

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

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**"Be reverent, for this is the house of the Lord.**

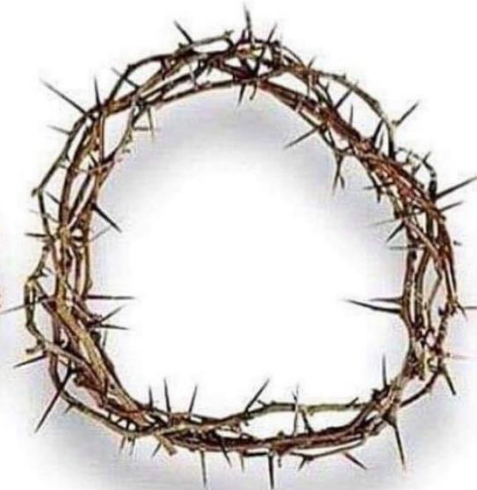
**Before the service, speak to God.**

**During the service, let God speak to you.**

**"After the service, speak to one another with the technology available."**

**'TIS THE  
SEASON**

**'TIS THE  
REASON**



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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***

**CHURCH SCHOOL PRESENTATION – Jesus is Christmas****SCRIPTURE SENTENCE**

“For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”  
*Isaiah 9:6, NIV*

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

L: In the beginning was the Word,

**P: *And the Word was with God and the Word was God.***

L: He came to us as Light to banish our darkness,

**P: *And the darkness has never overcome the Light.***

L: Christ our True Light is here!

**P: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel has come to us this day!***

**ACTS OF PRAISE**Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee  
God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee  
Hail Thee as 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 the 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  
Blossoming meadow, flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Mortals join the mighty chorus  
Which the morning stars began  
Father love is reigning over us  
Brother love binds man to man  
Ever singing, march we onward  
Victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music lifts us sunward  
In the triumph song of life

You bring us joy, joy, joy, we adore Thee  
*(repeat)*

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## Your Name

Humbly to the earth You came  
Born into this world to save  
God with us, Emmanuel  
Now we adore Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray  
Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord give us strength to live for You  
And glorify Your Name

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower  
Your Name is a shelter like no other  
Your Name let the nations sing it louder  
For nothing has the power to save  
(But Your Name)*

Wonderful, Counsellor, Prince of Peace

God with us Emmanuel (3x)  
Now we adore Your Name

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## O Come, All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)

O come, all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come, ye O come, ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

Yea, Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

*O come, let us adore Him (3x)  
Christ the Lord*

His name shall be Wonderful, Counsellor  
His name shall be Everlasting Father  
His name shall be Prince of Peace, Mighty God  
His name shall be Emmanuel

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above  
Glory to God, all  
Glory in the highest

*We'll praise Your name forever (3x)  
Christ the Lord*

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## **A CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life – burdens that steal our joy. We need your peace, Jesus.

In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Christmas, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Forgive us for forgetting – that Your love never changes, never fades, and that You never abandon the purpose for which You came: to save us from our sinful condition, and to give us life eternal, the joy of relationship with a holy God. Your birth – and Your death – sealed Your promise to us forever.

We not only need Your peace and joy; Lord, we crave it. You've promised rest for the weary, victory for the battle-scarred, peace for the anxious, and acceptance for the broken-hearted – not just at Christmas, but every day of every year.

Release the joy in us that's been crushed by pride, wrong priorities, or world events. Tear down the strongholds that have held us captive far too long. Extinguish the flames of apprehension that rob us of a calm, quiet spirit. Show us again the beauty of that holy night so many centuries ago.

Your name is still called "Wonderful," "Counsellor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," and "The Prince of Peace." As Your children, we cry out for a fresh filling, and a new awareness of Who You are. We choose by faith to make the "good news of great joy" a reality in our own lives, so others can see us as lighted trees of life, pointing to You this Christmas. We know one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that You are Lord. And we also know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You.

You are still our Joy. You are still our Peace. You are no longer a babe in the manger. You are Lord of lords and King of kings. And we still celebrate You as Lord – this Christmas and always. Amen.

## **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.*

**SKIT** – *The Angel's Point of View*

**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**

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

Restoration Work

Rev Shearn Sya

**MYF PRESENTATION**

**BAPTISM & RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP**

Ms Khoo Rae En

*(Child Baptism)*

Ms Goh Ching Ann

*(Baptism & Reception into Membership)*

Ms Tung Hsin Yee (Grace)

*(Confirmation & Reception into Membership)*

Mr Kenneth Christian-John De Silva

*(Confirmation & Reception into Membership)*

Mr Eswin Woo Hock Chye

*(Reception into Membership)*

Mr Khor Kuak Kwang

*(Reception into Membership)*

Mr Alan Chai Jun Jie

*(Reception into Membership)*

Mdm Lau Geen Nya – *in absentia*

*(Reception into Membership)*

**CLOSING SONG**

Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart, prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing (2x)  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

*Joy, unspeakable joy  
An overflowing well, no tongue can tell  
Joy, unspeakable joy  
It rises in my soul, never lets me go*

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns  
Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy (2x)  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love (2x)  
And wonders, wonders of His love

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

### **From the Pastor, Members of the LCEC & Church Staff**

May the blessing of hope and the peace of His love surround you and yours this Christmas, and may 2023 be a truly Christ-filled New Year!

### **Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS**

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Restoration Work (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Praise</b>	Ms Cheah Yan Li, Mr Amos Lau
<b>Leaders</b>	Mrs Lee Wee Lyn
<b>Reader</b>	Ms Selina Ngu
<b>Musicians</b>	Dr Melvin Saw, Ms Nicoline Saw Ms Adelya Yeoh
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jesse Ong, Mr Jason Tham
<b>Livestream</b>	Mr Shane Tan
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Koay Choong Khai, Mr Calvin Fong
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Helen Aw, Mrs Connie Lim Ms Tan Yu Ai, Dr Ho Seng Hooi
<b>Finance Steward</b>	Mr Lim Pang Kuan

### **Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS**

	<b><u>31/12/2022 – Watchnight</u></b> <b><u>Covenant Service (10PM)</u></b>	<b><u>1/1/2023</u></b> <b><u>10AM Service</u></b>	<b><u>1/1/2023</u></b> <b><u>5PM Service</u></b>
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Reader</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Daniel Khoo	TBA	TBA
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jason Tham	TBA	Mr William Ng
<b>Livestream</b>	n/a	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr Joshua Timothy	Mr William Ng
<b>Ushers</b>	TBA	Mr Richard Lim Mrs Falonee Lim Ms Emmy Chia Ms Teo Lay Tinn	Mr Tony Teh Ms Vivian Lim
<b>Finance Steward</b>	n/a	TBA	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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed)
11.00am	Church Office Staff Meeting

### **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**

	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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )

### **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 nations devastated by flash floods and natural disasters that destroy homes and livelihoods, putting lives at risk, so that practical aid can be delivered to victims as soon as possible. Pray also, for peace and hope to abound for those who have yet to know the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that Christians around the world will reach out to them and emulate Christ in practical ways.

### Nation

- Pray for unity and teamwork among the coalition parties so that they will work together and support one another to complete a full term with good results in addressing the nation's economic and socio-political issues. Pray also, for the new Health Minister, Dr Zaliha Mustafa, as she addresses issues such as permanent positions for contract doctors and the Health Ministry's long-term plan.

### Church

- Give thanks and praise God for all that He is doing among the TRAC churches, and commit to the Lord pastors who will be going to different churches in 2023. Pray for God's grace and strength to be with them as they prepare to move into their new churches, and that they will be received warmly. Pray also, that friend-ships fostered in their current churches will continue on.

### Self

- Pray that God will continue to fill us with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, as we reflect upon His guidance in 2022 and commit to His leading in the coming New Year. Pray for His continuous protection and guidance to be upon us, that we will be able to experience His presence, hope, peace, joy and love this Christmas into 2023.



## 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, Mr Chan Kim Huat & Mrs Annie Chan, and Dr Chan Geok Oon 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 25

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

### December

31 ~ Watchnight Covenant Service (10pm)

### Coming up in January!

14-15 ~ Discernment & Planning for Leaders

### 2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2022>

Prayer Request Form – <https://bit.ly/tmcpayforme>. 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](mailto: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](mailto:joinus@penangtrinity.org) or WhatsApp 012-500 9238.



The **2023 Floral Calendar** is ready for booking at the reception area.

### 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)*