



31 December 2024

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Year-End Service

9 to 10 pm

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise** O God, Our Help in Ages Past (page 4)

Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

***Hymn of Prayer** Another Year Is Dawning (page 5)

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12
Scripture Reader: This is the word of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Living the Good Life

Prayer of Reflection and Thanksgiving

***Hymn of Response** We Come, O Christ, to You (page 6)

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

Postlude

**Congregation to stand*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Living the Good Life

Matthew 5:1-12

Introduction:

1. Blessed are you in Christ

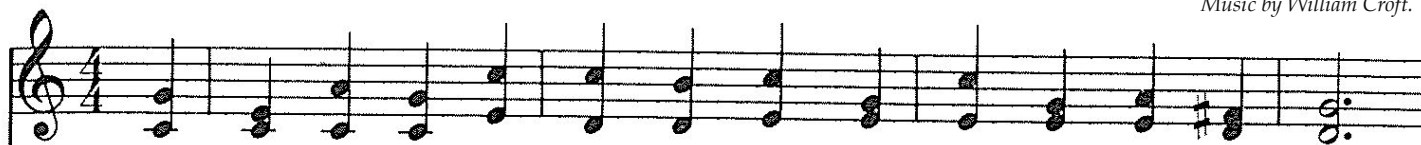
2. Blessing to others

Conclusion

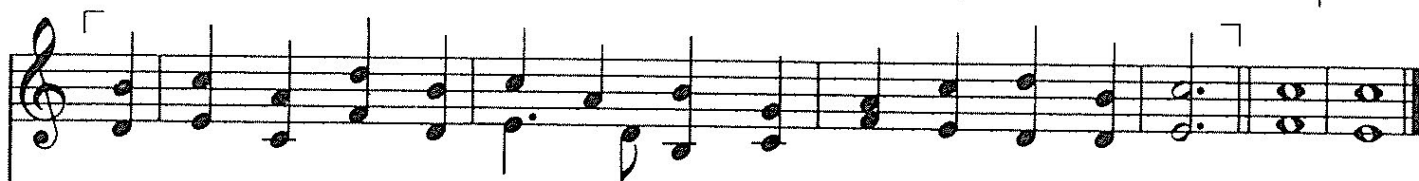
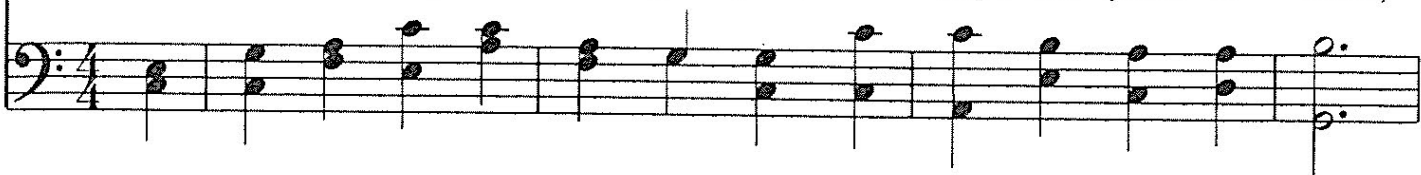
Hymn of Praise & Adoration

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Words by Isaac Watts based on Psalm 90.
Music by William Croft.



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



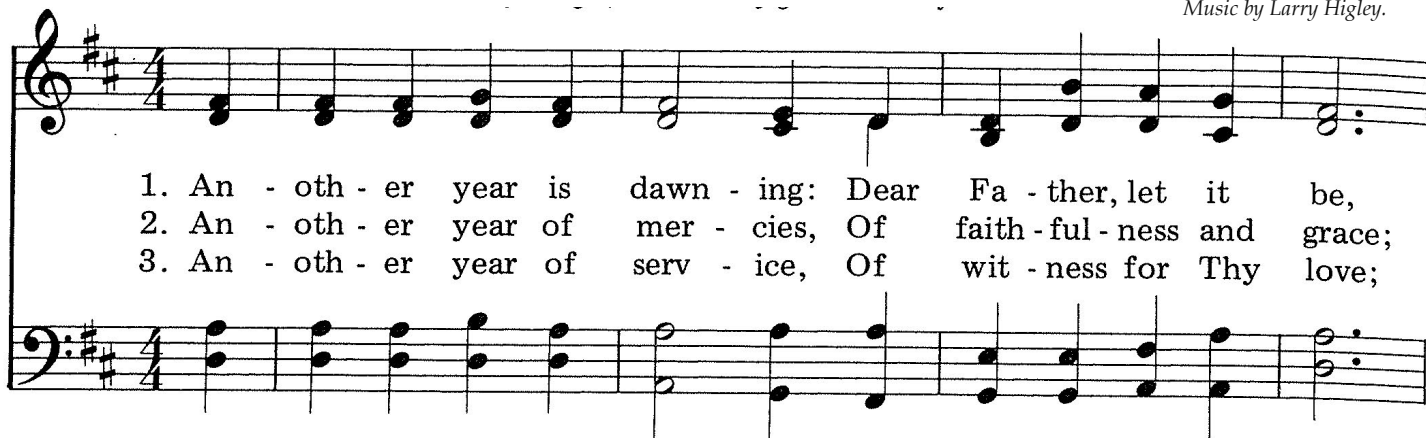
Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home!
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
They fly, for - got - ten,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



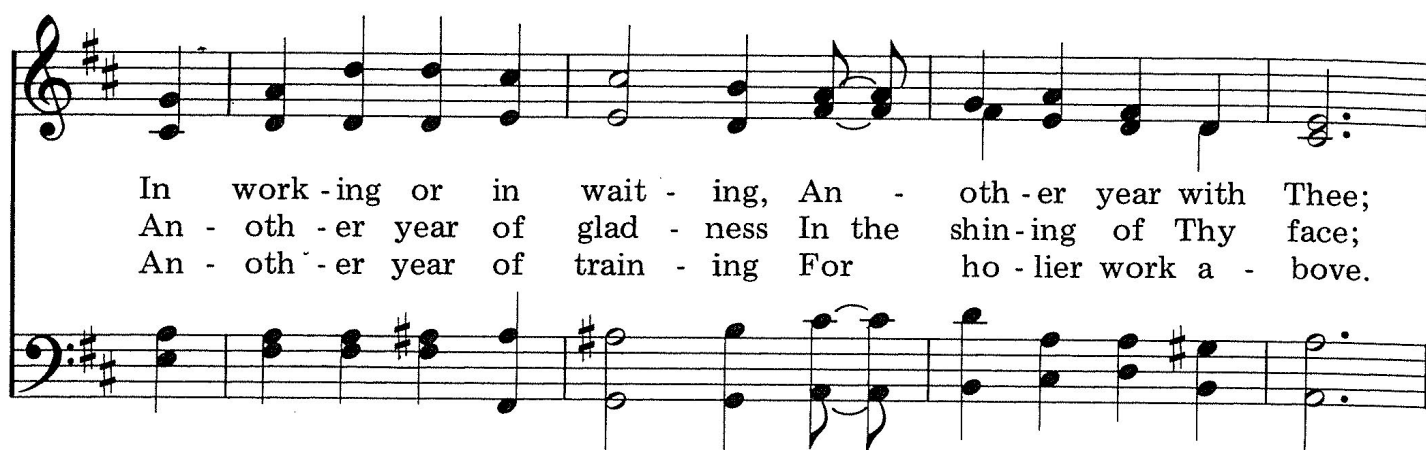
Hymn of Prayer

Another Year Is Dawning

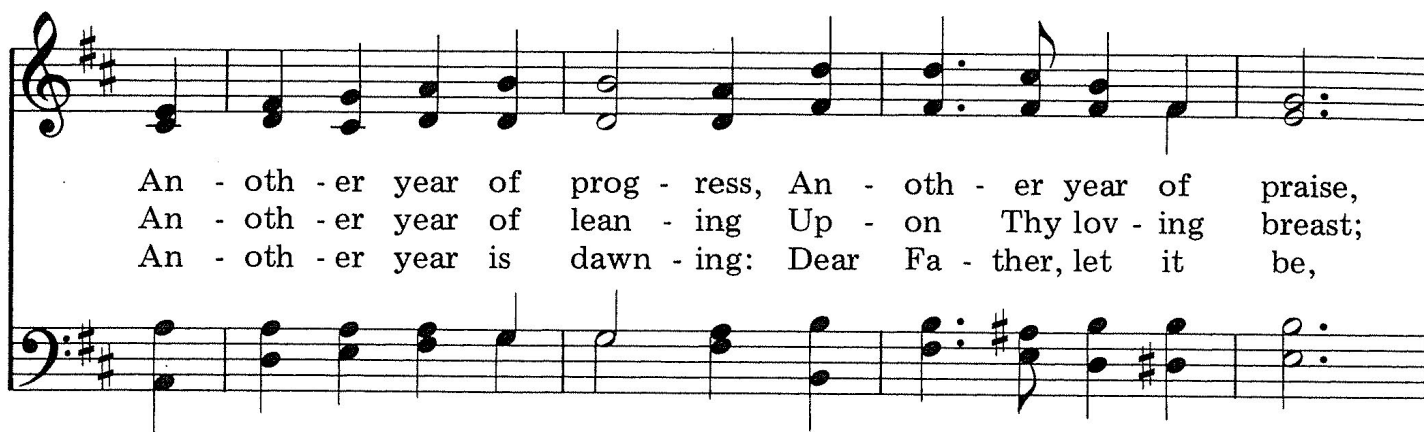
Words by Frances Ridley Havergal.
Music by Larry Higley.



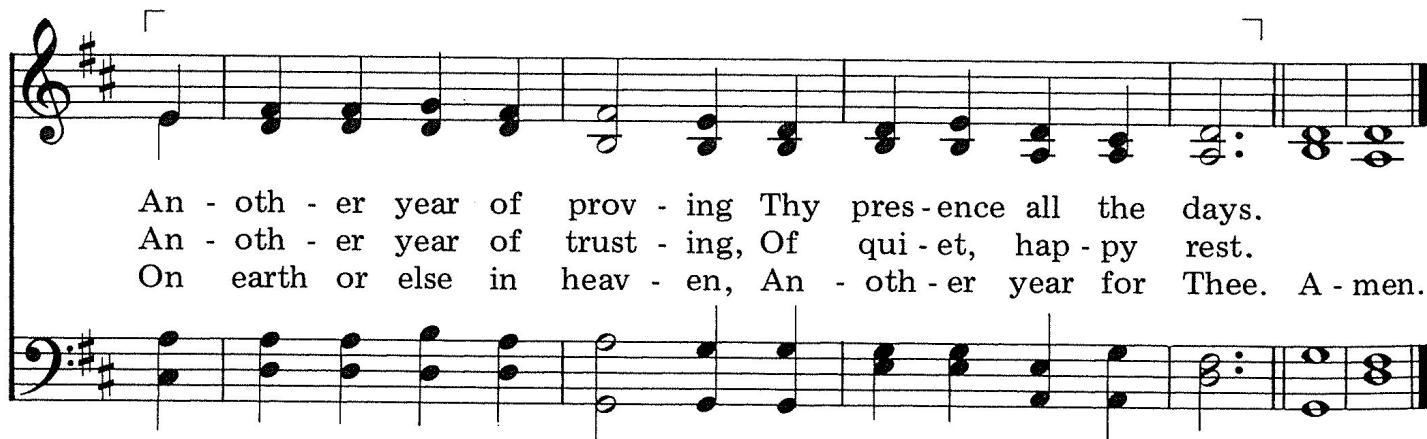
1. An - oth - er year is dawn - ing: Dear Fa - ther, let it be,
2. An - oth - er year of mer - cies, Of faith - ful - ness and grace;
3. An - oth - er year of serv - ice, Of wit - ness for Thy love;



In work - ing or in wait - ing, An - oth - er year with Thee;
An - oth - er year of glad - ness In the shin - ing of Thy face;
An - oth - er year of train - ing For ho - lier work a - bove.



An - oth - er year of prog - ress, An - oth - er year of praise,
An - oth - er year of lean - ing Up - on Thy lov - ing breast;
An - oth - er year is dawn - ing: Dear Fa - ther, let it be,



An - oth - er year of prov - ing Thy pres - ence all the days.
An - oth - er year of trust - ing, Of qui - et, hap - py rest.
On earth or else in heav - en, An - oth - er year for Thee. A - men.

Hymn of Response

We Come, O Christ, To You

Words by Margaret Clarkson.

Music by John Darwall.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of five systems. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are distributed across these systems, with some lines starting with specific vocal group assignments: 'All' for the first two lines, 'Women' for the third, 'Men' for the fourth, and 'All' for the fifth. The lyrics describe the incarnation of Christ and the life of the church.

All 1. We come, O Christ, to You, True Son of God and
All 2. You are the Way to God, Your blood our ran - som
Women 3. You are the liv - ing Truth! All wis - dom dwells in
Men 4. You on - ly are true Life, To know You is to
All 5. We wor - ship You, Lord Christ, Our Sav - ior and our

man, By Whom all things con - sist, In Whom all
 paid; In You we face our Judge And Mak - er
 You, The Source of ev - ery skill, The One E -
 live The more a - bun - dant life That earth can
 King, To You our youth and strength A - dor - ing -

life be - gan: In You a - lone we live and move,
 un - a - fraid. Be - fore the throne ab - solved we stand,
 ter - nal True! *(All)* O great I AM! In You we rest,
 nev - er give: *(All)* O ris - en Lord! We live in You,
 ly we bring. So fill our hearts, that all may view

And have our be - ing in Your love.
 Your love has met Your law's de - mand.
 Sure an - swer to our ev - ery quest.
 in us each day Your life re - new!
 Your life in us, and turn to You! A - men.

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.