

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG




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16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

***"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 at the fellowship area."***



But seek first his kingdom and his
righteousness, and all these things
will be given to you as well.
Matthew 6:33

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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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but follow His ways.”

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OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

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The Lamb upon His throne
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of peace
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet

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Who triumphed o'er the grave
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died, and rose on high
Who died, eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Those wounds, yet visible above
In beauty glorified
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me
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And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you
Seek, and you shall find
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you
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E-OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Give to: MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang)

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DOXOLOGY

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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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

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Consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my moments and my days
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SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Seek First the Kingdom

Scripture Passage: Matthew 6:24-34

BIG IDEA: We demonstrate God's Kingdom by the Spirit-Empowered decisions we make for Christ.

Key Verse: Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Introduction

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) Jesus describes the ethics of the Kingdom

- Disciples have a calling to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16) by the decisions we make and the lives we live based on these Kingdom ethics
- Disciples are empowered and shaped to offer true worship and devoted service to God (Matthew 6:24-34) while trusting in God's provision.

Our worship and devoted service is defined by:

1. Purity of Worship

We worship who/what we desire most

- We are created in God's image to serve and worship God (Genesis 1:26-28, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, 13-14)
- Jesus is restoring us to true worship and devoted service (Matthew 6:24)

2. Priority of the Kingdom

Priority reveals worship

- We prioritise what gives us security and well-being
- Disciples must choose where our true security lies (Matthew 6:19-24)
- Jesus calls for a life of focused priority on God and the Kingdom while trusting in God's care and provision (Matthew 6:25-34)

3. Power of the King's Word

God enables what He commands (Bill Johnson)

- We follow all that Jesus commands us knowing that His word is our life foundation (Matthew 7:24-27)
- Because of the completed work of Christ on the Cross for us, disciples are now empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the righteousness that the Law points to (Romans 8:1-4)
- When disciples obey in faith, the world experiences God (Matthew 5:16)

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Seek First the Kingdom <i>(Matthew 6:24-34)</i>	Seek First the Kingdom <i>(Matthew 6:24-34)</i>
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	Mrs Angela Khong	Mrs Esther Wong
Reader	Mr Ryan Loke	Mr Chong Kock Khuan
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen	Mrs Audrey Tan
Sound	Mr Bernard Lim, Mr Jesse Ong	Mr William Ng
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr Chuah Chang En	n/a
Ushers	Ms Sharon Wong, Ms Tan Yu Ai Mr Vincent Lee, Ms Tan Siew Ngoh	Dr Mah Chiou-Fen Dr Goh Yoke Seng
Finance Stewards	Mr Khoo Boo Thye Mr Lim Pang Kuan Mdm Nellie Goh Beng Hong	n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>22/09/2023</u>	<u>23/09/2023</u>	<u>24/09/2023</u>
	<u>Renewal Service</u>	<u>Renewal Service</u>	<u>66th Anniversary Combined Service</u>
	<u>(8:30 pm)</u>	<u>(8:30 pm)</u>	<u>(10.00 am)</u>
Sermon Title/Text	The life you now live <i>(Colossians 3:5-14)</i>	Living in God's Glory <i>(John 1:14, Isaiah 60:1-2)</i>	On Church Purpose (Heavenly Mission): Wherever He places you <i>(Luke 5:5-11)</i>
Preacher	Pr Mike Ngui	Pr Eddy Marson	Pr Chris Kam
Worship Leaders	Rev Shearn Sya Ms Cheah Yan Li	Mrs Jane Khoo Ms Nancy Empawi	Mr Amos Lau Ms Cheah Yan Li
Reader	Mrs Rosalind Khoo	Mr Lawrence Hii	Mrs Mary Wolf
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo Mr Shane Tan Mr Edwin Oon	Ms Joyce Goh Mr Tairven Lee Ms Adelya Yeoh	Mr Daniel Khoo, Ms Rachel Lee Ms Olivia Lee, Mr Dominic Lee Mrs Nicoline Koay
Sound	TBA	TBA	Mr Jason Tham, Mr Jesse Ong
Streaming	Ms Wong Fong Yi	Ms Roshni George	Mr David Law
Visual	Ms Roshni George	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr Koay Choong Khai, Ms Michele Kong
Ushers	Mrs Maggie Mak Mr Mak Ngai Leong	Ms Teo Lay Tinn Mr Christopher Wong	Ms Teo Lay Tinn Mr Mak Ngai Leong Mrs Maggie Mak Dr Ho Seng Hooi
Finance Stewards	n/a	n/a	Mrs Wan Soo Har Mr Yeo Hwang Seng

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
Young Families 2 – James Hii
2.15pm Sungai Ara II Small Group –
Jason Chieng
3.00pm Post Alpha Small Group
Boys' Brigade

MONDAY

- 8.00pm Lighthouse Watchmen Prayer Network
(LWPN), Bayan Lepas – Teng Leong

TUESDAY

- 7.00pm Unknown Small Group – Gerviene Sya
7.30pm Tanjung Bungah Small Group –
Chan Chen Weng

WEDNESDAY

- 10.00am Wednesday Small Group –
Tan Saw Lee (1st & 3rd Wed)
11.00am Church Office Staff Meeting
3.00pm Galilee Kopitiam (2nd & 4th Wed)

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- Small Groups:
2.45pm 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
Permai Village I – Ooi Lay Chen
Island Glades – Tan Kok Huat (2nd & 4th)

SATURDAY

- 10:30am Permai Village Small Group –
Daniel Teh
1:30pm Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
Small Groups:
2.00pm Century Garden – Lim Lim Ling
8.00pm Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
8.30pm Sungai Ara I – Florence Tan (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Pray that the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ will reach every person in all corners of the world by His grace and power. Pray that His Spirit will work among the people and soften their hearts, that they will hear God's love and truth, and find Jesus as their Saviour. Pray too, that God will strengthen and meet the needs of every church, especially those that are being persecuted, and protect them under His wings.

Nation

- Pray that unity will prevail among the diverse communities of Sabah, Sarawak and the Semenanjung, breaking down barriers and fostering deeper understanding and closeness among the different cultures, races, and religions. Pray also, for divine protection over the integrity of the judiciary and for our government's political and economic stability as they work to advance critical institutional reforms.

Church

- Pray for the elderly in our church. Pray that God will keep them strong and healthy, and cover them with His protection and love. Pray for those who are sick, that God will bring healing, comfort and peace, and remind them of His care. Pray that all will know and experience His love. Pray also, that God will help us to show compassion, and guide us to reach out to those who are lonely or need assistance.

Self

- Pray that God will grant us the strength and resilience to endure trials and tribulations that come with following Jesus, as well as the courage to stand firm in our faith to proclaim the truth lovingly. Pray that we will hunger and thirst for God's Word, and obey His teachings. Pray too, that we will have an unending zeal to make disciples of all nations, boldly proclaim the gospel.

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 Nellie Lim and family 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 – September 17

Communion Offering for September 2023 will go to Eden Handicap Service Centre.



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

Vacancies: TMCK Teachers / Cleaner

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724
or submit resume to
kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org.

Our heartfelt condolences to Joanne Lee and family on the demise of her beloved brother, Lee Leong Tian, who passed away on September 9. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.

Coming up in September!

- 22 – “The life you now live”
Renewal Service (Friday, 8:30pm)
- 23 – “Living in God's Glory”
Renewal Service (Saturday, 8:30pm)
- 24 – “On Church Purpose (Heavenly Mission):
Wherever He places you”
Combined 66th Anniversary Service (10am)

2023 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2023>

10AM / 5PM Service

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

30th TRAC MSF Annual Camp

“A Grateful Life”

October 10-13, 2023 | Cititel Penang

For more information, contact Mr Tan Kok Huat
012-550 7428 | khtan1992@gmail.com

48th TRAC MW Session

October 13-15, 2023 | Novotel Hotel, Taiping
RM550 (Normal rate)

For more information or to register, contact:
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