

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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2nd Sunday of Advent

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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

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4:3-6, NIV

OPENING PRAYER

Sovereign Lord, we wait with faithful anticipation for the coming King of Glory, our Lord Jesus Christ. Draw us to worship You in Spirit and in Truth even when troubles and sorrows billow like storms around us. Heal and unite our broken and unfaithful hearts Father, through Your Holy Spirit who comforts, binds and raises us as one voice in heavenward songs of praise to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ACTS OF PRAISE

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates
Behold the King of glory waits
The King of kings is drawing near
The Saviour of the world is here

Fling wide the portals of your heart
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heavens employ
Adorned with prayer, and love and joy

Redeemer come with us abide
Our hearts to Thee we open wide
Let us Thy inner presence feel
Thy grace and love in us reveal

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
Until our glorious goal is won
Eternal praise eternal fame
Be offered Saviour, to Thy name

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

*It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul*

You are the Rock on which I stand
By Your grace it is well
My hope is sure in Christ, my Saviour
It is well with my soul

Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit
Fall on me now
I need Your anointing
Come in Your power
I love You, Holy Spirit
You're captivating my soul
And every day, I grow to love You more

*I'm reaching for Your heart
You hold my life in Your hands
Drawing me closer to You
I feel Your power renew
Nothing compares to this place
Where I can see You face to face
I worship You in Spirit and in truth*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for the unity of the global church to cut across different denominations as the Gospel is preached to all nations.
2. Pray for Malaysians who are struggling with finding employment, and for households that don't have sufficient income during this time. Pray that God would provide for their needs.
3. Pray for the community life of Penang Trinity to thrive despite the reduction of face to face meetings.
4. Pray that we might build up the common body of Christ in all that we say and do.

TESTIMONY by Susan Ooi

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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

1 Corinthians 3:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Unity of the Spirit of God!

Rev Ronald Yap

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Unity of the Spirit of God!

Scripture Passage: 1 Corinthians 3:1-11

Wisdom - The Mind of Christ - What Jesus prayed for.

Observation

1. On Being Spiritual and Being Divided v1-4

_____ and _____ marks you out as mere humans.

_____ is a worldly trait.

2. Christian Leaders Serve v5-9

_____ (Servants) through whom you came to
_____ v5

The Lord has assigned to each his _____ v5

And according to his labour his _____ v9

Only _____ who makes things grow.

3. **WE** build the Church v9-16ff

We are co-workers in God's _____ v9
God's _____ v9
God's _____ v9

Built by God's _____ v10

Each should build with _____ v10

We are God's _____ v16

God will _____ those who destroy His Temple v17

Application

1. Know: God's Spirit works towards unity.
2. Be: Careful how you build the Church.
3. Do: Build up and encourage unity in God's Spirit.

Prayer

Sovereign Lord, unite us through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Let Christ be the foundation of our Church and not our worldly wisdom. May we ever be reminded that it is You who gives the growth; and You call us to work together as co-workers who build up the Church by Your gracious Spirit. We ask in and through the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ownit 365

One Story Plan

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

Dec 7 (Day 295)

Acts 19

1 Tim 1:1-7

Rev 2:1-7

Dec 8 (Day 296)

Acts 19:20-22

Rom 1:8-17

Rom 15:20-33

Dec 9 (Day 297)

Acts 20

Titus 1:5-10

1 Pet 5:1-11

Dec 10 (Day 298)

Acts 21

Acts 22

Php 3

Dec 11 (Day 299)

Acts 23

Acts 24

Php 1:27-30

Dec 12 (Day 300)

Acts 25

Acts 26

1 Pet 2:11-17

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Elaborate on situations where divisions and disunity or unity and co-working have occurred within the local Church? How has it affected Church growth?
2. How would you apply Paul's teaching in scripture to dealing with such division and disunity?
3. What do you understand about the call to build carefully? What would that mean for you?

Key Verse

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9

HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF DEDICATION

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the Word
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died

We now on earth have union
With God the Three in One
And share through faith communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy
Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly
On high may dwell with Thee

Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

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

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Praise Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong, Ms Goh Yi Jane
Reader	Ms Emily Ngu
Musician	Ms Chang Jia Ren, Ms Adelya Yeoh
Sound	Mr Jason Tham
Visual	Mr Chuah Chang En (yolo)
	Ms Tan Yu Ai
	Mr Calvin Fong (Obsv)
Ushers	Mr Cheong Kum Loong
	Mrs Cheah Kai Choo
	Ms Helen Aw
	Mr Oon Chee Soon

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 South Korea as the nation has seen a surge in daily Covid-19 cases, sparking fears of a major third wave. Pray that the health authorities will be able to contain the infections. Pray also for the US where millions defied the travel warning during Thanksgiving and pressed ahead with their travel plans. Pray that by God's grace, the Covid-19 situation will not blow up into a national crisis.

Nation

- As our Members of Parliament continue to debate on the 2021 Budget, pray for wisdom, righteousness and justice to prevail. Pray that our political leaders will work together towards fairer measures in the budget. Pray also that during this rainy season, there will be no massive flooding, so that people will not have to deal with having to manage floods on top of the pandemic.

Church

- Pray that we will cling on to Christ, our gift of hope, even as the Advent season begins in the midst of a pandemic, with everything seeming to fall apart around us. Pray that we will not lose hope, but trust that God is producing in us great endurance through difficult times. Pray also that we will share this hope we have in Christ with those who are in despair.

Self

- Pray that we will not allow ourselves to become entangled with the things of this world, nor allow our hearts to be weighed down with the anxieties of life. Pray that the Holy Spirit will revive our hearts and give us a fresh sense of urgency that produces greater devotion to the Lord and a living-out of our faith, ministering the love of Christ in word and deed.

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

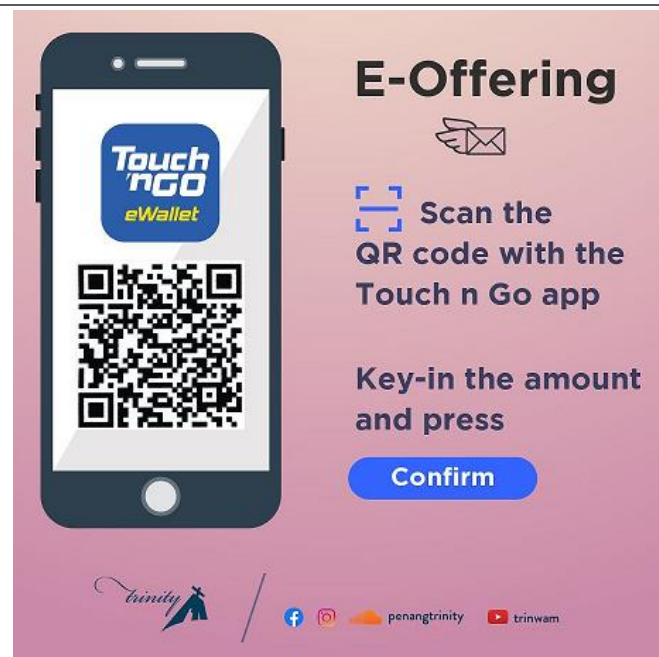
Administrator, Ms Angeline Choo: 013-243 1282

- 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 – December 6

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 December 2020 will go to Lighthouse Kapit, Sarawak.



E-Offering

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Our heartfelt condolences to Grace Ho and family on the demise of her beloved husband, Mr Saw Chwee Thor, on Thursday afternoon, December 3. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.

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.