

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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3rd 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."



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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 true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:9-12, NIV

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

L: We come from a world of darkness,

P: Into Christ's world of light.

L: We come from a world of weariness,

P: Into God's strength and hope.

L: We come from a slumbering world,

P: To awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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 hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun 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

Come, Desire of nations, come
Fix in us Thy humble home
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed
Bruise in us the serpent's head
Adam's likeness now efface
Stamp Thine image in its place
Second Adam from above
Reinstate us in Thy love
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Beautiful Saviour

Jesus, beautiful Saviour
God of all majesty, risen King
Lamb of God, holy and righteous
Blessed Redeemer, bright morning star

All the heavens shout Your praise
All creation bows to worship You

*How wonderful, how beautiful
Name above every name, exalted high
How wonderful, how beautiful
Jesus, Your name, name above every name, Jesus*

I will sing forever, Jesus, I love You
Jesus, I love You

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Hymn Of Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

*Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Your love has come here to dwell*

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise

Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Mortals join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father, love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing, march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for the world, that the light of Jesus would shine in the darkest of places where hope is absent.
2. Pray for our nation amidst over 11,000 bankruptcies recorded in Malaysia since the start of the pandemic. Pray for God to make a way when there seems to be no way, and that He would be accorded the glory as a result.
3. Pray for our church, Penang Trinity, to be a light to its neighbourhood and communities.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we might live as children of light, and that the darkness would not overcome us.

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

*Give to: MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang)
Please indicate for "Offering/Pledge" or "Poor & Needy" in Recipient Reference
for online transfers.*

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

Ephesians 5:8-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Live as Children of Light

Rev Shearn Sya

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Live as Children of Light

Scripture Passage: Ephesians 5: 8-14

BIG IDEA: As children of the light of Jesus, we must reflect that light to the world around us.

Introduction

- Light as a metaphor:
 - Light reveals truth.
 - Light guides.
 - Light helps us to avoid danger.

1. We are children of light (v.8)

- Not born into light.
- The contrast between darkness and light.
- The comfort of familiarity.

Reflection/Discussion Questions: What is one step you can take to be more familiar with identifying as a child of light?

For Kids: What is one good habit you can keep as God's child?

2. Jesus is the source of light (vv.13-14)

- The gift of light.
- Plugging into the source.

Reflection/Discussion Questions: How are you staying plugged into the source of light, Jesus?

For Kids: What helps you to stay close to Jesus?

3. Reflecting His light (vv.9-11)

- Our role as light-bearers.
- Not all will embrace the light.
- Polishing the surface.

Reflection/Discussion Questions: What is one area of darkness that needs the light of Jesus? What can you do to shine His light there?

For Kids: What makes you different from other kids who aren't Christian?

Conclusion

- Know: Jesus has made us children of light.
- Be: Familiar with being different.
- Do: Shine the light of Jesus on the darkness around you.

SONG OF DEDICATION

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh, His love for me
Oh, His love for me

*Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am*

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me

*In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am*

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Live as Children of Light (Ephesians 5: 8-14)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
Worship Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Alanis Yeoh
Reader	Mrs Wong Lee Wah
Musicians	Ms Amelia Loo, Mr Tairven Lee Mr Loo Choo Hin
Sound	Ms Roshni George
Visual	Ms Tan Yu Ai
Livestream	Mr Chuah Chang En

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Belonging to God's Household (Ephesians 5:21 – 6:9)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	Mrs Esther Wong
Worship Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong, Mr Aylwin Oon
Reader	Mr Ryan Loke
Musicians	Ms Amelia Loo, Mr Tairven Lee Ms Adelya Yeoh
Sound	Mr Jason Tham
Visual	Mr Seah Por Shen
Livestream	Mr Chuah Chang En

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

8.30pm	Small Groups: 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)
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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: Young Families – Tairven Lee Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong Sungai Ara I – Dr Chang Chee Jia (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- There is insufficient data on Omicron, or how effective vaccines are against it. Although those who had contracted Omicron presented mild symptoms, pray that the medical experts around the world will be able to quickly determine the severity of this variant. Pray too, that this new variant will be less harmful than the Delta variant which has caused much havoc in the world.

Nation

- Pray for divine wisdom and insight for our government to make prudent and effective decisions to protect the people in the light of new COVID-19 variants, while at the same time ensuring that the economic situation in the country will not deteriorate further. Pray too, that the public will continue to adhere to all the SOPs and cooperate with the government to prevent another wave of COVID-19 cases.

Church

- Pray that the spiritual lives of our leaders and worship enablers will be one of constant growth and going deeper with God. Pray that He will continue to draw them closer to Him, renewing and refreshing them with His grace and love. Pray too, that the Holy Spirit will anoint each and every one of them to lead with Spirit-inspired excellence that will inspire others to give their all to Christ.

Self

- Pray that the Lord will renew our minds and reveal our faults to prepare us for His coming. Pray that we will be ready to do His will, to live for others, to love the people around us, and to witness to those who do not know Him yet. Pray too, that we will trust in God's grace and love, surging forward with confidence to when we will see Christ face to face.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

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 12

Communion Offering for December 2021 will go to House of Hope.

Coming up in December!

- 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (10PM)
- 25 – Christmas Day Service (10AM)
- 31 – Watchnight Covenant Service (10PM)

2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>

The Light Has Come - *TONIGHT*

The Methodist Church in Malaysia
Online Prayer Gathering

8pm – 9pm

For more information, go to

<https://pray.smced.org/>



Our heartfelt condolences to Mrs Jenny Loke and family on the demise of her beloved husband, Mr Loke Soon Chuan, who passed away on December 7. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.

Vacancies:

TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers / Cleaner

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724

or submit resume to kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org.

Moving towards In Person Worship: Phase 1 began December 5, 2021

VENUES

for Worship Services, Funerals, Weddings, Broadcasts, TMCK etc.

PHASE 1: 4 WEEKS

- Prepare dedicated venues to meet new health standards
- Worship Service Broadcast, Committee Meetings, Church Office etc.

PHASE 2: 4 WEEKS

- Venues meet new health standards for in person worship, smaller community events and gatherings of up to 40 pax

PHASE 3: N WEEKS

- Venues ready for expanded in-person worship services and other community events
- Reactivation of existing worship services depending on demand

Dedicated venues for isolation, medical emergencies

CAPACITY

20 Pax

Worship Enablers Only

40* Pax

Including Worship Enablers

40 + 40 Pax

Including Worship Enablers

PREREQUISITE



(Worship Enablers & Staff Only)