

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

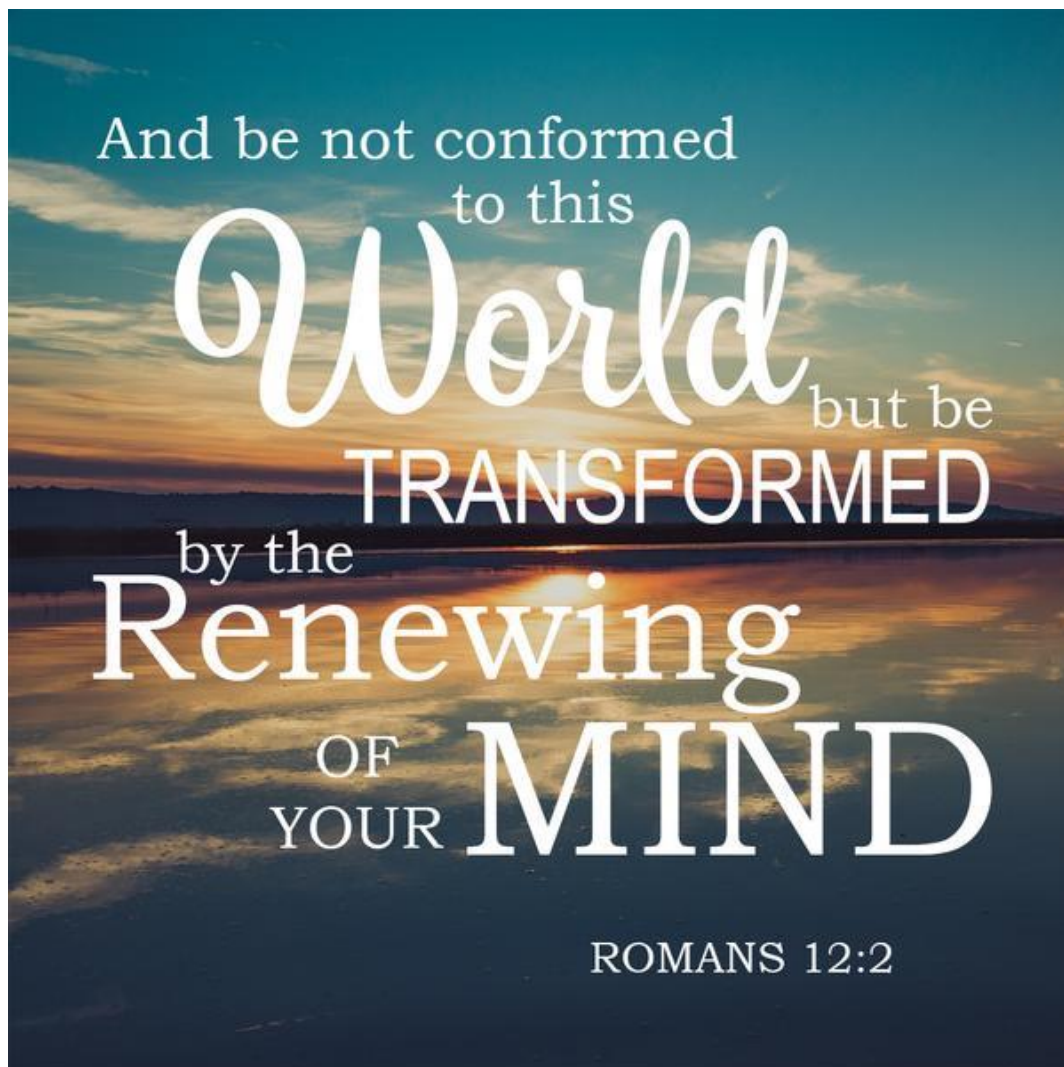
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"Be reverent, for this is the house of the Lord.

Before the service, speak to God.

During the service, let God speak to you.

"After the service, speak to one another with the technology available"



Our Vision

Nurturing Disciples to be a Spirit-filled, Impactful Church

The 4 Essentials

***Lifelong Discipleship, Wholesome Families,
A Voice to Our Nation, A Vision for the World***

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

“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, NIV

OPENING PRAYER

Loving Father, we are thankful that You sent Your Son to dwell among us, that through Him, we might know You even better. This first Sunday of Advent, as we anticipate the celebration of His birth and His coming again, may our hearts, our minds and our souls be open to the transforming work of Your Word and Holy Spirit. We exalt Your name on high as we bid You come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

ACTS OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a Child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Saviour ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
All glory to Jesus alone

Spirit Of The Living God

Spirit of the living God, Spirit of the living God
We only want to hear Your voice, we're hanging on every word
Spirit of the living God, Spirit of the living God
We want to know You more and more, we're hanging on every word

Come and speak to us, O Lord

*'Cause when You speak and when You move, when You do what only You can do
It changes us, it changes what we see and what we seek
When You come in the room, when You do what only You can do
It changes us, it changes what we see and what we seek
You're changing everything*

Spirit of the living God, Spirit of the living God
We're leaning in to all You are, everything else can wait
Spirit of the living God, Spirit of the living God
Come now and breathe upon our hearts, come now and have Your way

When You move, You move all our fears
When You move, You move us to tears (*repeat*)

When You fall, we fall on our knees
When You fall, we fall at Your feet
And when You fall, we fall on our knees
And when You fall, we fall at Your feet, yeah

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to have His way with and abide in us. To heal the wounded and weary, and encourage the downtrodden.
2. Let us pray that God uses us as His vessels to transform the world. Pray that God transforms us with Jesus' love and compassion.
3. Pray that the Budget 2021 would be a just and compassionate budget. Pray that the resources will go to where it is most needed.
4. Pray that Advent will be a time of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy for all the nations.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

E-OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-31

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Spiritual Makeover

Rev Shearn Sya

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: A Spiritual Makeover

Scripture Passage: Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-31

BIG IDEA: All have hope for transformation by God's power.

Introduction

- Saul = Paul.

1. God-initiated

- Impossible without God.

2. Man-assisted

- God involved Ananias in His work.

3. Unexpected

- Paul's plans were interrupted.

4. Drastic

- From blindness to sight.

5. Costly

- From persecuting to persecuted.

6. Purposeful

- Converted to be commissioned.

7. Infectious

- Proof of testimony.

8. Lasting

- Transformers vs. Metamorphosis.

Conclusion

Know: All have hope for transformation by God's power.

Be: Open to God's transforming work in your life and the lives of others.

Do: Embark on God's purposes for your life.

Ownit 365

One Story Plan

Nov 23 (Day 283)

Acts 12:1-24

Luke 18:1-8

Jas 1:2-8

Nov 24 (Day 284)

Acts 8:1-3

Acts 9:1-31

Gal 1:10-24

Nov 25 (Day 285)

Acts 11:19-30

Acts 12:25

1 Pet 4:7-11

Nov 26 (Day 286)

Acts 13

Matt 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

Nov 27 (Day 287)

Acts 14

2 Tim 3:10-13

Rom 15:15-21

Nov 28 (Day 288)

Acts 15:1-35

Acts 21:25

Gal 2

Nov 30 (Day 289)

Acts 15:36-41

Col 4:10-11

2 Tim 4:9-18

Dec 1 (Day 290)

Acts 16:1-5

2 Tim 1:1-14

Php 2:19-24

Dec 2 (Day 291)

Acts 16:6-40

1 Thes 2:1-12

2 Cor 11:22-33

Dec 3 (Day 292)

Acts 17

1 Thes 2:13-20

1 Thes 3

Dec 4 (Day 293)

Acts 18

1 Cor 16:19

Rom 16:3-5

Dec 5 (Day 294)

Acts 18:24-28

1 Cor 1:10-17

1 Cor 3:1-8

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. What would you say is the biggest transformation for you since you became a follower of Christ? Would those around you (friends, family, etc.) agree?
2. What is one new mission/purpose God has given you since being transformed to be His disciple?
3. What is one area of your life where you desire God's transforming work, that you may become more Christ-like?

SONG OF DEDICATION

Thank You For Saving Me

Thank You for saving me, what can I say?
You are my everything; I will sing Your praise
You shed Your blood for me, what can I say?
You took my sin and shame, a sinner called by name

*Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord
For we know Your truth has set us free
You've set Your hope in me*

Mercy and grace are mine, forgiven is my sin
Jesus, my only hope, the Saviour of the world
Great is the Lord, we cry; God, let Your kingdom come
Your Word has let me see; thank You for saving me

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Praise Leaders	Mrs Kim Yap, Ms Goh Yi Jane
Reader	Ms Cindy Lim
Musician	Mr Daniel Khoo

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Preacher	Rev Ronald Yap
Praise Leaders	Mrs Kim Yap
Reader	Mrs Janet Ng
Musician	Ms Chang Jia Ren

ONLINE MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

9.15am	Church School
10.00am	Worship Service in English
2.00pm	Methodist Youth Fellowship
2.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Juniors)
3.00pm	Post Alpha Small Group
3.30pm	Boys' Brigade (Seniors)
5.00pm	Sungai Ara II Small Group – Jason Chieng

TUESDAY

8.30pm	Tanjung Bungah Small Group – Chan Chen Weng
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WEDNESDAY

10.00am	Wednesday Small Group – Tan Saw Lee (1 st & 3 rd Wed) Church Office Staff Meeting
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THURSDAY

8.30pm	Church Prayer Meeting
9.00pm	Tree Residency Small Group – Jesse Ong

FRIDAY

	Small Groups:
8.30pm	Young Adults I – Seah Por Shen Taman Sri Nibong – Dr Saw Kim Guan Bethel – Ch'ng Geam Liang Century Garden – Lim Lim Ling Permai Village I – Daniel Khoo Island Glades – Tan Kok Huat (2 nd & 4 th)

SATURDAY

10:30am	Permai Village Small Group – Dr Khoo Cheek Kau
11.00am	BB Platoon (King's Academy) Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
	Small Groups:
5.45pm	Young Families – Tairven Lee
8.00pm	Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
8:30pm	Sungai Ara I – Ling Lek Chian (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Pray for wisdom for the health authorities and governments in every nation to effectively cope as Covid-19 cases and deaths continue to rise all over the world. Praise God that medical experts are getting positive results with regards to the development of a vaccine. Pray that God will bless their work and that there will be an effective vaccine to combat the Covid-19 virus soon.

Nation

- Hospital beds in the Klang Valley were significantly increased after the recent surge in new Covid-19 cases. Pray that employers, especially those in factories and construction sites, will take strict measures to ensure that all their workers are free of Covid-19. Pray also for wisdom over our leaders and the health authorities to put together effective health and preventive measures.

Church

- Pray for our worship enablers as it has been a difficult year having to adapt to new systems and cope with pre-recorded and live-stream worship services. Pray that they will continue to deepen their relationship with Christ, and spend time to connect with Him. Pray also that the Lord will continue to refresh and renew them as they serve Him.

Self

- Pray that we will let God have complete control of our lives as we surrender all our hopes, our dreams and our burdens to Him. Pray for strength to persevere, that the Holy Spirit will help us to remain faithful no matter what comes our way. Pray that we will learn to rely on His promises and be content in every circumstance.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME to worship at **Trinity**. For any assistance please contact:

Pastor in charge – Rev Ronald Yap, Associate Pastor – Rev Shearn Sya: 04-828 7445

Administrator, Ms Angeline Choo: 013-243 1282

- Sermons and past worship services are available online (<http://replay.penangtrinity.org>).
- Visitation ministry for the homebound, please inform Angeline Choo.
- **Online/ATM Transfer:** Maybank Account No. MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang). Please indicate for "Offering/Pledge" or "Poor & Needy" in Recipient Reference for online transfers.

TODAY – November 29

Please note that the MSF AGM / Thanksgiving Service will be held in person on Saturday, December 19, at 4.30pm in TSR and also via Zoom for those who wish to stay at home. The agenda will include election of office bearers of the Management Committee for 2021-2022.

Communion Offering for November 2020 will go to El Shaddai Centre.

Communion Offering for December 2020 will go to Lighthouse Kapit, Sarawak.

Coming up in December!

24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

25 – Christmas Day Service

31 – Watchnight Covenant Service

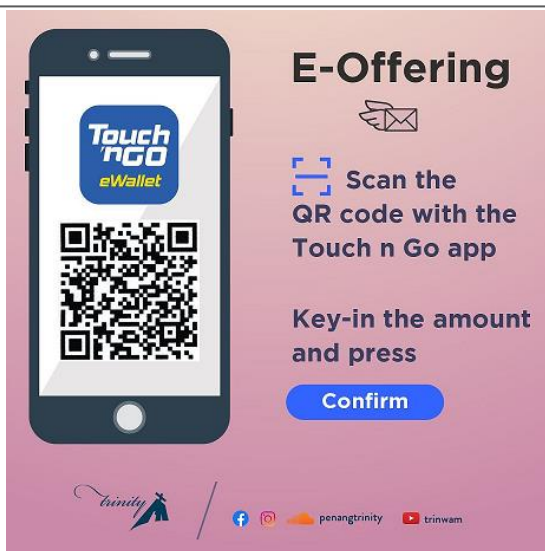
Staying Connected and Informed:

We will be posting content and communications as we shift towards being an online community of faith particularly during this period of the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO).

It is important that you follow us on the following channels to keep abreast of our Church information and communications:

- Facebook: <http://fb.com/penangtrinity> – LIKE
- Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/penangtrinity> – Follow
- YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/TRINWAM> – click SUBSCRIBE
- Live worship services: <http://live.penangtrinity.org> or <https://penangtrinity.online.church/>

For online church service issues, please WhatsApp Angeline at 013-243 1282.



Vacancies: TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-8260724 or submit resume to kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org.