

RENEWING OUR HEARTS BUILDING AS ONE

Worship Service

16 March 2025

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Online Service: 8.45am • Holy Communion: Every 1st Sunday of the month



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Order of Service 16 March 2025 8:45 a.m.

# Gathering

**Silent Meditation** 

Prelude

Call to Worship

- Opening Song
   Holy, Holy, Holy,
- Invocation Prayer

Silence (Let us personally confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness.)

Prayer of Confession (Let us collectively confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness.)

Assurance of Pardon (Our need to know forgiveness.)

• Welcome & Exchange of Peace (Passing the peace of those forgiven by God.)

Songs	My Faith Looks Up To Thee
	The Lord Is My Salvation
	Day By Day

# The Word

Scripture ReadingEzekiel 34: 1 - 16Reader<br/>CongregationThis is the Word of the Lord.<br/>Thanks be to God.SermonA Shepherded CommunityRev Darryl Chan

# **Our Response**

**Offering** (Congregants may present their offering by e-giving or cash.)

Please stand if you are able

Let us give to the Lord our undivided attention by putting our handphones on silent mode.

# **† Doxology & Thanksgiving** (Hope draws its conclusion from the past to the future producing a 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.

# Pastoral Prayer & 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; 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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# Sending

Closing Song

One Voice

- Benediction
- Threefold Amen

**Postlude and Silent Meditation** 

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Order of Service 16 March 2025 11:00 a.m.

# Gathering

Silent Meditation		
Prelude		
Introit	Lord, Be With Us As We Worship	Choir
Call to Worship		

- Opening Song
   King Of Kings, Majesty
- Invocation Prayer
- **Gloria Patri** (Reminding us that God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Silence (Let us personally confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness.)

Prayer of Confession (Let us collectively confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness.)

> Eternal God, as You kindled the faith of the apostles, You are ready to set our souls on fire.
> We confess that given the choice, we would choose to keep our possessions, than turn everything over to You and be transformed.
> We would rather trust in our own resourcefulness than behold the signs and wonders of living in true Christian community
> Forgive our self-reliance and replace our calculating nature with glad and generous hearts.
> In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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# Assurance of Pardon (Our need to know forgiveness.)

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Christ came that we might have life, and have it abundantly. Put your hope and faith in the One who anoints our head with oil and makes our cup overflow with God's blessing.

**Welcome & Exchange of Peace** (Passing the peace of those forgiven by God.)

**Responsive Reading** 

Psalm 27: 1 - 14

- The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

### <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

- One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- <sup>6</sup> And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
   be gracious to me and answer me!
- You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

9	<ul><li>Hide not your face from me.</li><li>Turn not your servant away in anger,</li><li>O you who have been my help.</li><li>Cast me not off; forsake me not,</li><li>O God of my salvation!</li></ul>
10	For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.
11	Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
12	Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.
13	I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
14	Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!
Songs	The King Of Love, My Shepherd IsWhen I Survey The Wondrous CrossPH 100

# **The Word**

Scripture Reading		Ezekiel 34: 1 - 16	
	Reader Congregation	This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon		A Shepherded Community	Rev Darryl Chan

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Anthem	Come, Ye Disconsolate	Choir

Doxology & Thanksgiving (Hope draws its conclusion from the past to the future producing a doxology.)

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Closing Song
 One

One Voice

- Benediction
- Threefold Amen

**Choral Dismissal** 

Lord, Go With Us Now

Choir

**Postlude and Silent Meditation** 

# **SERMON OUTLINE** Speaker: Rev Darryl Chan

Text:Ezekiel 34:1 - 16Title:A Shepherded Community

## A. Introduction

B. Lead No One Astray (vv. 1 - 10)

C. Leave No One Behind (vv. 11 - 16)

D. Conclusion and Challenge

# **CHURCH NEWS**

# 1. PCGM Seminar on Spiritual Formation as (in) a Community of Faith

The upcoming PCGM Seminar, *Spiritual Formation as (in) a Community of Faith: Does it matter? How can I be involved?* by Rev Dr Jimmy Tan, will be held in PSPC on **29 March (Saturday), 2pm - 5pm**.

Intended for both current and future cell group members and leaders, this seminar explores the vital role of spiritual formation in a community of faith — resting on an understanding of spiritual formation as a community of faith. All are welcome! For registration, please scan the QR code or via online form: <u>https://tinyurl.com/PCGMseminar29Mar</u>.



# 2. Spiritual Formation and Cancer Support Group

Spiritual Formation is collaborating with Cancer Support Group for the upcoming Bimonthly Quiet Saturday Morning Retreat. This retreat includes *Visio Divina* as a practice for spiritual formation as well as learning about healing through Art that includes drawing, painting, poetry, etc. Come and join us!

Theme:	"Seeing through Art: Learning about Healing"
Date:	5 April (Saturday)
Time:	9am - 12pm
Venue:	Room 209 (Level 2)

For enquiries and registration, please contact Pr Dawn Tan (<u>dawntan@pspc.org.sg</u>) or Chan Se Sam (<u>sesamchan99@gmail.com</u>).

# 3. The Boys' Brigade BB Week

Greetings to all Prinsepians. BB 1<sup>st</sup> and 1J Company are very grateful for all your contributions and support for 2024. We could not have done it without you! This year, BB Week is from **2 March - 6 April 2025**.

The BB 1<sup>st</sup> Company at Yusof Ishak Secondary School has 38 Boys and 30 new recruits. As for BB 1J Company at Pioneer Primary School, it has gone into recess this year in preparation for the school relocation. Therefore, we are appealing for donations only for BB 1<sup>st</sup> Company.

- For **Tax Deductible**, you can donate through Giving.sg QR code for 1<sup>st</sup> **Singapore Company**.
- For **Non-Tax Deductible**, you can donate using PayNow to BBHQ using the following steps:
  - a. Use the UEN code: "S62SS0041D" and "The Boys' Brigade in Singapore", or
  - b. Use your **banking app** to scan the PayNow QR code on the right and indicate 1<sup>st</sup> **Company** in the payment reference.
- For **Donation Leaflets**, please collect from the usher's table.

Today, we will have some Boys coming to PSPC to ask for donations to their BB Week cards. Let us welcome them with our generosity.





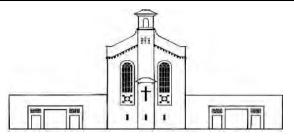
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# 4. Recruitment of Ushers for EP Holy Week Services

PSPC is recruiting 10 congregants to serve as ushers at the English Presbytery (EP) Good Friday Service on 18 April at Suntec Singapore. We invite congregants to sign up and experience the privilege of serving the larger EP family. Please kindly contact Veronica Yong (secy@pspc.org.sg) by 30 March.

## 5. Staff Movement

- Rev Darryl Chan Annual Leave (19 22 March)
- Jess Goh GB Camp (14 16 March)
- Veronica Yong Annual Leave (18 19 March)



# NOTICE OF PSPC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ACM)

Date:27 April 2025 (Sunday)Time:10:30am (After 8:45am combined service)Venue:PSPC Sanctuary and MPH

# NOMINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

During the ACM, we will be electing/ re-electing Elders and Deacons to serve in the Elders and Deacons Court (EDC). All communicant members are requested to undertake this nomination process with utmost responsibility and prayerfulness. The details of the nomination are printed in the Nomination Forms (Blue for Eldership, Red for Deaconship) which are available in the Fellowship Hall. Communicant members may also request for softcopy by contacting Mr Choo Wai How (Church Manager; <u>office@pspc.org.sg</u>).

Proposers are to approach Rev Darryl Chan (Senior Minister; <u>darrylchan@pspc.org.sg</u>) or Eld Andrew Aw (Session Clerk; <u>andrewawkianli@gmail.com</u>) <u>BEFORE</u> nominating a candidate so that they can explain the roles and responsibilities of an Elder or Deacon and clarify any queries. The nomination period is opened from <u>23 February – 23 March 2025</u>. Completed Nomination Forms – hardcopy or softcopy – must be submitted to the Senior Minister or Session Clerk by the deadline.

# **QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS AND DEACONS**

The roles and responsibilities of Elders and Deacons are based on Scripture and PSPC Constitution. Thus, the nomination process ought to be undertaken responsibly and prayerfully. Prospective nominees ought to ensure that their faith and conduct are congruent with the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-13.

### A. Eldership

- PSPC Constitution 1.1.1 states that "The Senior Minister, the Associate Ministers and the Serving Elders, collectively, shall be responsible for the spiritual affairs of PSPC, which shall include the following:
  - (i) Preaching and teaching the Word of God;
  - (ii) Administering the Sacraments; and
  - (iii) Pastoral care and spiritual discipline of Communicant Members."

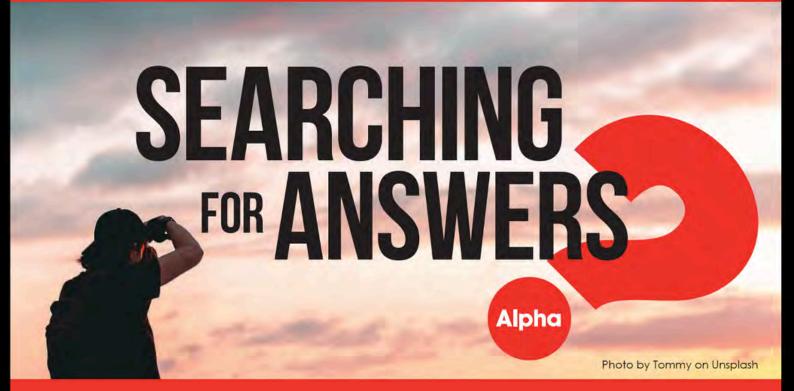
- 1 Timothy 3:1-7, "<sup>1</sup> The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil."
- There are many similarities in the biblical qualifications between an Elder and a Deacon, but the Elder has additional governing and teaching functions "overseer" (v.1) and "able to teach (v.2)". Therefore, prospective nominees for eldership ought to be men and women who are able to lead and teach.
- A Deacon must have served at least 1 term (3 years) to be eligible for nomination as an Elder.

# B. Deaconship

- PSPC Constitution 9.1.2 states that "The Deacons shall work with the Senior Minister, the Associate Ministers and the Serving Elders in administering the ministries, the financial affairs and the activities of PSPC, in planning PSPC budget, in preparing ministry and financial reports and in managing all matters concerning ministries, finance and administration of PSPC."
- 1 Timothy 3:8-13, "8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup> And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup> Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup> Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup> For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus."
- Verse 10 says, "And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless." PSPC leadership philosophy holds to the view and practice that the "testing ground" for prospective candidates should be in the context of their respective ministries or committees.

Therefore, let us nominate and elect men and women who fulfill the 3 'C's of leadership, i.e. those who respond to God's <u>Calling</u>, demonstrate godly <u>Character</u> and are able to serve with <u>Competence</u>.

Rev Darryl Chan On behalf of Elders and Deacons Court 23 February 2025



# Join us at the Alpha Course

Looking for answers to life? The Alpha Course is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed environment. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity over a meal, video and small group discussion.

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25/04	Is There More to Life Than This? Who is Jesus?	BEGIN THE GREATEST ADVENTURE
02/05	Why Did Jesus Die? How Can I Have Faith?	
09/05	Why and How Do I Pray? Why and How Should I Read The Bible?	Fridays - 7pm Dinner 7.45-9.30pm - Alpha Course
16/05	How Do I Resist Evil? Does God Heal Today?	Prinsep St. Presbyterian Church 77 Prinsep Street, S 188649
23/05	Who Is The Holy Spirit? What Does The Holy Spirit Do?	
30/05	How Does God Guide Us? How Can I Make The Most of the Rest of My Life?	pspcalpha@gmail.com

# **PSPC CHURCH CAMP 2025**

# IT'S NOT ABOUT 13-16 JUNE THE WALLS

# **BUILDING UP LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH**

The book of Nehemiah is not so much about rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem as about rebuilding the lives of the people in the city. How do we rebuild our lives, which, like the city walls, are broken and in need of restoration? Let us follow Nehemiah as he takes us step by step through God's mission of rebuilding walls and renewing lives.

# TOPICS

PRAYER: The Call from Above (Neh 1: 1-11)
PRESENT MINISTRY: The Work on the Ground (Neh 4: 1-14)
THE WORD: The Word Deep Within (Neh 8: 1-12)
FUTURE VISION: The Legacy Beyond (Neh 13: 19-31)

#### **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

**Rev David W. F. Wong** is the senior pastor of Zion Bishan Bible-Presbyterian Church. He has been in the pastoral ministry for over forty years, during which he also served with Haggai Institute, overseeing leadership training in Maui, Hawaii, for Christian leaders from over a hundred nations. Lyricist to six musicals and author of a dozen books, he is married to Jenny, and they are blessed with two daughters, two sons-in-law, and four grandchildren.



#### www.pspc-churchcamp.com

#### OTHER PROGRAMMES

- Mandarin Talks
- Youth
- Children
- Workshops/ Activities

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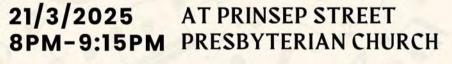
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Parking is not available 不提供停车位

# 2025 ENGLISH PRESBYTERY FAMILY CONFERENCE HEARING VOICES

**ARPC**@TENGAH Friday, March 21, 7pm (Supper provided) Saturday, March 22, 9am–2pm (Lunch provided)

Come join us at the 2025 EP Family Conference. It is a spiritual feast to learn Biblical and practical truths about loving our elderly, those with special needs, our youth/kids and growing in parenting.

# SESSIONS

# Hearing the Voice of Our Elderly by Rev Forest Koh, author, pastor and former Xin Yao pioneer

Hearing the Voice of Our Special Needs Families by Esther Kwan, Principal of Grace Orchard School

Hearing the Voice of Our Youth by Dr Suzanne Choo, Professor/Educationist at NIE-NTU

Hearing the Voice of Our Parents by Dr Tan Poh Lin, IPS Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

# + A Panel of Experts for Q&A



Register at







# arpc.sg/familyconference to attend.

Venue Address ARPC@TENGAH 200 Bukit Batok West Ave**nue** 5, Singapore 659871 Tel: 6466 0119

Visit *arpc.sg* for more information.

# TENEBRAE REFLECTIONS 2025

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. We gather to remember what was accomplished on the cross.

# Lamentations at the Cross

Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church is observing Tenebrae again this April with a choral presentation and art exhibition that leads participants on a journey through the last days of Christ, culminating in His death on the Cross.

You are invited to come take this sensory pilgrimage with us.

It was for us that Jesus died.

# FRI, 18 APR 2025

Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church (PSPC) 77 Prinsep Street, Singapore 188649

(THU, 17 APR 2025 Full-dress Rehearsal)

The Art Exhibition starts at 7pm, the Choral Presentation at 8pm, PSPC. Registration is required. Limited seats are available.

Not suitable for children under 12 years of age.

For more in-depth understanding of the art pieces, there will also be a **Meet the Art Exhibition Artists Session** on **FRI, 18 APR (3:30pm – 5pm)**; no registration is required.

Event is jointly organised by:







TICKETS

https://tinyurl.com/PSPCTenebrae2025

The Meaning of The Dening of HOLY WEEK CONVENTION 2025 | 16 - 18 April

For over two millennia, the Cross has remained the central symbol of Christianity. But why does it hold such a profound significance within the Christian faith?

This series of Holy Week sermons will explore in depth the meaning of the Cross, uncovering what it reveals about God and the world, the transformative work it has accomplished, and the enduring challenge it poses to Christians and the Church today.



16 April | 8pm ARPC@Tengah

#### The Victory of the Cross Colossians 2:5

17 April | 8pm ARPC@Tengah

The Challenges of the Cross

#### How to get to ARPC@Tengah

200 Bukit Batok West Ave 5



Parking in Multi Storey Carpark (MSCP): **@ Blk 467 Bt Batok West Ave 9** Entry to MSCP is via Bt Batok West Ave 9.

@ Blk 463 Bt Batok St 41Entry to MSCP is via Bt Batok St 41 (Opp Le Quest Shopping Mall).



Dr Roland Chia Chew Hock Hin Professor of Christian Doctrine Trinity Theological College Theological and Research Advisor Ethos Institute for Public Christianity

Matthew 16:24-26

18 April | 10:30am Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hall 401-402 (Level 4)

We won't have a separate children's programme on Friday but there will be a sermonette for them.

Find out more at http://epholyweekconvention.org



Organised by The English Presbytery of The Presbyterian Church in Singapore

Alight at **Bukit Gombak MRT** (NS3). At MRT Exit C, turn left and walk to bus stop. **Take Bus 991** and alight at the 2nd bus stop. Walk along the road, ARPC is on the left.



Bukit Gombak MRT (Exit D) ⇔ ARPC@Tengah: 7:00pm – 8:15pm (last bus 8:15pm)

ARPC@Tengah ⇒ Bukit Gombak MRT (Exit D): 9:30pm – 10:20pm (last bus 10:20pm)

# CARBON FAST FOR LENT Week Focus: ENERGY & WATER (16 - 22 March 2025)

#### **Reflection** PAUSE BEFORE YOU CLICK by Dr Eileen Poh



Many of us shopped online during the COVID-19 pandemic. This trend continues today. We can purchase anything we want from any part of the world with a click on our computer or a tap on our phone. But have we paused to think about the environmental cost that each click makes?

A report estimates that 2023 saw the delivery of 186,000 parcels per day in Singapore, generating 15,900 tons of mailing packaging in that year.<sup>1</sup> The production of goods and packaging uses a lot of energy and water. We also need to think of the environmental cost of transporting these goods from different parts of the world to our doorstep.

The desire to acquire goods to satisfy our craving is not new. In Revelation 18:11-17a, John sees God's judgement on Rome's use of her wealth to acquire luxury goods for her self-gratification. Ships carried goods from all over the Roman Empire and beyond to Rome: precious metals and jewels, luxurious fabrics, expensive wood and metal, spices and perfumes, foods and wine, horses, carriages and slaves (vv. 12-13).

It is striking that this list of goods ends with slaves. Ian Paul remarks: "By including slaves at the end of the list, John is emphasising both ends of the chain of consumption: luxury and prosperity for the few has created poverty and oppression for the many."<sup>2</sup> This is true today. An example is the large number of women and girls working in slave-like conditions in garment factories, in third world countries like Bangladesh, to satisfy our taste for fast fashion.

While our online shopping may not include the luxurious goods listed in Rev 18:12-13, we need to reflect on the environmental and human costs when we click to buy something online. In this Lent season, let Isaiah's words guide us: "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?" (Isa. 58:6).

#### Prayer

"Heavenly Father, forgive us for our mindless consumerism. Help us to buy goods that are produced in sustainable ways, and which provide a just and fair wage for those who make those goods. Amen."

#### **Carbon Fast on Energy & Water**

Focus on energy and water consumptions in our homes and workplaces:

- Consider using efficient appliances (e.g. LED lightings, water efficient taps etc.) and practice mindful consumption
   (e.g. switch devices off at the power sockets when not in use, perform half-flush of water whenever possible, turn off the shower/ tap when soaping etc.)
- Participate in Earth Hour (22 March, 8:30pm 9:30pm, you may consider switching off all unnecessary lights and electronic devices for one hour at home) https://www.earthhour.org/take-part/give-an-hour

Please click on the following links for more details.

- <u>https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/climate-change-energy-efficiency/energy-efficiency/household-sector/energy-saving-tips</u>
- <u>https://www.pub.gov.sg/Public/WaterLoop/Water-Conservation/Water-Saving-Tips</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup><u>https://www.nea.gov.sg/media/news/news/index/new-guidelines-to-reduce-e-commerce-packaging.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> I. Paul, *Revelation* (Downers Grove: IVP, 2018) 297-298.

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# A Carbon Fast Guide for Lent



Focus on energy and water **consumption** in our homes and workplaces

- Consider efficient appliances and practice mindful consumption
- Participate in *Earth Hour* (22 March, 8.30-9.30pm)



#### 'REDUCE' (30 MARCH - 5 APRIL)

Contemplate ways to **reduce waste** in our daily lives, such as by changing household practices and shopping habits



### 'RECYCLE' (13 - 19 APRIL)

Learn proper **recycling practices** and find out more about how they contribute to environmental stewardship

Brought to you by: Creation Care Ministry Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church





#### FOOD (9 - 15 MARCH)

Reflect on our **food choices** and their impact on the environment

- Eat less meat
- Buy local produce/grow your own
- Reduce food waste





#### **TRANSPORT (23 - 29 MARCH)**

Examine our **travel habits** and explore alternatives that reduce emissions such as

- Walking
- Cycling
- Public transportation



#### **'REUSE' (6 -12 APRIL)**

Explore ways to **reuse items** by repurposing them to extend their life, and reduce the demand for new resources in the process

# What is a 'Carbon Fast'?

Carbon emissions are a major driver of climate change. This Lenten season, consider reducing your carbon emissions by 'fasting' from activities which lead to high carbon emissions.



Calculate your carbon emissions here:



# <sup>•</sup> January - June 2025

5-Jan Church Theme 2025



- 12-Jan Ephesians 2:11-22 (Built To Last)
- 19-Jan 1 Corinthians 12 (Everyone's Involved)
- 26-Jan Philemon (Everyone's Invited)
- 2-Feb Psalm 100 (We Gather Together)
- 9-Feb Luke 10:1-20 (Community Commissioned)
- 16-Feb Matthew 25:31-46 (Servant's Entrance)
- 23-Feb John 13:1-17 (And They'll Know We Are Christians)
- 2-Mar Nehemiah 9:1-5; James 5:13-20 (True Confessions)
- 9-Mar Matthew 18:15-35 (Confrontation and Restoration)
- 16-Mar Ezekiel 34:1-16 (A Haven for Healing)
- 23-Mar Philippians 1:1-11
- 30-Mar Philippians 1:12-18
  - 6-Apr Philippians 1:19-30
- 13-Apr Philippians 2:1-11
- 20-Apr Easter Sunday Combined Service
- 27-Apr Philippians 2:12-18
- 4-May Philippians 2:19-30
- **11-May Mother's Day** (Open Topic)
- 18-May Philippians 3:1-11
- 25-May Philippians 3:12-21
  - 1-Jun Philippians 4:1-9
  - 8-Jun Philippians 4:10-23
- 15-Jun Father's Day (Open Topic)
- 22-Jun Creation Care Sunday
- 29-Jun Youth Sunday (Open Topic)

#### **Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church**

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# **PRAYER MINISTRY**

"As faith springs from the Gospel, so by faith our hearts are framed to call upon the name of God." - John Calvin

# **Our Ministry**

**PSPC Mandarin Ministry Music and Gospel Outreach** - We commit the Music and Gospel Outreach organised by our Chinese Ministry on 21 March. May God use the music and testimony from the theme, "Hear the Gospel in the Music of the True Renewal of Spring", to reach out to many, especially those who have yet to know Jesus.

**BB Week (2 March to 6 April)** - As the BB Boys come to raise funds today, we pray for the generosity of PSPC and the general public to support and donate to this fundraising campaign so that the BB movement can continue to advance Christ's kingdom among Boys.

**English Presbytery (EP) Family Conference** - We pray for EP Family Conference on 21 March as our Presbyterian community come together to learn biblical truths and practical skills about loving our elderly, those with special needs, our children and youths as well as growing in parenting.

# **Our Family**

**Synod Nepal Medical and Dental Mission Trip** - We pray for the mission trippers especially Rev Peter Chan, Sharon Goh, Kok Leling and Shyamala as they prepare for the medical and dental trip to Nepal from 22 - 31 March. We ask God to keep the team safe and in good health. May they be a beacon of light to serve and bless the needs of the people.

**Lim Heng Hoe** - We continue to pray for Lim Heng Hoe that his condition will stabilise so that he is able to proceed with the two remaining radiation therapy to treat his brain tumour. We also pray that God will also strengthen and uplift Su Chen and their two helpers, Wah Wah and Kyu Kyu, as they support and care for Heng Hoe.

# **Our World**

**Singapore** - As the Electoral Boundary Review Committee completed and published its report, Singapore will take another step forward to the General Elections. We ask God to protect the unity and social fabric of Singapore and for the provision of political leadership that will make wise decisions, uphold justice and advance righteousness.

# REFLECTIONS

# The Restoration of Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church Part 1 - What Children Can Teach Us Inspiration from Sunday School and the Book of Ezra

Sometime last year, our Sunday School children were asked to come up with drawings of what they wanted to see in our new church building. They were also tasked to build a 3-D model of the church. The drawings and models were amazing! The children were so creative and you should have seen the look of concentration on their faces as they built their "dream" church. There were so many variations – some had grass roofs with welcome signs whilst others had nice greenery and lots of shrubs and trees. Yet others had demon prisons, force fields and even a rocket to escape. No, we didn't teach these things in Sunday School!

The children had an opportunity to present their creations and there was a healthy respect for each other's concepts. They all took pride in their work, wanting to give their very best and there was a story behind their creations. Let me get back to this later.



# Jonah & The Vision of Renewal

Before the children's activity, in August last year, Rev Darryl asked if I would consider being part of the Building Renewal Project Steering Committee (BRP but we affectionally call it BuRP). My immediate reaction then was no. I was after all quite happy serving primarily in the Children's Ministry/Sermonette Team and Website Ministry. I was also in Paris visiting my daughter. Far away. Easy to say no. But fortunately (or unfortunately) when I visited a church there, the story of Jonah coupled with the song "He Will Hold Me Fast" compelled me to say yes. I was also heartened to also see there were other brothers and sister (yes only one) serving in BRP – Eld Wan Kum Tho, Choo Wai How, Dn Lai Kian Fong, Dn Benjamin Smith, Dn Evelyn Ng and Rev Darryl. We have a common vision of renewal of the church building and I know they have the capacity to forgive me for my shortcomings.

## **BRP** – Role & Function

The EDC has tasked BRP with a 3-fold purpose, including some warnings (always good to know what to look out for):

- 1. A completed project with united leadership It will be tragic if the BRP leads to the fragmentation of the church leadership.
- 2. A renewed building with renewed congregation It will be disastrous if the BRP brings about a renewed building, but the congregation does not grow in the theological virtues of faith, hope and love (qualitatively) and suffers from unnecessary numerical attrition (quantitatively).
- 3. A larger premises with expanded ministry It will be worthless if the BRP leads to a larger church premises but remains underutilized for ministry and outreach.

BRP seeks to take in the various inputs from Building Management Committee (BMC), Worship Committee and many others in scoping out Part 1 of the Sanctuary Restoration Works. Finally, BRP will liaise with the various consultants to ensure that the work is done in accordance with the inputs from EDC (Elders and Deacons Court) and that proper processes are followed.

## Why Part 1 & Part 2?

What is Part 1 and is there a Part 2? Part 1 has to do with the Sanctuary. It's basically what we need to do to repair and restore the Sanctuary in line with what National Heritage Board (NHB) requirements. It also gives us an opportunity to refresh the look and feel of our Sanctuary so that it's fit for purpose for another 30 years. It envisaged that while Part 1 is unfolding in the Sanctuary, we will still be able to use the other parts of the church building. Part 2, which has to do with everything other than the Sanctuary, will only come later once the Sanctuary Restoration Works are completed. Akan datang!

# Ezra's Story

This brings me to the book of Ezra. We're all quite familiar with the story of Ezra in the Old Testament and the role he played in rebuilding and restoring Jerusalem's temple after the Babylonian exile. His unwavering faith and leadership united the people in their mission to rebuild the temple, despite numerous challenges. But what struck me most about Ezra is in Ezra 7:10, "For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel." Study, Do It and Teach. 1, 2, 3. A, B, C. Even as we embark on this project, let us be reminded to continue to Study God's Word, Obey it and Teach it to others (preferably in that order).

# The Challenges Faced

Reconstruction is always messy, usually delayed and with costs overruns. It's no wonder that Ezra faced opposition from adversaries and struggled with the rebuilding! Ezra's challenges included skepticism and resistance from the people who had settled in Jerusalem during the exile, as well as external threats from neighboring enemies who sought to disrupt the rebuilding efforts. There were also bureaucratic obstacles imposed by the Persian authorities. Likewise, we too might face various hurdles as we embark on this project and need to be reminded of our objectives and stay united as a church.

## **Back to the Children**

The children took the vision of the church renewal project seriously and with passion. They came up with 3-D models below. Similarly, BRP will work with the consultants to come up with some pictures or mockups to show how the refreshed Sanctuary might look like. We want to enhance the worship experience for our congregants and make the space more inclusive for everyone.

It is our prayer that we will come together as a congregation, forgive each other's shortcomings, and give space to hear each other out even if we cannot accommodate all requests.



Eld Andrew Ong Chairman BRP Steering Committee

# INFODESK

	16 March 2025	23 March 2025
Preacher		
	Rev Darryl Chan	Dr Eileen Poh
Worship Lead	er	
8:45am	Justin Choy	Eld Jack Lum
11:00am	Grace Lee	Alex Yap
Scripture Read	der	
8:45am	Shaun Lee	Javier Quek
11:00am	Allison Yap	Paul Tan
Back-up Singe	ers / Cantors	
8:45am	Andy & Siow Peck Choy	Francis Tsang / Uli Wong
11:00am	Megan Yap	Megan Yap
Musicians		
8:45am	Hannah How / Felix Tan / Jordan Wong / Yii Zheng Wei	Benjamin Cher / See Kurt Wei / Wong Ye Wen / Yeo Wei Le
11:00am	Organist – Zhang Dan Wei Pianist – Selena Chua	Organist – Tang Yueh Tarn Pianist – Deborah Chai
Ushers		
8:45am	Hazel Cheong / Catherine Leong / Tan Chwee Eng	Ang Lay Hian / Thaddaeus & Esther Tan
11:00am	Teo Kwang Chwei / Rosalind Yin	Ng See Woon / Deborah Yong
Welcome Tear	n	
8:45am	Gloria Lee	Justin How
11:00am	Patrick & Lily Tham	Patrick & Lily Tham
AV / Livestrea	m Crew	· · · · ·
	Audio – Nicholas Smith	Audio – Zekeil Tay
8:45am	Visual – Yuh Hyojin	Visual – Lai YiYing
	Livestream – Zekeil Tay	Livestream – Joshua Chen
11:00am	Audio – Andrew Leong	Audio – David Koh
11.00am	Visual – Tan Siok Hia	Visual – Koh Sing Lang
Counting Supe	ervisor	
8:45am	Eld Andrew Aw	Chng Shih Kiat
11:00am	Loh Shu Ching	Eld Wan Kum Tho
Breakfast Mini	stry	
	Dorothy Ng & Joyce Quek	CG of Ho Yew Keong & Jess Goh

# Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church (PSPC) PSPC ~ Proclaiming Salvation, Perfected in Christ

Worships Passionately • Lives Biblically • Prays Fervently • Equips Holistically Serves Faithfully • Evangelises Globally

# A Welcoming Church

We warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to PSPC. Please scan this OR 🙎 code and complete the online



form or the visitor's card in the welcome pack and hand it to any of our ushers or simply drop it into the offering box. We look forward to knowing you better and sharing with you more about PSPC at our Visitors' Corner in the Fellowship Hall.

# A Disciplemaking Church

The vision of PSPC is to be a community of disciples who are "PSPC ~ Proclaiming Salvation, Perfected in Christ." Our cell group ministry is where we grow in our love for God and for one another. We invite you to speak to our Befrienders to find out more about our cell group ministry.

# A Caring Church

Congregants who need counsel or prayer may approach the Pastoral Staff or Elders after the worship service. Those who need pastoral care during the week may contact the Church Office (6337-0595).

English Service		
Rev Darryl Chan ( <u>darrylchan@pspc.org.sg</u> )		
Rev Kelvin Chen ( <u>kelvinchen@pspc.org.sg</u> )		
Rev Ron Tan ( <u>rontan@pspc.org.sg</u> )		
Pr Dawn Tan ( <u>dawntan@pspc.org.sg</u> )		
Pr Carol Ng (carolng@pspc.org.sg)		
Jess Goh (jessgoh@pspc.org.sg)		
Dorothy Koh (dorothykoh@pspc.org.sg)		
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Choo Wai How ( <u>office@pspc.org.sg</u> ) 6337-0595		

# **Gifts and Offerings**



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Sunday Worship Services			
8:45 am	English Service (Contemporary)	L1 – Sanctuary	
11:00 am	English Service (Traditional)	L1 – Sanctuary	
11:00 am	Mandarin Service	L4 – MPH	
1:30 pm	Filipino Service Maechel de Celis (maechel.dage@gmail.com)	L3 – The Upper Room	
2:00 pm	<b>Mizo Service</b> Rosang Zual (mcfsingapore@gmail.com)	L1 – Sanctuary L4 – MPH	
	<b>Children's Ministry (Sun</b> Pr Carol Ng ( <u>carolng@pspc</u>		
	Infants (0-17 mths)	L1 – Infants' Room	
	Toddlers (18-36 mths)	L1 – Toddlers' Room	
	Children Worship	L2 – Room 209	
	Nursery 1 (3-4 years old)	L2 – Rooms 210-211	
	Kindy 1 & 2 (5-6 years old)	L2 – Room 207	
8:45 am	Primary 1	L2 – Room 205	
	Primary 2	L2 – Room 204	
	Primary 3	L2 – Room 208	
	Primary 4	L2 – Room 214	
	Primary 5	L2 – Room 209	
	Primary 6	L2 – Room 206	
Prinsep Lighthouse (Sunday) (PLH) [13-18 years old] Rev Ron Tan ( <u>rontan@pspc.org.sg</u> )			
10:40 am	PLH Discipleship Groups	L3 – The Upper Room	
English Lessons for Migrant Workers (Sunday) Colin Koh ( <u>drcolintskoh@gmail.com</u> )			
11:00 am	HELLO Class	L2 – Room 209	
Young	Adults Coming Here Together (YAC	<b>HT)</b> [19-25 years old]	
YACHT Sail Groups meet on different days and times. A combined group meet-up is held on the last Saturday of each month For enquiries, please contact Dorothy Koh (dorothykoh@pspc.org.sg).			
	Senior Members Fellowship Rev Kelvin Chen ( <u>kelvinchen@p</u>	• •	
Thursday 10:30 am	SMF Bible Study	L1 – Conference Room	
	Prinsep Cell Group Ministry	(PCGM)	
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