

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16, 2022

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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**

“Turn your ear to My words.  
Do not let them out of your sight,  
keep them within your heart;  
for they are life to those who find them  
and health to one’s whole body.”

*Proverbs 4:20b-22, NIV*

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

L: Gentle and patient,

**P: God, You are calling.**

L: In grieving and in praise,

**P: God, You are calling.**

L: In a still small voice and in power,

**P: God, You are calling.**

L: May we be diligent to listen.

**All: God, You are calling.**

**OPENING PRAYER****OPENING HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

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

Thou art giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing, ever blest  
Wellspring of the joy of living  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother  
All who live in love are Thine  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to the joy divine

All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Centre of unbroken praise  
Field and forest, vale and mountain  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
Which the morning stars began  
Love divine is reigning o'er us  
Binding all within its span  
Ever singing, march we onward  
Victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray for the world, that the Word of God would be made available and accessible to all people on earth – regardless of language, race, or location. Pray for the work of Bible translators and missionaries involved in this work.
2. Pray for Malaysia, that more people will come to know the Lord. Pray for God to reveal Himself especially to those who have every opportunity to know Him, but have never truly encountered Him.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity's 1<sup>st</sup> Local Conference next Saturday. Pray for our church's plans for the year to be fruitful in making disciples of Jesus Christ.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would have a greater hunger and thirst for God's Word. Pray that we will come to know the Lord even more intimately as a result.

## **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.

Sing them over again to me  
Wonderful words of life  
Let me more of their beauty see  
Wonderful words of life  
Words of life and beauty  
Teach me faith and duty

*Beautiful words, wonderful words  
Wonderful words of life  
Beautiful words, wonderful words  
Wonderful words of life*

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all  
Wonderful words of life  
Sinner, list to the loving call  
Wonderful words of life  
All so freely given  
Wooing us to heaven

Sweetly echo the gospel call  
Wonderful words of life  
Offer pardon and peace to all  
Wonderful words of life  
Jesus, only Saviour  
Sanctify forever

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**SCRIPTURE READING**                      1 Samuel 3:1-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

The Call of Samuel

Tan Chong Jin

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Call of Samuel

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

**BIG IDEA: When there is no clear prophetic vision, people quickly wander astray.**

*(Proverbs 29:18a, TPT)*

**Key Verse: 1 Samuel 3:19 (NIV)**

*The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground.*

### **Introduction**

- Israel spiritual leadership was corrupt, and the word of the Lord was rare at that time.
- God calls Samuel as a sign of spiritual renewal He was bringing to the nation.
- Revelation of God's Word, if received by faith, establishes the reign of God in the lives of God's people.

The call of a prophet addresses the:

#### **1. Remoteness of God's Word**

*Our spiritual vision dims when God's word is remote*

- Spiritual leadership under Eli had dimmed with neglected spiritual authority and corrupt leadership (1 Sam 3:13)
- The word of the Lord was rare under Eli's time (1 Sam 3:1)
- Samuel was positioned to receive a new prophetic commission (1 Sam 3:3-4, 10)

#### **2. Renewal of God's People**

*God brings renewal from the chaos of disruptions*

- Eli's house was about to be judged and the nation disrupted by loss (1 Sam 3:12, 4:10-11, 18-20)
- But the call of Samuel signals that God is about to bring renewal to the nation by the change of spiritual leadership (1 Sam 3:19-21, 4:1a)
- Samuel brought the people back to God (1 Sam 7:2-4)

#### **3. Revelation of God's Word**

*God's word brings new life and transformation*

- Relationship: revelation is sustained through an ongoing encounter with God (1 Sam 3:21)
- Relevancy: the word of the Lord is attested and experienced by the people (1 Sam 3:20)
- God's revelation keeps us aligned to God's will and purpose (Colossians 1:9-12)

### **Conclusion**

**Know:** Experiencing the truth of God's Word is an integral part of our faith.

**Be:** Positioned to receive life-transforming convictions of God's Word.

**Do:** Pursue obedience to God's Word.

## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

1. What is one key conviction that you have received from God's Word last year?

**For Kids:**

*What are some Bible verses you have learnt recently that means a lot to you?*

2. What are some needs around you that God may be calling you to address in this time of change and renewal?

**For Kids:**

*What are some of the things in your life that you wish you could change with God's help?*

3. What are some of the things you are praying about for God's revelation/direction?

**For Kids:**

*How does knowing God's word help you make right decisions every day?*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

Thy Word Is a Lamp

UMH 601

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path (repeat)*

When I feel afraid  
And I think I've lost my way  
Still, You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus, be my guide  
And hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	The Call of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-21)
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Liturgist</b>	Mrs Esther Wong
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Rosalind Khoo
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Seah Por Shen
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jesse Ong
<b>Livestream</b>	Ms Wong Fong Yi
<b>Visual</b>	Ms Roshni George Mr Koay Choong Khai
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Vivian Lim Mr Khoo Boo Thye Dr Ho Seng Hooi Mr Tony Teh

## Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	TBA
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Shereena Yoon
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Wong Lee Wah
<b>Musicians</b>	Ms Joyce Goh, Mr Tairven Lee Ms Adelya Yeoh
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jason Tham
<b>Livestream</b>	Mr Chuah Chang En
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Cheong Kum Loong Mrs Cheah Kai Choo Ms Sharon Wong 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 – Ooi Lay Chen Island Glades – Tan Kok Huat (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )
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### **SATURDAY**

10:30am	Permai Village Small Group – Daniel Teh
11.00am	BB Platoon (King's Academy) Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
5.45pm	Small Groups: Young Families – Tairven Lee Young Families 2 – James Hii
8.00pm	Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
8:30pm	Sungai Ara I – Florence Tan (fortnightly)

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### World

- The number of Covid-19 cases is rising in countries around the world due to the Omicron variant, and France has detected a new variant called "IHU". Pray for God's wisdom upon the governments to find effective ways to stem the spread of the virus. Pray that people would continue to follow SOPs. Pray also, for students and teachers as they return to school for the new semester.

### Nation

- Pray for our nation's judges, that God will grant them wisdom and discernment. Pray that they will remain impartial at all times, especially when dealing with high-profile persons or institutions. Pray that they will maintain the Constitution's spirit in defending individual rights and ensuring a democratic way of life. Pray also, that God will raise up upright and God-fearing judges who will uphold the nation's laws.

### Church

- Pray for all the senior members of Penang Trinity. Pray that they will be good role models to the younger generation, and be able to reach out and connect with them. Pray that there will be opportunities to journey with the children and youths of our church, that through their very own lives and testimonies, our younger generation will be encouraged and inspired to live a Spirit-filled life.

### Self

- Pray that we will always be mindful and remember that we are bearers of God image, and continue to strive to be more like Him. Pray that our every word and action may portray the likeness of God. Pray too, that we will have a deeper understanding of God's heart, and thus act in a manner that will glorify Him as we go about our daily lives.



# 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.
- Floral Gifts: Please email [office@penangtrinity.org](mailto:office@penangtrinity.org) or contact the church office.
- 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 – January 16

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

## Coming up in January!

22 – 1<sup>st</sup> LC / 1<sup>st</sup> LCEC Meeting

23 – LCEC / SG Leaders' Installation



## 2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2022>

## The Marriage Course (Remake) via Zoom

7 weekly sessions commencing Feb 27, 7:30pm.

(Introductory Session – Feb 20, 7:30pm)

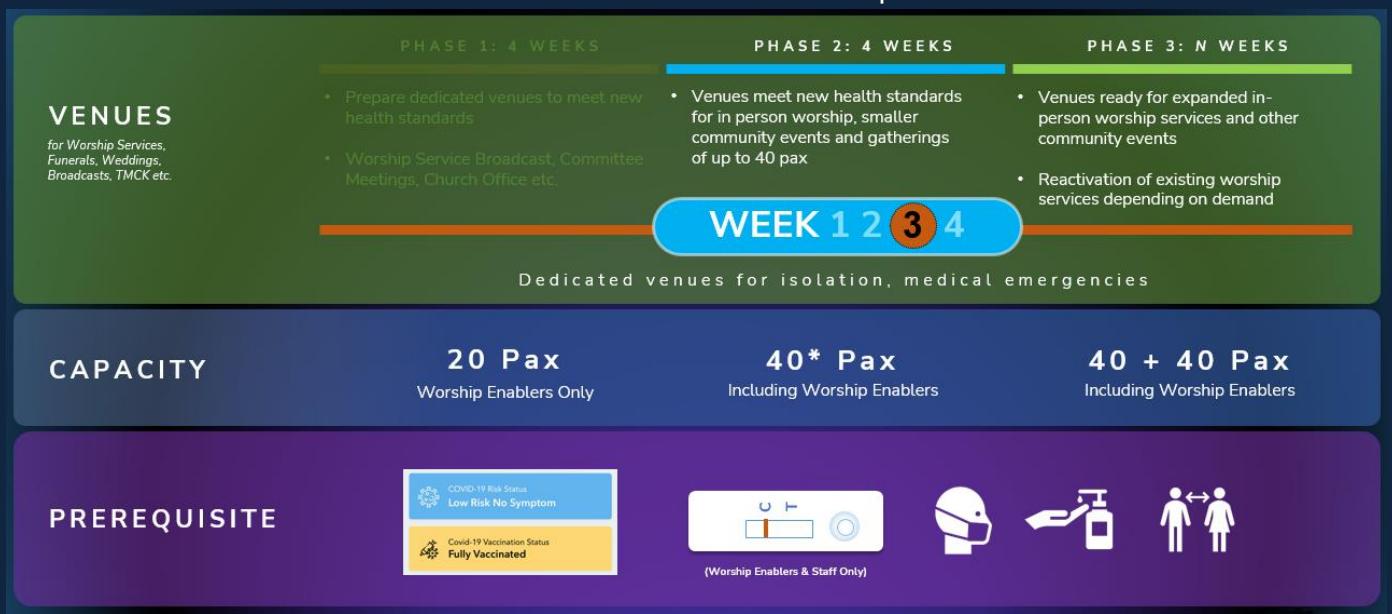
This course offers essential tools and practical ideas for married couples to build a relationship that lasts a lifetime. The course is based on Christian principles for couples with or without a church background. To register, WhatsApp both names, mobile numbers and email addresses to Lim Lai Keat at 019-4231749.

## Pray for Malaysia

January 16, 8pm-9pm (TONIGHT)

To join, go to <https://pray.smced.org/>

## PHASE 2: In Person Worship



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