



15 December 2024

AM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Third Sunday of Advent – Joy

Mission 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 Long Ago, Prophets Knew (page 6)

WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle – The Candle of Joy

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***Hymn of Prayer**

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery (page 7)

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Scripture Reader: This is the word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Joy of Christmas

***Hymn of Response**

O Holy Night! (page 10)

WE SERVE GOD IN HIS WORLD

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

Postlude

*Congregation to stand

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ ““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Joy of Christmas

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Introduction:

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Conclusion

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Unison

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 4. Jour-ney ends! Where a - far Beth-lehem shines,

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 time-less plan: he will come, as a man, born him-self of wom - an,
 she o-beyed. In her womb, God is laid till the time ex-pect - ed,
 like a star, sta-ble door stands a - jar: un-born Son of Ma - ry,

Refrain

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

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sing, sing! When he comes, when he comes, who will make him wel - come?
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Anthem

Rejoice Your Light Has Come

Words and Music by Mary McDonald.

Incorporating Adeste Fideles by Francis Wade and Jesu Bambino by Pietro Yon.

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Conductor: Dorothy Oskar Lie

Children, arise!
Open your eyes!
See heaven's glory illumine the sky!

Children, rejoice!
Lift up your voice!
Darkness will turn to light!

Hope is dawning, peace to the world;
Christ will come and cheer,
Bringing joy and love to the world;
The Advent of Christ is here!

Arise and shine, your light has come,
The glory of the Lord is with you!

Come people, arise!
Open your eyes!
See heaven's glory illumine the sky!

Let every voice sing and rejoice!
Darkness will turn to light!

Arise and shine, your light has come,
The glory of the Lord is with you!
Arise and shine, your light has come,
The Light of the world is with you!

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant, rejoice!
Arise and shine, your light has come,
Rejoice!

Hymn of Response (AM)

O Holy Night!

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Text: John S. Dwight.
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use accompaniment figure from 1st 2 bars

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One Another

“Why do I need to be part of a discipleship group?”

“Why do people keep trying to *talk* to me? I just want to be left alone to worship!”

“Aiyah I don’t understand how they think lah, just let them be by themselves and do their own thing lor.”

“We just need to know the Word, don’t need to cry on each other’s shoulders.”

“Tsk, these people are so inconsiderate, talking/coughing/moving so much during worship.”

“I trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour, a relationship with Jesus is all I signed up for, not relationships with all of these other people!”

Sound familiar? All of us have thought or felt at least one of these at some point in our lives. And many of us feel that the Christian life would perhaps be much easier without other Christians making life difficult. Yet Jesus tells us that those who believe in Him are united to Him (John 15:4-5, Rom 6:3-8, among others), and a logical implication of that is that those who believe in Him are also then united to each other, in one Body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27). We don’t get to pick and choose which members of the Body of Christ we are connected to: if we are connected to Christ, we are connected to ALL parts of Christ.

And Jesus tells us that we need each other to grow. Each of us are not burdens or obstacles to the other’s growth, but instead each of us are a necessary condition, a fertiliser in a sense, for the other’s growth. The joke is always that it’s easy to be holy when no one else is around, but you can only grow in the fruit of the Spirit when there are other believers around you – not only because they encourage you, but also because they annoy you. And you need other believers around you for you to be able to practice what Jesus has commanded – how do you love one another (John 13:34-35) if there are no others around you? How do you welcome each other (Rom 15:7) or show hospitality (1 Pet 4:9) if you are alone? How do you agree, and live in harmony, at peace with each other, in the same mind with each other (2 Cor 13:11, Rom 12:16, Rom 15:5, Phil 4:2) without others around? And how do you teach, encourage and exhort each other (1 Thess 4:18, Heb 10:25, Col 3:16) with only one person?

Our growth in spiritual maturity and obedience depends on being with other believers. It’s often uncomfortable, but it is necessary. May we all grow in love for each other and grow *together* in Christlikeness.

Read Matthew 3:1-17

- What old ways should you abandon to prepare your heart for Christ?
- How can you be assured that you are saved in Christ?
- How can you cooperate with the Holy Spirit to align your life with God's purpose in Christ?

Prayer Points

- Pray for the youth camp from 17 to 20 December that the youths will have fruitful learning and fellowship time together.
- Pray for God to use the Lessons and Carols on the coming Sunday to exalt Christ in the hearts of all who will attend the services.
- Pray for God's peace to bring comfort and healing to those who are sick or grieving their loss.

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sun 15	9.00 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
	4.00 pm	Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal	DH A
	6.00 pm	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tues 17	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
		Youth Camp (17-20 Dec)	ORPC, YMCA
Wed 18	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	MR1
Thu 19	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	DH, SHK, SR2, Sanctuary
	7.30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat 21	2.00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal	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

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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 <u>08.12.2024</u>	RECEIVED TO <u>08.12.2024</u>	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,696,153.85	\$1,583,301.56	(\$112,852.29)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$235,576.92	\$241,436.12	\$5,859.20
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,931,730.77	\$1,824,737.68	(\$106,993.09)

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 aafundraising@orpc.org.sg

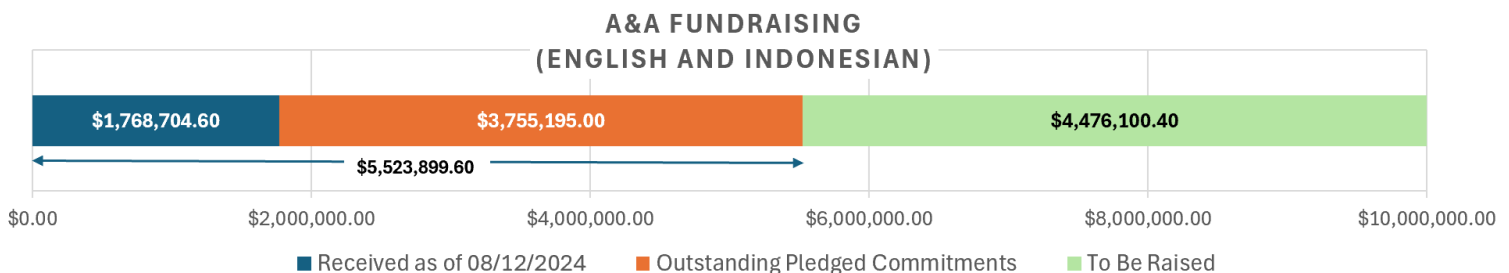
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PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	15 Dec	22 Dec	25 Dec
Sermon Title	Mission Sunday 3 rd Sunday of Advent The Joy of Christmas	Lessons & Carols 4 th Sunday of Advent	Christmas Day (10AM) Prepare the Way for God's Beloved Son
Scripture Reference	Matthew 2:1-12		Matthew 3:1-17
Preacher	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Worship Leader	Dcn Mazmur The <i>Dcn Benjamin Ong</i>	Dcn Debbie Seah <i>Eld Paul Johnson</i>	Eld Gabriel Tan -
Scripture Reader	Joshua Lim <i>Victor Tan</i>	- -	Elizabeth Suwanto Goh -
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan, Dorothy Lie	Dr Agnes Tan, Dorothy Lie	Dr Agnes Tan, Dorothy Lie
Musicians	Lisa Ong Jabez Selvarajan Sophia Selvarajan <i>Aubert Saragi</i>	Eunice Tang Lisa Ong Aubert Saragi Christopher Khoo Christel Chue Serene Goh Shannon Chia Lim Chiew Sen Julie Chang Charis Koh Hannah Leong	Eunice Tang Novy Isanto Valerie Lee Fenny Isanto Meyliana Tjoe Pamela Lee Chrislyn Ong Matthias Tang Jasmine Wangko
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Team C Kenneth Koh <i>Team H</i> <i>Alicia Yeo</i>	Team G Tan Gek Khim <i>Team D</i> <i>Ivy Ang</i>	Team A Veronica Song -
Greeters	Pr Ho Wei Liang Dcn Gan Keng Swee <i>Pr Ho Wei Liang</i> <i>Eld Paul Johnson</i>	Pr Lim Chung Wei Eld Alvin Ooi <i>Pr Lim Chung Wei</i> <i>Dcn Liow Koh Chuan</i>	Pr Herna Kong Eld Neo Kian Hong -
AV Duty Roster	Elson Chan Juniarto Hadiatmadja Dcn Patrick Chow <i>Davendran Arumugam</i> <i>Nestor Magkawas</i>	Jeremy Lim Jethro Cheung Winduputra Prasetijo <i>Dcn Mazmur The</i> <i>Geoff Holmes</i>	Elson Chan Jane Tham - - -

Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

- *Worship in the Sanctuary*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEREAVEMENTS

Our condolences to Claresta Harlis on the passing of her husband, the late Stefan Liau, on 6 Dec 2024. Please uphold Claresta and the family in your prayers.

Our condolences to Mr Lim Tian Seng and his children Jasmine, Qing Chuan, Serene and Yan Di, on the passing of his wife/their mother, the late Mdm Connie Chan Chuay Pheng, on 12 Dec 2024. Please uphold the family in your prayers.

MISSION SUNDAY (TODAY)

Today is Mission Sunday. To support our mission efforts, please use the electronic means shown on page 22.

PRAY FOR CHRISTMAS EVANGELISTIC SERVICE (25 DEC)

The Christmas Day Service will be an evangelistic service. Please invite family members and friends, and pray for them, that they may come to know the true meaning of Christmas.

RESUMPTION OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ON 29 DEC

Children's Ministry will resume on 29 Dec with a special family worship in Dunman Hall. Parents are invited to join the children in Dunman Hall for the worship service.

FLOWER OFFERING FOR 2025

The 2025 Weekly Flower Offering Chart for Sunday Worship is now available next to the noticeboard in the Dunman Hall for those who wish to make a flower offering. Each Sunday offering is for 2 donors at \$150 each.

Please read and abide by the instructions on the Flower Offering *Form* when indicating your choice of date(s) on the Chart.

A&A PROJECT UPDATE

Please see the flyer for an update on the A&A project.

EP ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

As one English Presbytery (EP) family, let us join our hearts in gratitude and wonder for the Advent of our Lord.

Devotionals written by various EP contributors are released daily on www.presbyterianexpress.org

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

Thanksgiving for 31 Years of Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goh give thanks to God for His faithful guidance and blessings as they celebrate 31 years of marriage.

STAFF UPDATE

Rev Dr Clive Chin is on leave 10-24 & 26-31 Dec.

Rev Dr Edward Goh will be on leave 17 (AM), 19-20 Dec.

Pr Herna Kong is on leave 10 - 23 Dec.

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS: DEC 2024 – FEB 2025

Sun 15 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	Third Sunday of Advent
Tue 17 Dec – Fri 20 Dec		Youth Camp [ORPC & YMCA]
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
Sun 5 Jan	9 am	Leadership Dedication & Leaders' Installation
Thu 2 Jan – Sat 4 Jan		Young Adult Camp
Tue 7 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

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

December 2024

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

1. Confirmation of Off-site Worship and Office Locations

After site visits to various locations around Singapore, the A&A logistics team has confirmed **Suntec Convention Centre** as our off-site venue for worship services during the rebuilding works. Here are more details of the actual locations:

Worship: Suntec Convention Centre, Main Hall, Rooms 308-311

Children's Ministry: Rooms 300, 301, 302

The church office will be located separately from the worship venue, at YWCA Outram, together with Gereja Presbyterian Orchard (GPO), our Indonesian congregation, as well as PPC admin/pastoral offices.

Both arrangements are firm, and are pending finalisation of contracts.

2. A&A Move-out Dates

We will be officially moving out of the church building **2nd week of October 2025**, to avoid the F1 activities in the week prior. Here are some other key milestones which we would like you to be prepared for:

In **June 2025**, our pastoral and admin staff will be making the move to YWCA ahead of the congregation's shift to Suntec Convention Centre in October 2025.

From **July 2025**, the office at YWCA Outram will be fully operational. We will also commence pre-move familiarisation activities including adopting the new off-site worship format which will be fully-electronic. (More details on this are provided in the next section). Discipleship group and fellowship meetings will also be moved offsite with meetings in homes highly encouraged. Music ministry sessions i.e. Choir practice, will be held at YWCA.

3. Key Adjustments in 2025

As we undertake this big move as a united family, we hope that congregation members can continue to support each other through the transition as there will be big changes ahead of us before the actual move, to get everyone ready for the new venue and worship format.

Children's Ministry

- Starting **January 2025**, the Children's Ministry will be re-structured to a 3 room format, providing a longer transition time for our children, and to allow for fine tuning before the actual move
- Safety measures for the children in Suntec are currently being planned and will be introduced gradually
- More details will be given to parents on **29 December 2024** at the Family Worship session

Worship

- At the new venue, Sunday Worship will be fully electronic with no hard copy bulletins and fully electronic giving of tithes and offerings, to minimise logistical and administrative efforts given the separate worship and office off-site venues
- The service will take place in one big hall, with no cry rooms provided for young babies and families. We hope that through this new arrangement, we create greater awareness and understanding toward families with young infants, and learn to worship together in one space
- During our time at the off-site venue, there will be black out Sundays due to large scale events that will involve the whole of Suntec Convention Centre - this means we will not hold physical services and do livestream sessions instead

Communications

- We will be refreshing our church website and launching a church management portal in 2025 so that congregation members have a central place for information as we go through this transition
- We will be activating some official communication channels to keep everyone engaged on the move, and will be updating you soon
- Starting **first half of 2025**, we will be creating engagement forums for the people to interact, receive information and provide feedback throughout the process of the A&A

Moving Out as One Church

- We are 3 congregations and 2 churches, and have been operating autonomously. Moving forward, we need to learn to operate as 1 church before we move out. May this be an opportunity for us to know one another across congregations and churches, and be more united as a result.

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



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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: \$_____

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 fund-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:

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

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

Experience the joy of
Christmas with us at our

Lessons & Carols

22 December 2024
9am & 6pm

*The true light that gives light to everyone
was coming into the world. - John 1:9*



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Christmas
WORSHIP SERVICE

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10 AM

Prepare the way for God's Beloved Son



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HISTORY

The Orchard Road Presbyterian Church (ORPC) was founded in 1856 to minister to the needs of the Scots community in Singapore. The first church building on the present site was completed in 1878, and has been extended several times. In 1975, the sanctuary was extended, and in 1985, the new extension of Dunman Hall was completed and a new chapel was built. Alongside the growth of the physical facilities has been the development of the church from an English-speaking expatriate congregation to a local church embracing four different language congregations. In 1995 we planted a branch church (Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church) which became independent in 2013. Similarly, our Mandarin congregation (Providence Presbyterian Church) became independent in 2005. ORPC consists of the English Congregation and the Indonesian Congregation, and worshipping with us now in the same building are Providence Presbyterian Church, and the German-speaking Protestant Congregation in Singapore.

FAITH AND MEMBERSHIP

As a church with roots in historic Presbyterianism growing out of the Westminster Confession of Faith, we affirm the Lordship of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We look to the Scriptures as the inspired Word of God and the one authoritative and infallible standard for our faith and practice. We welcome those who profess Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour into our formal membership. Our membership is truly international, representing the breadth of God's call upon people from all ethnic and economic backgrounds. Members are received upon initial profession of faith in Jesus Christ by baptism, confirmation, and in transfer from other Christian churches. Classes for baptism, confirmation, and for transfer of membership are held periodically and announced in the bulletin.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the grave. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed 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.