

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 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**

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

**SCRIPTURE SENTENCE**

“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”

*1 Peter 5:2-4, NIV*

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

L: Come, bless the Lord Who guides us,

**P: *Whose wise teaching directs our days.***

L: Who focuses our minds at night,

**P: *Whose presence sustains us and surrounds us here.***

L: We will not be shaken or live in fear,

**P: *But will sing God’s praises and worship with joy! Amen.***

**OPENING PRAYER****OPENING HYMN****O Worship the King**

O worship the King, all glorious above  
And gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise

O tell of God’s might, O sing of God’s grace  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space  
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is God’s path on the wings of the storm

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

## **HYMN OF PRAYER**

### Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known  
In seasons of distress and grief  
My soul has often found relief  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless  
And since He bids me seek His face  
Believe His Word, and trust His grace  
I'll cast on Him my every care  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
The joys I feel, the bliss I share  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn  
With strong desires for thy return  
With such I hasten to the place  
Where God my Saviour shows His face  
And gladly take my station there  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray for spiritual leaders all over the world to be led by God first. Pray that they would reflect Jesus' posture of humble servanthood.
2. Pray for Malaysia's healthcare system to be sustained to prevent loss of life over this current Omicron wave. Pray for frontline workers and their families, especially those who are at greater risk.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity's Marriage Course commencing today to be a blessing to the couples attending. Pray for the love of Christ to surround the entire course.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would be aware of the influence we have over others as spiritual leaders, whether formally or informally. Pray for any spiritual leadership we have to always bring people closer to the Lord.

## **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**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free

*Silently now I wait for Thee  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see  
Open my eyes, illumine me  
Spirit divine*

Open my ears that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear  
Everything false will disappear

Open my mouth and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Samuel 9:15-17, 10:5-7 & 10:23-27

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

The Making of Saul as Leader

Tan Chong Jin

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Making of Saul as Leader

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 9:15-17, 10:5-7 & 10:23-27

**BIG IDEA: God prepares and builds a leader for times of growth and adversity.**

**Key Verse: 1 Samuel 10:6 (NIV)**

*The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person.*

### **Introduction**

- Israel had rejected God when they demanded for a king. (1 Sam 8:6-7)
- But God graciously prepared Saul to be their king despite a compromised, non-ideal situation. (1 Sam 9:16)
- Saul starts well in response to God's anointing. (although he will eventually fail as a leader)

God prepares a leader through:

### **1. Anointing**

*A spiritual leader must be anointed.*

- Spiritual leadership requires the Spirit's anointing/empowerment. (1 Sam 10:6,10)
- Spiritual leaders must be transformed and changed to take on their role. (1 Sam 10:6,9)
- Spiritual leadership must not depend on non-spiritual means and methods. (1 Sam 10:27, 11:12-13, Mark 10:42-43)

### **2. Appointment**

*God appoints spiritual leaders to have public impact.*

- God appoints a leader for impact to the nation/community. (1 Sam 9:16, 10:23-25)
- God prepares the heart of followers to support a leader. (1 Sam 10:26)
- However, opposition is to be expected. (1 Sam 10:27)

### **3. Adversity**

*A leader is often called to serve in times of adversity.*

- Times of uncertainty and adversity requires decisive spiritual leadership. (1 Sam 11:1-11)
- Adversity is an opportunity for spiritual growth and development.

### **Final Point:**

- Ultimately, Jesus is the only Perfect King.

### **Conclusion**

**Know:** God prepares and builds us as spiritual leaders.

**Be:** Prepared to take on more leadership roles.

**Do:** Serve sacrificially for the sake of others.

## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

1. How has God shaped you to be a spiritual leader for your family, school/company or in church?

**For Kids:**

*What are the important things that a leader should do?*

2. Who has God placed around you who look to you for spiritual leadership? Are you providing the needed leadership?

**For Kids:**

*Who are some of the leaders in your life? Why are they important to you?*

3. How does having Jesus as your King help you overcome difficult times as you lead others?

**For Kids:**

*Why is it important for leaders to be like Jesus?*

## **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

### Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more

Blessings abound where'er He reigns  
All prisoners leap and loose their chains  
The weary find eternal rest  
And all who suffer want are blest

To Jesus endless prayer be made  
And endless praises crown His head  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice

Let every creature rise and bring  
Honours peculiar to our King  
Angels descend with songs again  
And earth repeat the loud Amen

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	The Making of Saul as Leader (1 Samuel 9:15-17, 10:5-7 & 10:23-27)
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ms Iris Ang
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Charles Teh
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Seah Por Shen
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jesse Ong, Mr Bernard Lim Mr Teh Seong Hong
<b>Livestream</b>	Mr Chuah Chang Eng
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Tony Teh, Mr Khoo Boo Thye Mrs Sally Loh , Mrs Connie Lim

## Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Finishing Well (1 Samuel 12:1-25)
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Gerviene Sya, Ms Alanis Yeoh
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
<b>Musicians</b>	Ms Amelia Loo, Mr Tairven Lee Mr Edwin Oon
<b>Sound</b>	Ms Roshni George
<b>Livestream</b>	Mr David Law
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Seah Por Shen
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Cheong Kum Loong Mrs Cheah Kai Choo Ms Sharon Wong Mrs Ch'ng Jay Lee

## 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

### **MONDAY**

8.00pm	Lighthouse Watchmen Prayer Network (LWPN), Bayan Lepas – Teng Leong
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### **TUESDAY**

8.00pm	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 – <a href="http://bit.ly/tmcprayer">http://bit.ly/tmcprayer</a>
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 Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group Small Groups: Young Families – Tairven Lee Young Families 2 – James Hii
5.45pm	Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
8.00pm	Sungai Ara I – Florence Tan (fortnightly)
8:30pm	

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### World

- Pray for Afghanistan, for God's protection upon the weak and vulnerable. Pray for His wisdom upon the government as well as international communities, that aid may reach the needy in the midst of the country's health and humanitarian crisis. Pray too, for justice to prevail, equal human rights, peace, economic recovery, and educational and work opportunities for both men and women.

### Nation

- Pray for God's wisdom and strength to be with our Health Minister and his team as they strive to stop the spread of the highly-transmissible Omicron virus. Pray for our healthcare personnel and front-liners to be resilient and gracious. Pray for individuals who have been infected with this variant to recover speedily. Pray too, that there will be sufficient space in hospitals for severe Covid cases.

### Church

- Pray for the young adults in our church. Pray for God's guidance to be upon them as they pursue their respective paths in their education/careers. Pray also, that our younger generation will seek to honour Him in the things they do and say, and learn to place God first in everything. Pray too, for the young families in our church. Pray that they will grow in the Lord and place Christ at the centre of their lives.

### Self

- Pray for God's wisdom, strength and power to be present in us as we face the challenges and struggles that lie ahead. Pray also, for discernment and insight so that we may obey God's will, hear His still, small voice and know His ways. Pray that God will enable our gifts to flow freely through us so that our lives may honour and draw others to Him.



# 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 contact the church office or email [office@penangtrinity.org](mailto:office@penangtrinity.org).
- 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 – February 20

Communion Offering for February 2022 will go to Malaysian Care.

## Coming up in March

- 02 – Ash Wednesday
- 06 – Budget Presentation
- 19 – 2<sup>nd</sup> LCEC Meeting
- 27 – MW Sunday



**2022 Lent Meditations** may be purchased from the church office or from Angeline at the reception area. Price: RM7/copy.

## 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)

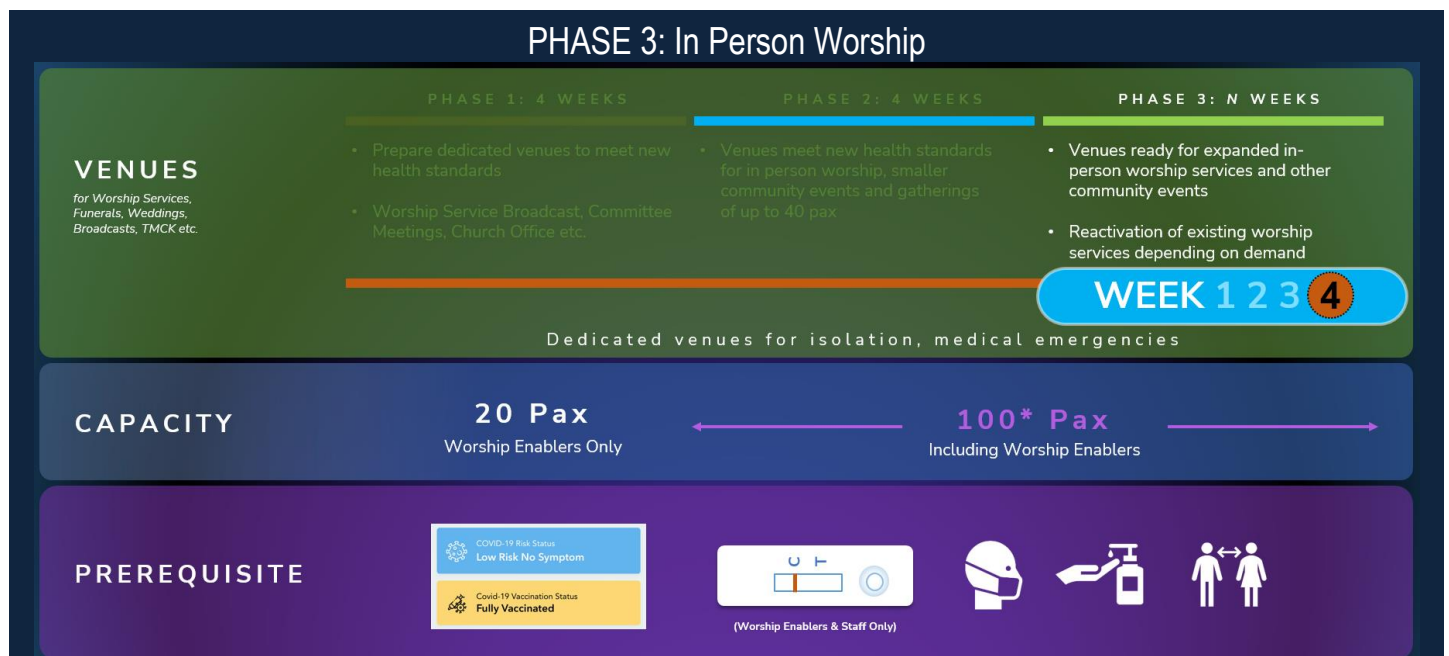
This course offers essential tools and practical ideas for married couples to build a relationship that lasts a lifetime. The course is based on Christian principles for couples with or without a church background. To register, WhatsApp both names, mobile numbers and email addresses to Lim Lai Keat at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

## Baptism & Membership Class

If interested, please contact the church office.

Prayer Request Form - <https://bit.ly/tmcpayforme>. All requests are confidential unless permission is given to circulate to larger prayer group.

## PHASE 3: In Person Worship



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