

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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1st Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

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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

“Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

Ephesians 6:13, NIV

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

L: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

P: *Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.*

L: Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

P: *Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty - He is the King of glory.*

OPENING PRAYER**OPENING HYMN**

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

To God be the glory, great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

*O, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He has done*

O, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer, the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things, He has taught us
Great things, He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for Philippines, where many lives and homes have been lost to Typhoon Rai. Pray for relief efforts to successfully reach those who may still be trapped/missing.
2. Pray for Malaysia and those whose lives have been affected by the flood last week. Pray for relief and rebuilding for all who have lost much.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity in 2022. Pray for every member of our congregation to be involved in God's mission of making disciples both inside and outside the church.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we might approach the new year with the hope and peace that God brings into all perspectives.

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee, one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, be first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven when victory is won
May I reach heaven's joys, O, bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision, O, Ruler of all

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SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 6:10-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Stand Firm

Dr Khoo Cheok Kau

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Stand Firm

Scripture Passage: Ephesians 6:10-18

INTRODUCTION

1. Spiritual Warfare
2. The Armour of God
3. The Belt of Truth

1. SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- Christians are in a spiritual warfare with Satan (Ephesians 6:12, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)
- Satan is the unseen enemy (Ephesians 6:12)
- What else does the Bible say about Satan
 - Master of disguise (2 Corinthians 11:14)
 - A Roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8)
- How do we fight Satan? (Ephesians 6:10)
 - Be strong in the Lord and His mighty power

2. THE ARMOUR OF GOD

- We need the armour of God for protection in a spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:11)
- The parts of the Armour of God (Ephesians 6:13-17)
- The schemes of Satan (Ephesians 6:11)
- God Wears the same armour He gives you (Isaiah 59:17)
- The seventh piece of the armour of God is prayer (Ephesians 6:18)

3. THE BELT OF TRUTH

- Truth decay in our world today
- Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44)
- Stand firm with the belt of truth (Ephesians 6:14)

CONCLUSION:

Know: God will not forget you in whatever circumstances you are in.

Be: The person God wants you to be remembered.

Do: Remember that God exalts those who humble themselves.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Discuss why most of us believe it is people around us (such as boss, neighbour, colleagues, spouse) that are the problems, rather than the spiritual enemy.
2. From the frequency with which you pray and the passion and kind of prayers that you bring before God, evaluate what you really believe about prayer.
3. Is it possible to be a Christian and not live in truth? How can we keep ourselves “living in truth”?

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

UMH 514

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
Ye soldiers of the cross
Lift high His royal banner
It must not suffer loss
From victory unto victory
His army He shall lead
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
Stand in His strength alone
The arm of flesh will fail you
Ye dare not trust your own
Put on the gospel armour
Each piece put on with prayer
Where duty calls or danger
Be never wanting there

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
The trumpet call obey
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day
Ye that are men now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
The strife will not be long
This day the noise of battle
The next the victor's song
To those who overcometh
A crown of life shall be
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Stand Firm (Ephesians 6:10-18)
Preacher	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
Liturgist	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Reader	Mrs Mary Wolf
Musician	Dr Melvin Saw
Sound	Mr Jason Tham
Livestream	Ms Wong Fong Yi
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong

Watchnight Covenant Service – 31.12.2021 (10PM)

Sermon Title/Text	Putting Your Best Foot Forward (Psalm 139)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Ms Iris Ang
Reader	Mrs Janet Ng
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen
Sound	TBA
Livestream	TBA
Visual	TBA

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	TBA
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
Worship Leaders	Mr Amos Lau, Ms Goh Yi Jane
Reader	TBA
Musicians	Ms Joyce Goh, Mr Shane Tan Mr Edwin Oon
Sound	Ms Roshni George
Livestream	Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Mr Seah Por Shen
Ushers	TBA

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

- The Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus continues to spread rapidly all over the world. As the world celebrates the Christmas season, pray that the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ will permeate the hearts of the people and eclipse their fears, frustrations and anxieties due to the pandemic. Pray that many will hear the message of Christmas and find hope, peace, joy and love in Him.

Nation

- The government has allowed small, private Christmas and New Year's Eve gatherings where attendees have taken a COVID-19 test and the result is negative. SOPs will be tightened and the roll-out of the 3rd vaccine booster dose will be sped up. Pray that the public will cooperate with the authorities and exercise wisdom and self-control to abide by all the regulations, especially during social gatherings.

Church

- Pray that we will be renewed and strengthened as we prepare to enter the new year. Pray too, that we will keep in mind the importance of prayer and not neglect our quiet time with God. Pray that we will always look to God as our Heavenly Father who knows each of us by name and experience His deep love for us so that no matter what we face in the years ahead, we will not be shaken.

Self

- Pray that God will help us to see every person that we encounter the same way that He sees them and help us love them the same way as He loves them, even when they treat us in a different way. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to reflect on the magnitude of God's love that was made manifest in Jesus as we learn to love those who persecute us.

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 26

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

Communion Offering for January 2022 will go to the poor and needy students of MBS and MGS.

December

31 – Watchnight Covenant Service (10PM) *

* *Online only*

Coming up in January!

1st LC / 1st LCEC Meeting

LCEC Installation

2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2022>

Vacancies:

TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers / Cleaner

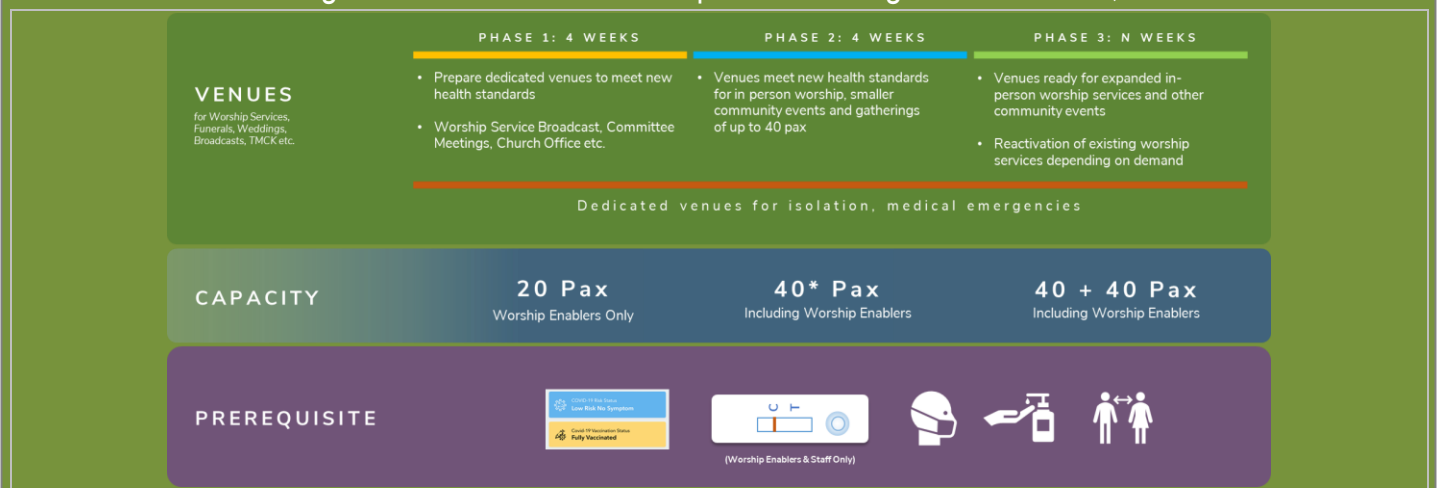
Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724

or submit resume to

kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org.



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



As we prepare for In-Person services, please ensure that you have your account ready for In-Person booking. Book / Create your login via <https://penangtrinity.org/register>.