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2nd Sunday of Advent

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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."

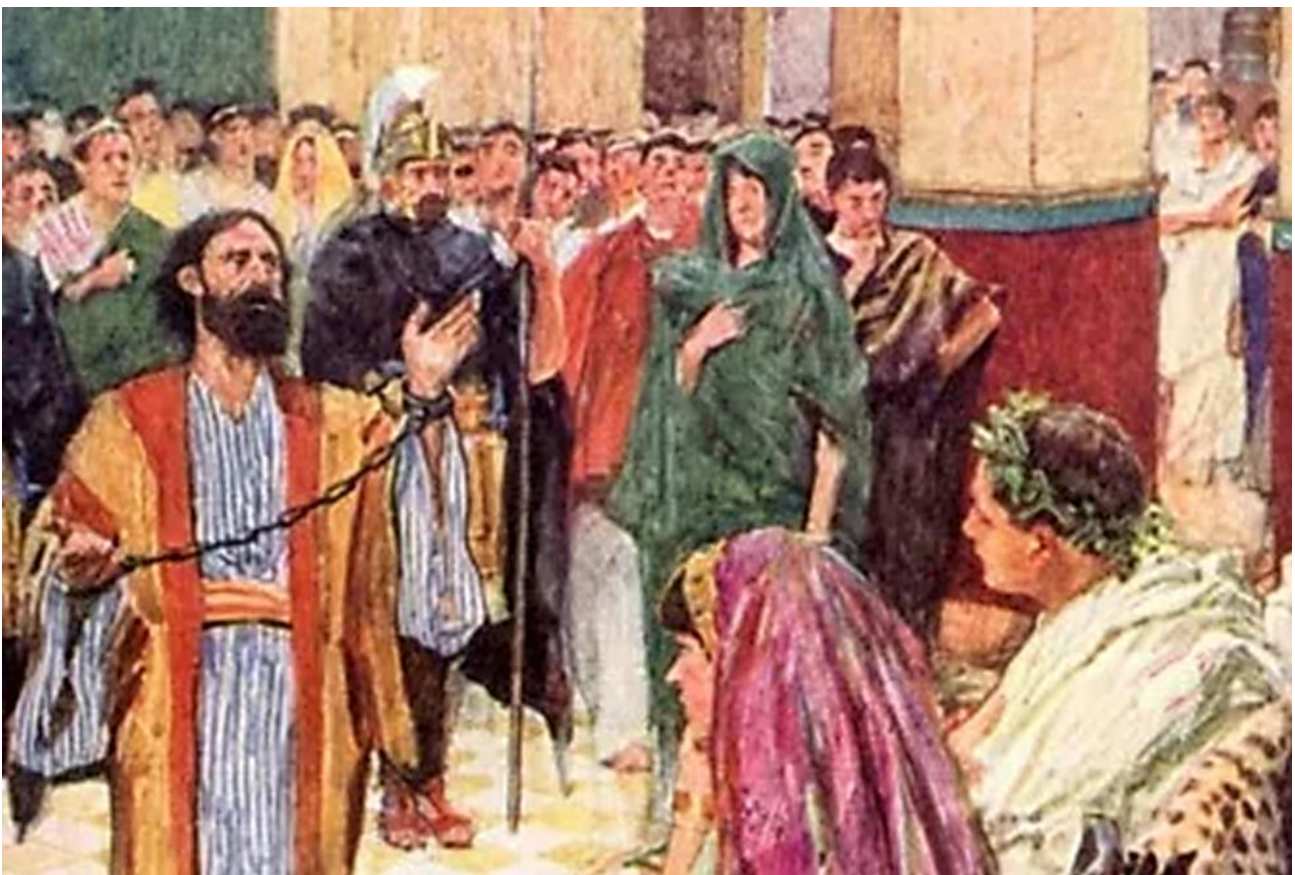


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Our Vision

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 Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:14, NIV

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

L: We come to be renewed and refreshed.

P: *We come to be inspired by a Messiah who will change the world, and us.*

L: We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise and challenge.

P: *We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts.*

L: Come! Let us worship our God – the One who brings all things to fulfilment.

P: *We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O, my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who over all things so wondrously reigning
Bears thee on eagle's wings, ever in His keeping maintaining
God's care enfolds all, whose true good He upholds
Hast thou not known His sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
Who with His love doth befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, Who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

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SONG OF PRAYER

Amazing Grace
(stanzas 1,3, 4, 6)

UMH 378

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for China amidst protests in certain areas affected by their zero Covid policy. Pray for peace and order, and for the wisdom and compassion for authorities as they respond to these protests.
2. Pray for Malaysia in the wake of GE15. Pray against parties and individuals seeking to sow discord and division. Pray for all Malaysians to be wise and discerning in what rhetoric they read and listen to.
3. Pray for TRAC and the currently ongoing 47th Annual Conference session in PJ. Pray for the closing service where ordinations and appointments happen. Pray for all who are travelling back post-conference.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would trust the Lord's sovereign purpose in our lives. Pray that our faith would not be shaken when things don't go our way.

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)
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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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

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
Think I've lost my way
Still, You're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Now 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
And I will love You to the end

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 25:1-22

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Long Trial

Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

CLOSING SONG

I Know Whom I Have Believed

UMH 714

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own

*But I know Whom I have believed
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day*

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart

Nor how believing in His word
Wrought peace within my heart

I know not how the Spirit moves
Convincing us of sin
Revealing Jesus through the word
Creating faith in Him

I know not when my Lord may come
At night or noontide fair
Nor if I walk the vale with Him
Or meet Him in the air

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CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: A Long Trial

Scripture Passage: Acts 25:1-22

Big Idea - God's providence can sometimes make our path go through some unexpected and often unwelcome 'twists and turns' in order to accomplish His purposes.

1) The Perspective

What lessons can we take from the big picture of Paul's trials

Discussion Question - How can we remain steadfast and true in our witness when He directs our paths to where we do not want to go?

2) The Particulars

What lessons can we take from the details of Paul's trial before Festus

Discussion Question - How can we 'press on' and keep up our hopes when things appear so bleak, and the task ahead seems unsurmountable?

Know: that God is Sovereign in the way He unfolds His Will

Be: prepared to testify faithfully should God redirect your path to achieve His purpose

Do: keep the faith, fight the good fight & finish the race!

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<u>4/12/2022</u>	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	A Long Trial <i>(Acts 25:1-22)</i>	A Long Trial <i>(Acts 25:1-22)</i>
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

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<u>11/12/2022</u>	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Almost Persuaded <i>(Acts 26:9-32)</i>	Almost Persuaded <i>(Acts 26:9-32)</i>
Preacher	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
Liturgist	n/a	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Worship Leaders	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke Ms Nancy Empawi	n/a
Reader	Mrs Janet Ng	Mrs Elaine Tan
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo Mr Tairven Lee Mr Edwin Oon	Dr Melvin Saw
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Andrew Lee
Livestream	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Visual	Mr Seah Por Shen	Mr Joshua Timothy
Ushers	Mr Cheong Kum Loong Mr Khoo Boo Thye Mrs Sally Loh Mrs Connie Lim	Mr George Tan Mdm Aileen Tan
Finance Steward	Mr Tan Kok Huat	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 Indonesia in light of the recent earthquake in Cianjur, West Java. Pray against any aftershocks or landslides so that rescue efforts and humanitarian aid can reach the victims. Pray also for China as Covid cases has surged across the country. Pray for God's wisdom upon the authorities to prevent the spread, and for God's healing and comfort to be upon those who are unwell and in quarantine.

Nation

- Pray for peace to reign and order to be maintained in the nation. Pray against any evil scheme to undermine the unity and harmony amongst the people. Pray that despite the differences in opinions, beliefs, backgrounds, cultures and traditions, everyone will endeavour to understand and respect one another in order to foster good relationships in the community for the good of the nation.

Church

- Pray that our Small Groups will be a place where we will journey with one another through the various challenges we face in life. Pray for God's strength and anointing to be upon all SG Leaders as they continue to serve in this ministry. Pray that the joy of the Lord will be their strength at all times. Pray also, that God will surround our SG Leaders with those who will spur them on in their personal walk with God.

Self

- Pray that we will do all that we can to be ready for when Christ comes again. Pray that each one of us may be certain of our salvation through Him. Pray that our relationship with God and with one another will be made right while we await His coming again. Pray that we will not be caught off-guard or unprepared when the day comes.

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 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 – December 4

Communion Offering for December 2022 will go to Centre for Creative Arts Therapy and Penang Association of Counselling & Psychology.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on December 11.

Coming up in December!

24 – Christmas Eve Celebration (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.

47th Session TRAC: Our delegates are Daniel Khoo, Ch'ng Jay Lee and Seah Por Shen.

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)*



The MSF will hold its 33rd Annual General Meeting on 17th December 2022 in GYM at 2pm. Office-bearers for the 2023-2024 Management Committee will be elected during the AGM. The AGM will be followed thereafter by a Thanksgiving Service and high tea. All MSF members are encouraged to attend.