organising i Love Christmas 2024, a gospel event for mandarin-speaking seniors in partnership with Providence Presbyterian Church. Please pray for friends and family members who have been invited by worshippers to join and that they may know and receive the true gift of Christmas.

Date & time: 7 Dec 2024, 10 - 11.30 am Venue: Orchard Road Presbyterian Church

EXTENSION OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDING VIEWING

Sunday worship service recording viewing will be extended until 11:59 pm on Mondays to give worshippers access to the recording.

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. Have a look here https://orpc.sg/ministries/congregation-care/discipleship-group/ Email discipleshipgroups@orpc.org.sg for more information or speak to one of our staff/leaders.

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).

FLOWER OFFERING

Stanley, Chunlei and family give thanks to God for His love and faithfulness.

STAFF UPDATE

Rev Dr Edward Goh is on leave 1 (PM), 4 to 6 Dec.

Pr Ho Wei Liang will be on leave 3 to 5 Dec.

Pr Tan Hui Ru will be on leave 6 Dec.

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS: DEC 2024 – FEB 2025

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 Candlelight Service

11 pm Combined Christmas Eve Communion Service

Wed 25 Dec 10 am Christmas Day Service

Tue 31 Dec 9 pm Year-End Service

Sun 5 Jan 9 am Leadership Dedication & Leaders' Installation

Thu 2 Jan – Sat 4 Jan Young Adult Camp

Wed 8 Jan 7.30 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]

Wed 5 Feb 7.30 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]

Sat 8 Feb 2 pm Congregational Fellowship LoHei Gathering

ORPC COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP (1 December 2024)

The following 9 candidates have applied for Communicant Membership.

Baptism

1 Miss Chen Jia-min, Cynthia

Confirmation

- l Miss Chan Kar Min, Claire
- 2 Miss Leong Sook Mun Hannah
- 3 Mr Mervyn Chua Zi Hao
- 4 Miss Natania Lim
- 5 Mr Damon Sjahada Harjanto

Transfer

- 1 Mr Ray Cheng Chern Xi
- 2 Mdm Zhao Yurong
- 3 Mdm Elvina Natalia Susilo

Confirmation

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

Profession of Faith (Baptism/Confirmation)

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

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

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

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

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

^{*}Bold Italics – Evening Service

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

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

Transfer

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

Membership Vows (All)

- 1. Do you believe in God Father, Son and Holy Spirit? (I do)
- 2. Do you humbly repent of your sins? (I do)
- 3. Do you promise, depending only on the grace of God, to continually fight against sin within yourself and in the world, and to strive daily to be like Jesus Christ? (I do)
- 4. As a committed member of the body of Christ, do you promise to be faithful in daily Bible reading and prayer, to worship God each Sunday, to fellowship with His people and partake regularly in the Sacrament of Holy Communion? (I do)
- 5. Do you promise to dedicate your daily life to God, to be a faithful witness of His Gospel, to use your time and talents for the advancement of His Kingdom; to seek the unity and growth of His church; and to support its work and witness throughout the world? (*I do*)

6. **CONGREGATION**:

Do you, as God's people, also promise to welcome these brothers and sisters in Christ into our spiritual family? Will you encourage and pray for them so that they will be faithful and fruitful disciples of Jesus Christ all their lives? (I do, I will)

If you do, please stand.

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: |
| Member of Congregation: Yes □ No □ |

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-off giving: Amount: \$ | |
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| On the date: | |
| Pledge for regular giving: Amount: \$ | monthly/quarterly/half-yearly (circle one) |
| Starting the (day) of (month) | (year) for months (maximum of 24 |
| months from the commencement date of the fur | nd-raising efforts in 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,

- 1. 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.

For Non-Members:

| /We confirm that this Pledge and Donation is our free-will offering and not solicited by Orchard Road | | |
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| Presbyterian Church (ORPC) | | |
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| | Signed: | |
| | Date: | |
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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

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.