



Christmas
WORSHIP SERVICE

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Prepare the way for God's Beloved Son



ORPC

ORCHARD ROAD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3 Orchard Road,
Singapore 238825



25 December 2024

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Christmas Day

10 to 11.30 am

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP GOD

Entry of the Word

Prelude

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise & Adoration** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (page 5)

WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Responsive Litany

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the source of our hope.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

The Prince of Peace has come to dwell among and within us.

Let every heart prepare Him room.

The source of our joy and our salvation is here.

Let heaven and nature sing.

The greatest gift of all, the gift of love, has been given.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

*Congregation to stand

ALL

Gracious Creator, we thank you for the love that brought Christ into our lives, for the hope his birth represents, and for the peace that his presence brings. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may this Christ candle illuminate our hearts and minds, drawing us closer to you and to one another. In the name of the newborn King, we pray. Amen.

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

***Hymn of Prayer**

What Child Is This (page 6)

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

Rejoice Your Light Has Come (page 7)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:24-27

Scripture Reader: This is the word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Receive the Offer of Abundant Life

***Hymn of Response**

Joy to the World (page 8)

WE SERVE GOD IN HIS WORLD

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

Postlude

SCRIPTURE

John 10:10

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Receive the Offer of Abundant Life

John 10:10; Matthew 7:24-27

Introduction: What is the foundation of your life?

1. Build your life on the rock

2. How to receive abundant life

Conclusion

Hymn of Praise & Adoration

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Text: Charles Wesley, altered
Music: Felix Mendelssohn

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on-ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Hymn of Prayer

What Child Is This?

Text: William C. Dix
Music: Traditional English melody,
16th century

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come, peas - ant, king, to own Him;

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Ma - ry.

Anthem

Rejoice Your Light Has Come

Words and Music by Mary McDonald.
Incorporating *Adeste Fideles* by Francis Wade and *Jesu Bambino* by Pietro Yon.
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!

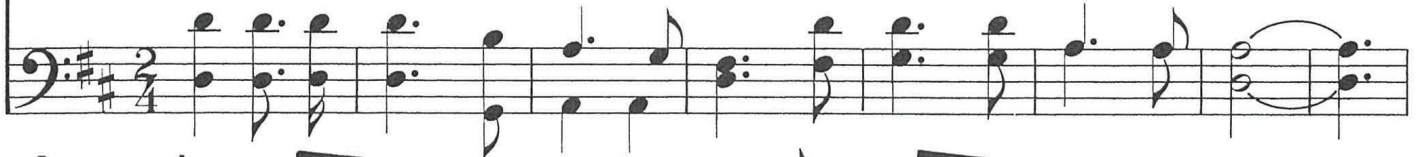
Hymn of Response

Joy to the World!

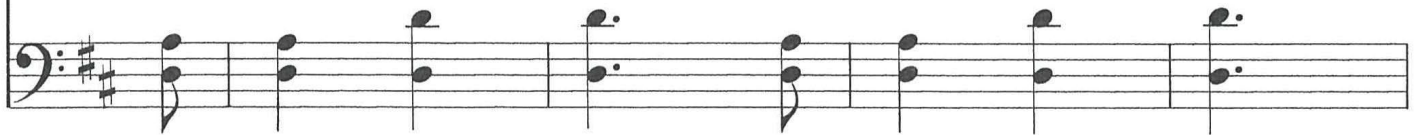
Text: Isaac Watts
Music: George Frederick Handel



- 1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King;
- 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy;
- 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Northorns in - fest the ground;
- 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove



Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
He comes to make His bless - ings flow
The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,



And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing,
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy,
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love,

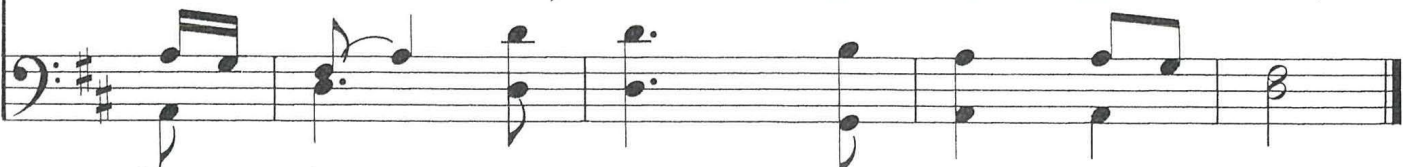
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Far as, far as the curse is found.
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ture sing,

(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 <u>15.12.2024</u>	RECEIVED TO <u>15.12.2024</u>	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,730,769.23	\$1,601,472.03	(\$129,297.20)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$240,384.62	\$255,401.12	\$15,016.50
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,971,153.85	\$1,856,873.15	(\$114,280.70)

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

(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



PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	25 Dec (Wed, 10AM) Christmas Day	29 Dec (9AM, 6PM)	31 Dec (Tues, 9PM) Year-End Service
Sermon Title	Receive the Offer of Abundant Life	Unbelievable U-Turn	Living the Good Life
Scripture Reference	John 10:10; Matthew 7:24-27	Luke 19:1-10	Matthew 5:1-12
Preacher	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Pr Lim Chung Wei	Pr Ho Wei Liang
Worship Leader	Eld Gabriel Tan -	Dcn Rita Soh Eld Lim Ee Tuo	- Eld Paul Johnson
Scripture Reader	Elizabeth Suwanto Goh -	Patricia Selvarajan Stephanie Lim	- -
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan, Dorothy Lie	Dorothy Lie	-
Musicians	Eunice Tang Novy Isanto Valerie Lee Fenny Isanto Meyliana Tjoe Pamela Lee Chrislyn Ong Matthias Tang Jasmine Wangko	Patrick Harjadi Lisa Ong	Robert Navaratnam
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Team A Veronica Song - -	Team B Jimmy Tan Team E	- - Team F
Greeters	Pr Herna Kong Eld Neo Kian Hong - -	Eld Winston Choo Pr Herna Kong Dcn Samuel Tandijanto Pr Ho Wei Liang Eld Paul Johnson	Ang Eng Joo - - Pr Tan Hui Ru Dcn Andrew Tan
AV Duty Roster	Elson Chan Jane Tham - - -	Susan Tan Jeremy Lim Marie Tan Elson Chan Jane Tham	- -

Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

- *Worship in the Sanctuary*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 ORPC OVERVIEW CARDS

Please collect the 2025 ORPC Overview cards from the ushers. The Overview gives information about ORPC's direction for 2025 and our calendar of key events for the year.

COFFEE@3 (TODAY)

Coffee@3 will be at the patio after the service today. Please grab your cuppa! All sale proceeds will go to the A&A project fund.

BREAKFAST CORNER CLOSED (TODAY & 29 DEC)

Breakfast Corner is closed today and on Sunday, 29 Dec.

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.

MONTHLY CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (7 JAN 2025)

Our next prayer meeting will be on Tuesday, 7 Jan, 7.30 – 8.30 pm, in Dunman Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

A&A PROJECT UPDATE

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

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).

STAFF UPDATE

Rev Dr Clive Chin will be on leave 26-31 Dec.

Rev Dr Edward Goh will be on leave 26, 27 & 29 Dec.

Pr Tan Hui Ru will be on leave 26 Dec.

Dr Agnes Tan will be on leave 26 Dec – 2 Jan.

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS: DEC 2024 – FEB 2025

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 [Dunman Hall]

Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year

The leaders, pastors and admin staff of ORPC wish all worshippers a blessed Christmas and a Christ-centred new year!

Thank you for your encouragement, friendship, gifts and good wishes.





please join us for a

Christmas



On December 25th

*Dunman Patio
In support of ORPC A&A Fundraising*

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

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.