

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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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

***Personal Growth, Building Community,  
A Voice to Our Nation, A Vision for the World***

**SCRIPTURE SENTENCE**

“The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.  
Those who know Your name trust in You,  
for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.”

*Psalm 9:9-10, NIV*

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

L: The Lord our God listens to the cries of His people.  
**P: *He is swift to answer those who call upon His name.***  
L: Happy are those whose help comes from the God of Jacob,  
**P: *Whose hope rests in the Most High.***  
L: Come! Sing praise to God!  
**P: *We will praise God both now and forevermore. Amen.***

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**Won't Stop Now

I give You glory  
For all You've brought me through  
And now I'm ready  
For whatever You want to do

In every season  
Your grace has been enough  
And I'm believing  
The best is yet to come

I'm moving forward  
To follow after You  
And now I'm ready  
For whatever You want to do

The cross before me  
My hope on things above  
And in You, Jesus  
The best is yet to come

*Your presence is an open door  
We want You, Lord, like never before  
Your presence is an open door  
So, come now, Lord, like never before*

I know breakthrough is coming  
By faith, I see a miracle  
My God made me a promise  
And it won't stop now

## Raise A Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies  
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody  
I raise a hallelujah; Heaven comes to fight for me

*I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated the King is alive*

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies  
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief  
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody  
Sing a little louder, Heaven comes to fight for me  
*[repeat]*  
Sing a little louder

I raise a hallelujah *[repeat]*

## Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside  
Where justice and mercy embrace  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
And our measureless debt was erased

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You  
Our Saviour ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the morning  
And see Christ, the lion awake  
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone  
For we carry His life in our veins

Turn your eyes to the heavens  
Our King will return for His own  
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout  
All glory to Jesus alone

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray for those around the world who have forgotten or abandoned their Christian faith for whatever reasons to turn back to Him. Pray that the overwhelming love of God would move them to humble and heartfelt repentance.
2. Pray against corruption in Malaysia at all levels and sectors. Pray for those who have been persisting in corrupt ways to repent.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity to be a holy church. Pray that we would all be seen to be clearly set apart from values and methods of the world.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would confess and repent of all sins. Pray for love for God to be our primary motive for repentance, not fear of man.

## **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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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**

1 Samuel 4:1-22

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Unrepentance and Unwise Choices

Ch'ng Geam Liang

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Unrepentance and Unwise Choices

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 4:1-22

**BIG IDEA: Choosing Religious Rituals & Traditions instead of a Relationship with Christ is Folly.**

- 1. Israel persists in sin and unrepentance and God exposes the depths to which Israel had fallen.**
  - The sins of Eli's sons.
  - They did not seek God.
  - They chose to take things into their own hands.
  
- 2. When they lost in battle, instead of seeking God and repenting they turned to religious rituals.**
  - They brought the ark from Shiloh and took it into battle.
  - Those who know God go to Him to seek for an ever-deepening relationship.
  - Those who know about God go to religion to seek comfort in religious rituals.
  
- 3. When they lost the 2nd battle and had the ark captured, Eli's sons killed and Eli himself died, God is working through Samuel to restore His glory.**
  - The glory of God had departed, but not because the ark was captured.
  - The ark was captured because the glory of God had already departed.
  - Israel must first repent and return to God.

**Know:** Continually seeking God even when He appears silent is very important.

**Be:** Assured that He remains faithful to His people and He will restore things in His time.

**Do:** Trust in Him and not in religious rituals or traditions.

## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

1. What lessons can we take to heart from Israel's folly of unrepentance and unwillingness to seek God's guidance in their actions?
2. How can we strengthen our relationship with Jesus to avoid trusting in rituals and religious objects (crucifixes, holy water, even the bible)?
3. It appears Israel had lost it all (the battle, ark of God, the priesthood) but God is working through His faithful servant Samuel to restore His glory. How can this encourage us to continually seek God even when He seems remote?

## **LCEC & SG LEADERS' INSTALLATION**

### **CLOSING SONG**

#### Rescue the Perishing

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying  
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave  
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen  
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save

*Rescue the perishing, care for the dying  
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save (repeat)*

Though they are slighting Him, still He is waiting  
Waiting the penitent child to receive  
Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently  
He will forgive if they on Him believe

Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter  
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore  
Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness  
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more

Rescue the perishing, duty demands it  
Strength for thy labour the Lord will provide  
Back to the narrow way patiently win them  
Tell the poor wanderer a Saviour has died

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Unrepentance and Unwise Choices (1 Samuel 4:1-22)
<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

## Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	TBA
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Angela Khong, Ms Alanis Crystle
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Janet Ng
<b>Musicians</b>	Dr Melvin Saw
<b>Sound</b>	Ms Roshni George
<b>Livestream</b>	Mr Shane Tan
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Koay Choong Khai
<b>Ushers</b>	Mrs Sally Loh Mrs Mary Wolf Mr Mak Ngai Leong Mrs Maggie Mak



## **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**

- Pray for breakthrough medicines and reliable tests to be provided in all countries. Pray that more and more people will get vaccinated, and that the number of daily Covid-19 infections will decrease. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the world's health-care systems as they strive to overcome the high infectivity rate. Pray too, that everyone around the world will cooperate and stay vigilant.

### **Nation**

- Pray for godly leaders who will administer the nation with fairness and kindness, focusing on the people's welfare. Pray also, for the restoration of the Muhibbah spirit that we once enjoyed, without societal divides, resentments, injustices, and inequities in our multi-ethnic society. Pray against all forms of bribery, greed, corruption, and attempts to plunder our nation's wealth and resources.

### **Church**

- Pray that God will pour afresh His Spirit upon our church. Pray for the LCEC, the Small Group leaders, and all the worship enablers to have the strength and commitment to serve Him faithfully. Pray too, that our church leadership will be sensitive to God's direction for the church, especially in the area of discipleship. Pray against anything that will cause disunity in the church family.

### **Self**

- Pray for a deeper understanding of God's faithfulness in our lives. Pray too, that we will be courageous in sharing our faith with others. Pray that God will impress upon our hearts the importance of sharing the Gospel at every opportunity. Pray also, for more opportunities whereby we may spur one another on towards good deeds and reaching out to those in need.

# 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:** From Mrs Chua Suan Ewe in loving memory of Mdm Loh Chooi Kia.
- **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 23**

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



## Baptism & Membership Class

Next batch will commence after CNY. If interested, please contact the church office.

## Coming up in February!

19 – Mental Health Awareness Talk

## 2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2022>

## 2022 Floral Calendar – Please contact the

church office or email [office@penangtrinity.org](mailto:office@penangtrinity.org).

## 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.

## PHASE 2: In Person Worship

PHASE 1: 4 WEEKS

PHASE 2: 4 WEEKS

PHASE 3: N WEEKS

### VENUES

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

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

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

- Venues ready for expanded in-person worship services and other community events

- Reactivation of existing worship services depending on demand

WEEK 1 2 3 4

Dedicated venues for isolation, medical emergencies

### CAPACITY

20 Pax  
Worship Enablers Only

100\* Pax  
Including Worship Enablers

### PREREQUISITE



(Worship Enablers & Staff Only)



Please ensure that you have your account ready for In-Person booking. Book / Create your login via <https://penangtrinity.org/register>.

Our condolences to Ed Lim, Lily and family on the demise of his beloved mother, Mdm Khoo Suan Loon, who passed away on January 21. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.