

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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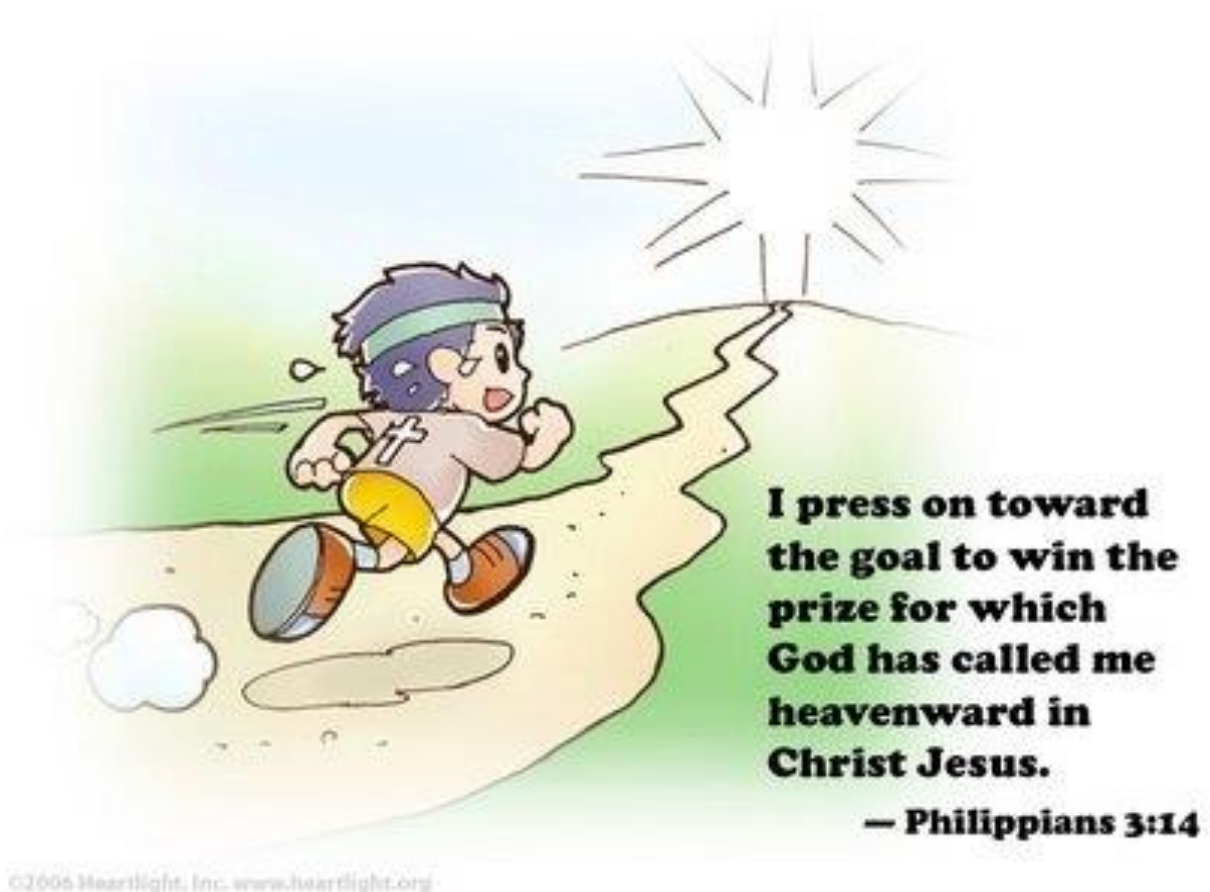
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"Be reverent, for this is the house of the Lord.

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

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”

Colossians 3:1-3, NIV

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*)

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

P: *The teachings of the Lord are true – God’s Word makes wise the simple.*

L: Teach us to trust You, O God. Help us to seek Your wisdom, not ours.

P: *The commandments of the Lord are clear, giving light to our eyes and making our paths sure.*

L: The requirements of the Lord are more precious than gold.

P: *In keeping them, there is great reward. Let us worship the Lord, our God. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**

O Come, All Ye Faithful / We Adore You

Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
Oh come, ye, Oh come, ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

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

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exaltation
Oh sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above
Glory to God, glory in the highest

We adore You, we adore You
We adore You, Jesus
We adore You, we adore You
We adore You, Jesus

God So Loved

*For God so loved the world
That He gave His only Son
That whosoever believes will not perish
They shall have eternal life*

I shall hold to the cross
I shall hold to God alone
For His love has salvaged me
For His love has set me free

I shall wait upon the Lord
I shall wait upon His Word
And by His grace I am released
By His grace I am redeemed

By His precious blood
I have been set free
For the glory of Jesus' Name
I surrender all now to Christ alone
In Jesus I am saved

Yes they shall have eternal life

O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Saviour of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for a heart of faithful perseverance within us. Let us not grow weary in doing good.
2. Pray that as servants of God, we would continue the ministries of God wherever and whenever God calls us to respond.
3. Pray that we would continue to pray for justice and mercy to flow in our nation. May the compassion of Christ be shown in this land.
4. Pray that the nations around us would press on in sustaining the lives of their citizens and ensuring peace and freedom for all.

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.

TESTIMONY by Dr Ho Seng Hooi

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

Philippians 3:1-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Press On!

Rev Shearn Sya

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Press On!

Scripture Passage: Philippians 3:1-14

BIG IDEA: Valuing eternity over this temporary world drives us forward in our journey towards Christ.

Introduction

- One of Paul's prison letters.
- Two main images:
 - Accounting.
 - Racing.

1. Opposing Values

- Paul's credentials.
 - Inborn.
 - Acquired.
- Confidence in knowing Christ vs. confidence in the flesh.
- Unconventional accounting.

2. Opposite Directions

- Paul's redirected ambition.
 - Running a new race in a new direction.
 - Counter-cultural.
- Heavenward vs. earthbound.
- Laser-focused racing.

Conclusion

Know: Pursuing Christ is worth far more than anything else we can pursue on this earth.

Be: Laser-focused in your pursuit of Christ.

Do: Persevere in knowing and becoming like Christ.

Ownit 365

One Story Plan

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

Dec 14 (Day 301)

Acts 27

Acts 28

2 Tim 1:15-18

Dec 15 (Day 302)

2 Pet 1:1-15

Php 1:12-26

2 Tim 4:1-8

Dec 16 (Day 303)

Rev 1

1 Thes 5:1-11

Rom 13:8-14

Dec 17 (Day 304)

Rev 2

Rev 3

Matt 16:18

Dec 18 (Day 305)

Rev 4

1 Cor 15:35-58

1 Thes 4:13-18

Dec 19 (Day 306)

Rev 13

Rev 16

Matt 24

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. What are some things that are greatly valued in this world?
2. What convinces you that knowing Christ surpasses those things?
3. What is one area in your life where knowing Christ has helped / is helping / will help you to persevere in your journey towards Him?

SONG OF DEDICATION Yet Not I (But Through Christ In Me)

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more, for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour, He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever, is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today'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, Mr Shane Tan Ms Adelya Yeoh
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong
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

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Preacher	Rev Ronald Yap
Liturgist	Mrs Angela Khong
Praise Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong, Ms Alethea Yap
Reader	Ms Eunice Seah
Musician	Ms Amelia Loo, Rev Shearn Sya
Sound	Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Mrs Gerviene Sya (yolo) Mr David Law (Obsv - yolo) Ms Tan Yu Ai Ms Roshni George
Ushers	Ms Vivian Lim Mr Khoo Boo Thye Mrs Sally Loh Mrs Connie Lim

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 Cheok 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 that throughout the world, the love, joy and peace of the Lord will be shared with others during this season of giving and goodwill, particularly with those who need love and hope this Christmas, even as they are struggling in the midst of the pandemic. Pray that Christians around the world will rise up and extend a helping hand to those who are needy and who are marginalized from society.

Nation

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for our nation's leaders to put the necessary measures in place and to make the right decisions to balance lives and livelihoods as Covid-19 numbers in Malaysia continue to be high. Pray that the public will also take responsibility to help the situation by complying with the SOPs. Pray that the basic needs of the poor and marginalized will be met.

Church

- Pray for all TRAC churches as they prepare for Christmas, that the Christmas services will be meaningful despite the pandemic. Pray also, that the season of Advent will fill our hearts with hope. Pray that we will take time to reach out to our pre-believing relatives and friends with the love, joy and peace that only Christ can bring.

Self

- Pray that in every season of our lives, we will remember that He is Emmanuel – God with us – and that He sees our pain, understands what we feel, is ready to listen and speak to us, and promises to walk with us. Pray that as we grow deeper in our relationship with Him, we will walk with courage, perseverance and joy, because God is with us.

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

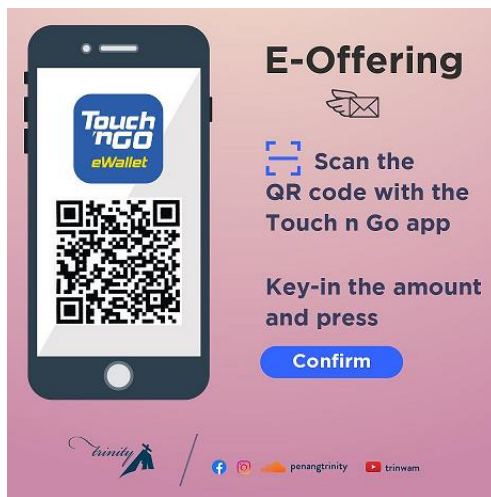
Administrator, Ms Angeline Choo: 013-243 1282

- Sermons and past worship services are available online (<http://replay.penangtrinity.org>).
- Visitation ministry for the homebound, please inform Angeline Choo.
- **Floral Gifts:** From Mr & Mrs Lim Pang Kuan in Thanksgiving.
- **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 13

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.



Vacancies: TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers

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

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.