

Christmas Day Morning Service

THE WORD BECAME
FLESH AND MADE HIS
DWELLING AMONG
US. WE HAVE SEEN
HIS GLORY, THE
GLORY OF THE ONE
AND ONLY SON, WHO
CAME FROM THE
FATHER, FULL OF
GRACE AND TRUTH.
JOHN 1:14

**Orchard Road
Presbyterian Church**

@Suntec Convention Halls 308-311

25 December 2025

10am



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Building a Disciple-Making Church

Christmas Day

10–11.30am

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise & Adoration
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
O Come All Ye Faithful

WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Lighting of Christ Candle

Hymn of Prayer
What Child Is This

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem
Love Is Born Tonight

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
Judges 7

Sermon
Miracle In the Desert

Hymn of Response
Joy to the World

WE SERVE GOD IN HIS WORLD

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Benediction

Postlude



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Lighting of Christ Candle

From <https://www.reformedworship.org/resource/lighting-advent>

Worship Leader A Responsive Reading from Isaiah 9

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

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

Congregation And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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

Congregation 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.

Worship Leader The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

Congregation Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace,
we rejoice that you, so wonderful, so mighty, so everlasting, and so
princely, entered time in the weakness of human flesh in a lowly stable
in Bethlehem as the son of a peasant couple.

O Child of Bethlehem, your birth gives us great joy. Make our joy
complete so that we, like you, spend our lives looking to the interests of
others. By the power of your Spirit, instil in us your attitude of humble
service. In your name we pray. Amen.

Judges 7:1-25

¹ Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. ² The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.' ³ Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

⁴ But the Lord said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

⁵ So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the Lord told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink." ⁶ Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

⁷ The Lord said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home." ⁸ So Gideon sent the rest of the Israelites home but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others.

Now the camp of Midian lay below him in the valley. ⁹ During that night the Lord said to Gideon, "Get up, go down against the camp, because I am going to give it into your hands. ¹⁰ If you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah ¹¹ and listen to what they are saying. Afterward, you will be encouraged to attack the camp." So he and Purah his servant went down to the outposts of the camp. ¹² The Midianites, the Amalekites and all the other eastern peoples had settled in the valley, thick as locusts. Their camels could no more be counted than the sand on the seashore.

¹³ Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. "I had a dream," he was saying. "A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed."

¹⁴ His friend responded, "This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands."

¹⁵ When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, "Get up! The Lord has given the Midianite camp into your hands." ¹⁶ Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside.

¹⁷ "Watch me," he told them. "Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. ¹⁸ When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, 'For the Lord and for Gideon.'"

¹⁹ Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands. ²⁰ The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" ²¹ While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.

²² When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the Lord caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords. The army fled to Beth Shittah toward Zererah as far as the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath. ²³ Israelites from Naphtali, Asher and all Manasseh were called out, and they pursued the Midianites. ²⁴ Gideon sent messengers throughout the hill country of Ephraim, saying, "Come down against the Midianites and seize the waters of the Jordan ahead of them as far as Beth Barah."

So all the men of Ephraim were called out and they seized the waters of the Jordan as far as Beth Barah. ²⁵ They also captured two of the Midianite leaders, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb at the winepress of Zeeb. They pursued the Midianites and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon, who was by the Jordan.

Miracle In the Desert

Judges 7:1-25

Introduction: What is the relevance of Judges 7 to the birth of Jesus?

1. The perfect deliverer

2. Our need for deliverance

3. How can we experience deliverance

Conclusion:

Hymns of Praise & Adoration

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Words by Charles Wesley. Music by Felix Mendelssohn.

Verse 1

Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled

Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Verse 3

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail, the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings

Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

O Come All Ye Faithful

Words by Reginald Heber. Music by John Dykes.

Verse 1

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Refrain

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Sing, choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God
All glory in the highest
(Refrain)

Verse 3

Yea, Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
(Refrain)

LYRICS

Hymn of Prayer

What Child Is This

Words by William Chatterton Dix. Traditional English melody, 16th century.

Verse 1

What Child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping

This, this is Christ, the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and lamb are feeding
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come, peasant, king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

Raise, raise the song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe the Son of Mary

Anthem

Love Is Born Tonight

Words and Music by Lloyd Larson.

Refrain

Love is born tonight in a manger
Love is born in Bethlehem town
Love is born
Christ is born
Love is born this holy night

Born a child and yet the Messiah
Mary sings her lullaby
Christ is born
Love's pure light
Born on this holy night
(Refrain)

Bring your gift and kneel at the manger
Christ is born in Bethlehem town
God has come to earth
What a glorious birth
Come behold the King of love

Hymn of Response

Joy to the World

Words by Isaac Watts. Music by George Frederick Handel.

Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come
 Let earth receive her King
 Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
 And heav'n and nature sing
 And heav'n and nature sing
 And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing

Verse 2

No more let sins and sorrows grow
 Nor thorns infest the ground
 He comes to make His blessings flow
 Far as the curse is found
 Far as the curse is found
 Far as, far as the curse is found

Verse 3

He rules the world with truth and grace
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness
 And wonders of His love
 And wonders of His love
 And wonders, and wonders of His love

PREACHING THEMES ▪ SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	25 Dec Christmas Day (10am)	28 Dec
Sermon Title	Miracle In the Desert	In Transit for Eternity
Scripture Reference	Judges 7:1-25	Philippians 3:12-14
Preacher	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Pr Lim Chung Wei
Worship Leader	Eld Debbie Seah -	Dcn Benjamin Ong <i>Dcn Benjamin Goh</i>
Scripture Reader	Eld Philip Ong -	Sophia Selvarajan <i>Sim Minna</i>
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan	Dorothy Lie
Musicians	Eunice Tang	Patrick Harjadi Eunice Tang Howard Law <i>Lisa Ong</i>
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Team B Jimmy Tan - -	Team C Kenneth Koh <i>Team D</i> <i>Ivy Ang</i>
Greeters	Pr Kenneth Teo (Duty Pastor) Dcn Rita Soh - -	Pr Tan Hui Ru (Duty Pastor) Dcn Gabriel Tang <i>Ps Ruth Tong (Duty Pastor)</i> <i>Dcn Gan Keng Swee</i>
AV Duty Roster	Jethro Cheung Tan Shir Ee Winduputra Prasetijo Jabez Ong Elson Chan Jane Tham	Jeremy Lim Marie Tan Susan Tan <i>Davendran Arumugam</i> <i>Nestor Magkawas</i> <i>Eld Paul Johnson</i>

Bold Italics - Evening Service



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUARTER-YEAR CHECK-IN

We have been at our Suntec location for three months, and we would love to hear how you are settling in. This quick check-in helps us understand what is working well and what we can improve so that the worship experience can be smoother, more comfortable, and more welcoming for everyone. Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your thoughts with us through this survey <https://tinyurl.com/ORPCatSuntec>

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY—FAMILY WORSHIP ON 28 DEC

We welcome back all children and invite parents to worship together this Sunday 28 Dec, 9am in Hall 302 (for 8- to 13-year-olds) and Hall 300 (for 6months to 7 year olds) as we reflect year 2025 with thanksgiving heart. Please contact Jane Tham or Ps Ruth Tong if you are new and for further queries.

MONTHLY CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (7 JAN 2026)

Our next prayer meeting will be on Wednesday, 7 January, 7.30 – 8.30pm, onsite in the Studio (YWCA Outram, Level 2) and via Zoom simultaneously. The Zoom link will be posted on the various ministries' group chats. All are encouraged to attend.

SUNTEC WORSHIP RECRUITMENT

Praise God for the smooth transition to Suntec Worship over the past couple of months. A *thank you* to all who have stepped up to serve but we still need more to serve in the following areas:

1. Ushering ministry – 5 for evening service

- a. Will be assigned to an usher team on monthly duty
- b. To greet and welcome people for ORPC worship and engage them on any queries

2. AV ministry – 3 for morning service and 4 for evening service

- a. Mainly focus on AV equipment set-up and tear down as a start. Monthly duty as part of the larger team with ORPC, GPO and PPC
- b. Will undergo a 3-month adaptation phase (observing and training) for AV duty

Please contact worship@orpc.org.sg for more details.

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/connect/discipleship-groups/> Email discipleshipgroups@orpc.org.sg for more information or speak to one of our staff/leaders.

A&A PROJECT & PLEDGE FORM

You may view the series of updates on the A&A project via this link <https://orpc.sg/aanda/> The pledge form is available as an insert to this bulletin.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS

For details and requirements, please refer to the information on our church website <https://orpc.sg/resources/forms/marriages-in-orpc/> Register for the marriage preparation class via <http://chms.orpc.org.sg/equipping/registration/165/public> Do also refer to the website of the Registry of Marriages, Singapore, for requirements.

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.

STAFF UPDATE

Rev Dr Edward Goh will be on leave 17-26 Dec.

REGULAR MINISTRY

Children's Ministry	Sundays 9.00-10.30AM 0-6YO @ Hall 302, Suntec 7-9YO @ Hall 301, Suntec 10-13YO @ Hall 300, Suntec Contact Ps Ruth (children@orpc.org.sg) for details
Youth Ministry	Sundays 11.00AM-12.30PM Contact Pr Kenneth Teo (youth@orpc.org.sg) for venues
Young Adults Ministry	Odd week Sundays 11.00-12.30PM Contact Pr Herna (yam@orpc.org.sg) for venues
Discipleship Groups	Meetings twice a month. Contact Rev Edward (dgm@orpc.org.sg) for details
Children's Choir/Youth Choir	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Saturdays 4.30-6.00PM @Level 2 Studio, YWCA Outram Contact Dr Agnes (worship@orpc.org.sg) for details
Chancel Choir	Thursdays 7.30-9.30PM @Level 2 Studio, YWCA Outram Contact Dr Agnes (worship@orpc.org.sg) for details
Orchestra	Contact Dr Agnes (worship@orpc.org.sg) for details
Congregational Prayer Meeting	First Wednesday monthly, 7.30-8.30PM [online]
Handiwork Local Outreach	Every Monday @PCS Cedar Tree AAC Strathmore Every Tuesday @PCS Cedar Tree AAC Tampines West 1.30-3.30PM Contact missions@orpc.org.sg for details

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS: DECEMBER 2025 - MARCH 2026

Thu 25 Dec	10 am	Christmas Day Service [Suntec Halls 308-311]
Sun 4 Jan	9 am	Leadership Dedication & Leaders' Installation
Wed 7 Jan	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Online & Studio in YWCA Outram]
Wed 4 Feb	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Online & Studio in YWCA Outram]
Wed 4 Mar	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Online & Studio in YWCA Outram]

TITHES & OFFERINGS

[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"** at the back of Cheque or in "Comments"/ "Reference" box for PayNow/Interbank Transfer

- (1) **PAYNOW/PAYLAH** [QR Code (Use your Bank App, Scan to Pay)]
 UEN No.: S90CC0750JGRO
 Payee Name: Orchard Rd Presbyterian Church – Giro Offering
- (2) **CHEQUE or CASHIER'S ORDER**
 Payee Name: Orchard Road Presbyterian Church
 Mailing Address: 3 Orchard Road Singapore 238825
- (3) **INTERBANK TRANSFER**
 Beneficiary: Orchard Rd Presbyterian Church – Giro Offering
 Bank: UOB Bank Account No: 450-312-122-5



OUR OFFERING

OFFERING	TARGET 01.01.25 - 31.12.25	TARGET TO 21.12.2025	RECEIVED TO 21.12.2025	YTD SURPLUS/ (SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,765,384.62	\$1,473,773.04	(\$291,611.58)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$245,192.31	\$254,532.82	\$9,340.51
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$2,010,576.93	\$1,728,305.86	(\$282,271.07)

A&A FUNDRAISING

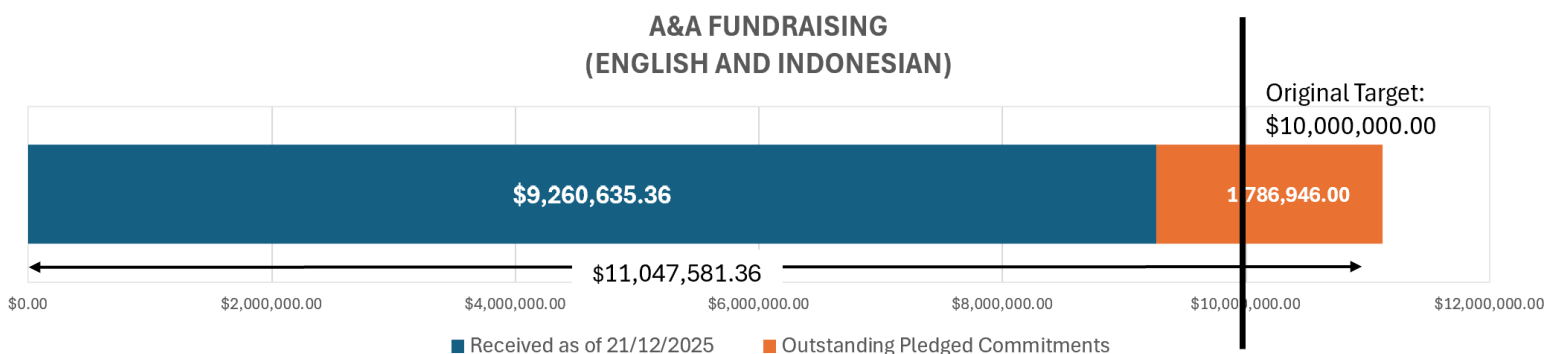
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The Pledge Form may be accessed here <https://bit.ly/ORPCpledge>
 Completed Pledge Forms should be sent to aafundraising@orpc.org.sg

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A&A FUNDRAISING (ENGLISH AND INDONESIAN)



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 is Providence Presbyterian Church. From Oct 2025 to Nov 2027 (projected), ORPC is worshipping at Suntec City Convention Centre while renovation works are ongoing.

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 by 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.