

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2023

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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**

“Trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.  
Take delight in the LORD,  
and He will give you the desires of your heart.”

*Psalm 37:3-4, NIV*

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

L: Let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

**P: *We shout the good news of God's mighty love!***

L: Let all the stars, the sun, the moon sing praise to God!

**P: *The universe that God created sings His praise!***

L: Let your souls and spirits rejoice at the goodness of God.

**P: *Let us praise the God of salvation Who brings us home. Amen.***

**OPENING PRAYER****OPENING SONG**

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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## **SONG OF PRAYER**

### **I Need Thee Every Hour** *(stanzas 1, 3 & 4)*

UMH 397

I need Thee every hour  
Most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford

I need Thee every hour  
In joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide  
Or life is vain

*I need Thee, O, I need Thee  
Every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now, my Saviour  
I come to Thee*

I need Thee every hour  
Teach me Thy will  
And Thy rich promises  
In me fulfil

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray for the world in 2023 - pray for the hope that a new year brings, especially for those who suffered greatly in 2022.
2. Pray for the families of the 31 victims of the Batang Kali landslide. Pray for God's peace and comfort for them and the other 61 survivors to be able to grieve, recover, and move forward.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity in 2023 - pray for our church to grow in worship and Christian fellowship.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would have a God-centred, devoted faith.

## **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.

## **SONG OF PREPARATION**

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought  
(stanzas 1, 2 & 3)

UMH 128

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words, with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom  
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom  
By waters still, o'er troubled sea  
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me  
By His own hand, He leadeth me  
His faithful follower, I would be  
For by His hand, He leadeth me*

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine  
Nor ever murmur nor repine  
Content, whatever lot I see  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me

*CCLI Song #62762*

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:42, Ephesians 4:11-16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

A Devoted Church – Pt. 1

Rev Shearn Sya

## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

## **CLOSING SONG**

## Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH 399

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose

Take my will, and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart, it is Thine own  
It shall be Thy royal throne  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	A Devoted Church – Pt. 1 <i>(Acts 2:42, Ephesians 4:11-16)</i>	A Devoted Church – Pt. 1 <i>(Acts 2:42, Ephesians 4:11-16)</i>
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Mary Wolf	Mr Andrew Lee
<b>Musician</b>	Ms Chang Jia Ren	Mr Amos Lau
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Ms Roshni George
<b>Livestream</b>	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Joshua Timothy	Ms Roshni George
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Teo Lay Tinn Ms Helen Aw Ms Emmy Chia Mrs Sally Loh	Mr Tony Teh Mrs Cheah Kai Choo
<b>Finance Steward</b>	Mr Ling Lek Chian Mr Yee Eh Horng	n/a

## Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	n/a	Mrs Loo Li Lin
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Jane Khoo Ms Cheah Yan Li	n/a
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Janet Ng	Dr Mallise Tong
<b>Musicians</b>	Dr Melvin Saw, Mr Tairven Lee Ms Adelya Yeoh	Ms Amelia Loo
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Andrew Lee
<b>Livestream</b>	Mr Chuah Chang En	n/a
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Seah Por Shen	Mr Calvin Fong
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Khoo Boo Thye Mr Richard Lim Mr Cheong Kum Loong Mrs Falonee Lim	Mrs Chin Peck Wan Dr Chin Chean Kok
<b>Finance Steward</b>	Ms Cheong Sau Chan Ms Liew Chin Yee	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

### **TUESDAY**

- 8.00pm Tanjung Bungah Small Group –  
Chan Chen Weng

### **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 –  
<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<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

- Praise God that the damaged power plants in Ukraine have been repaired, and emergency generator plants are able to help disperse Ukraine's energy network. Pray that Russia will withdraw so that Ukraine may be blessed with peace, and that the supply of essential goods to the rest of the world may be restored. Pray also, that peace will return to Peru after days of violent protests.

### Nation

- Pray that the Prime Minister will be able to strengthen and unite our government. Pray against compromises that may hamper the renewal and reformation of our nation's administration and management systems. Pray also, that our MPs will be diligent, wise and conscientious in their responsibilities towards nation building, prioritising the people's welfare and focused on national issues.

### Church

- Pray that we will open our hearts to be led by the Holy Spirit and strive to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Pray that we will be diligent in prayer and in the reading of His Word, trusting God through faith that He will do the impossible. Pray also, that we will yield fully to our Heavenly Father's will, that wherever He has placed us, we will be a blessing to those around us.

### Self

- Give thanks to God for His faithful providence throughout the year 2022. Pray that we will come before Him in repentance for the things we have done to grieve Him, and receive His mercy and forgiveness. Pray that we will continue to trust His Sovereignty, and may His Spirit fill us with a renewed love and passion for Him as we continue to depend on Him and remain in His love throughout 2023.



# CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**WELCOME** to worship at *Trinity*. For any assistance please contact:

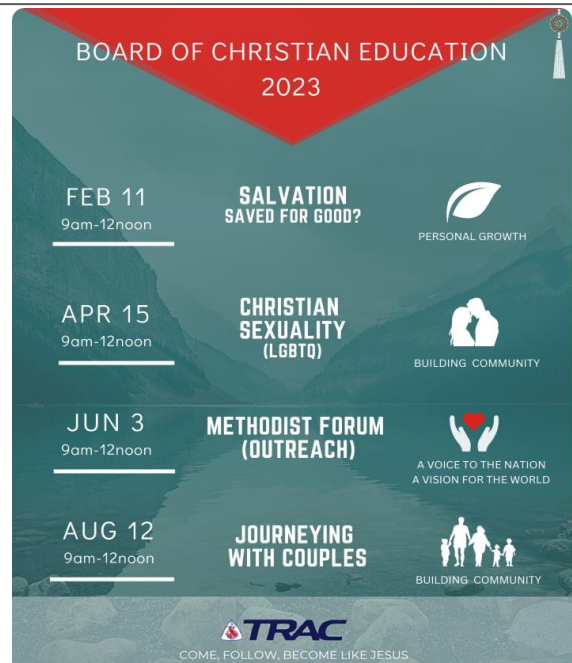
Pastor – Rev Shearn Sya: 04-828 7445

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 in loving memory of Mr Chua Chong Aun.
- 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 1

Communion Offering for January 2023 will go to the poor and needy students of MBS and MGS.



## 10AM / 5PM Service

- ✗ *Booking of Seats – Not required*
- ✗ *MySejahtera checks – Not required*
- ✓ *Record names of attendees – Required*
- ✓ *Masks, Social Distancing – Strongly encouraged*

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

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](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.