

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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1st Sunday of Advent

November 27, 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."

BUT WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF
TRUTH, COMES, HE WILL GUIDE
YOU INTO ALL THE TRUTH.

JOHN 16:13

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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

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OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**

Jesus Shall Take The Highest Honour

Jesus shall take the highest honour
Jesus shall take the highest praise
Let all earth join heaven in exalting
The Name which is above all other names
Let's bow the knee in humble adoration
For at His Name, every knee must bow
Let every tongue confess
He is Christ, God's only Son
Sovereign Lord, we give You glory now

For all honour
And blessing and power
Belongs to You, belongs to You
All honour and blessing and power
Belongs to You, belongs to You
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God

Thou Art Worthy

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy
Thou art worthy, O Lord
To receive glory, glory and honour
Glory and honour, and power

For Thou hast created
Hast all things created
For Thou hast created all things
And for Thy pleasure, they are created
Thou art worthy, O Lord

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Thank You, Lord

For all that You've done
I will thank You
For all that You're going to do
For all that You've promised
And all that You are
Is all that has carried me through
Jesus, I thank You

And I thank You, thank You Lord
(And I thank You, thank You Lord)
Thank You, thank You, Lord
(Thank You, thank You)

Thank You for loving and setting me free
Thank You for giving Your life just for me
How I thank You, Jesus, I thank You
Gratefully thank You, thank You

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A PRAYER FOR THE NATION

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(...Those leaving for their Sunday School Classes will stand...)

Pastor: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord.

Children: For He is good, and His love endures forever.

People: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 24:22-27

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Facing the Truth

Rev Shearn Sya

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

CLOSING SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

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Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea
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OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

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

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise
In light, inaccessible, hid from our eyes
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love

To all life, Thou givest, to both great and small
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee

Thou reignest in glory; Thou dwellest in light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee

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O Word of God incarnate
 O Wisdom from on high
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging
 O Light of our dark sky
 We praise you for the radiance
 That from the hallowed page
 A lantern to our footsteps
 Shines on from age to age

The Scripture is a banner
 Before God's host unfurled
 It is a shining beacon
 Above the darkling world
 It is the chart and compass
 That o'er life's surging tide
 Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
 To you, O Christ, will guide

The church from You, our Saviour
 Received the gift divine
 And still that light is lifted
 O'er all the earth to shine
 It is the sacred vessel
 Where gems of truth are stored
 It is the heaven-drawn picture
 Of Christ, the living Word

O make your church, dear Saviour
 A lamp of purest gold
 To bear before the nations
 Your true light as of old
 O teach your wandering pilgrims
 By this their path to trace
 Till, clouds and darkness ended
 They see you face to face

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SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Facing the Truth

Scripture Passage: Acts 24:22-27

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<u>27/11/2022</u>	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Facing the Truth (Acts 24:22-27)	Facing the Truth (Acts 24:22-27)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	n/a	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Worship Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong Ms Cheah Yan Li	n/a
Reader	Mr Ryan Loke	Ms Loh Siok Moy
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo Ms Nicoline Saw Mr Edwin Oon	Ms Amelia Loo
Sound	Mr Jason Tham	Mr Chuah Chang En
Livestream	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Visual	Mr Koay Choong Khai	Mr Chuah Chang En
Ushers	Ms Tan Yu Ai Mr Vincent Lee Mrs Sally Loh	Dr Tan Boon Chong Dr Serena Nga
Finance Steward	Mr Yee Eh Horng	n/a

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<u>4/12/2022</u>	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	TBA	TBA
Preacher	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Liturgist	Mr Daniel Teh	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Reader	Mrs Mary Wolf	Mrs Janet Ng
Musician	Mrs Audrey Tan	Ms Amelia Loo
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
Livestream	Mr Chuah Chang En	n/a
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr William Ng
Ushers	Ms Teo Lay Tinn Mr Richard Lim Mrs Sally Loh Mrs Falonee Lim	Mrs Connie Lim Ms Vivian Lim
Finance Steward	Ms Cheong Sau Chan	n/a

ONLINE MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

9.15am	Church School
10.00am	Worship Service in English
12.30pm	Methodist Youth Fellowship
1.30pm	Young Families 1 Small Group – Tairven Lee
3.00pm	Post Alpha Small Group Sungai Ara II Small Group – Jason Chieng
3.00pm	Boys' Brigade

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 st & 3 rd Wed)
11.00am	Church Office Staff Meeting

THURSDAY

8.30pm	Church Prayer Meeting – http://bit.ly/tmcprayer
9.00pm	Tree Residency Small Group – Jesse Ong

FRIDAY

	Small Groups:
3.00pm	Cheeseman Rd (Bethel) – Sabrina Lee
8.30pm	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 nd & 4 th)

SATURDAY

10:30am	Permai Village Small Group – Daniel Teh
	Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
	Small Groups:
8.00pm	Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
8.15pm	Young Families 2 – James Hii
8.30pm	Sungai Ara I – Florence Tan (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Pray for a peace treaty between Russia and Ukraine, as nine months have passed since Russia launched an invasion on Ukraine. Pray for God's intervention and His wisdom to guide world leaders toward peace negotiations and agreement, as the conflict has affected the global economy, caused over 6,000 deaths of which more than 400 were children, and raised fears in neighbouring countries.

Nation

- Pray that our newly elected prime minister and his cabinet ministers will lead the nation with integrity, wisdom, justice, righteousness, and discernment. Pray that our new government will fulfil their GE15 manifesto promises to address issues such as rising cost of living, poverty, economic disparity, and review highway concessions, the standard of education and our healthcare systems.

Church

- The 47th Session TRAC will be held from 2nd – 4th December at Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya. Pray for the Lord's anointing and guidance upon Bishop Joshua Khong as he delivers the Conference Bishop's address and presides over the conference. Pray also, for journey mercies for all participants throughout the peninsula who will be traveling to attend the conference.

Self

- Pray that we will grow in Christ-likeness, forsaking everything that may entice or distract us away from being effective Christians. Pray also, that we will grow in the knowledge of God by focusing on building our relationship with Him. Pray that we will choose to live a life of faith and obedience, becoming the kind of disciples new believers can imitate.

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 Mak & Maggie, and Catherine Chew in Thanksgiving.
- 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 – November 27

Communion Offering for November 2022 will go to Mental Health Association, Penang.



Coming up in December!

24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (6:30pm)

25 – Christmas Day Combined Service (10am)

31 – Watchnight Covenant Service (10pm)

2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmc bible2022>

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

Vacancies: Accounts Clerk

Certificate/Diploma in Accountancy or equivalent professional qualification, with relevant working experience and skilled in using Excel functions for accounting purposes. To apply, please submit resume to joinus@penangtrinity.org.

Vacancies: Kindergarten Teacher

Christian, Diploma in Early Childhood Education, fluent in English and Bahasa Melayu.

Vacancies: Assistant Teacher

Christian, SPM qualification, fluent in English. To apply, please submit resume to joinus@penangtrinity.org or WhatsApp 012-500 9238.

10AM / 5PM Service

- ✗ *Booking of Seats – Not required (Capped at 220)*
- ✗ *MySejahtera checks – Not required*
- ✓ *Record names of attendees – Required*
- ✓ *Masks, Social Distancing – Required (6 per pew)*