

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 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."***



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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

“Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”

John 12:25, NIV

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

L: We follow Christ,

P: *Who says take up your cross.*

L: We follow Christ,

P: *Who bids us come and offer our lives.*

L: Come, let us worship our Creator.

P: *Who summons us to new life. 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!

CCLI Song #14181

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

*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
Stay Thou nearby
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh

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

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

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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2. Pray for Malaysia amidst heavy rainfall over this season. Continue to pray for readiness to prepare for or respond to floods or landslides.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity to be a church that faithfully teaches and exemplifies the benefits of being disciples of Jesus.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would see the value of faithfully following Jesus over our own cares and desires.

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.

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

Come, Holy Ghost,
Our Hearts Inspire *(stanzas 1, 2 & 4)*

UMH 603

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire
Let us Thine influence prove
Source of the old prophetic fire
Fountain of life and love

Come, Holy Ghost (for moved by Thee
The prophets wrote and spoke)
Unlock the truth, Thyself the key
Unseal the sacred book

God, through the Spirit we shall know
If Thou within us shine
And sound, with all Thy saints below
The depths of love divine

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 8:18-22

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Cost and Benefit of Following Jesus

Rev Shearn Sya

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

Take Up Thy Cross (*stanzas 1, 2 & 4*)

UMH 415

"Take up thy cross," the Saviour said
"If thou wouldst My disciple be
Deny thyself, the world forsake
And humbly follow after Me."

Take up thy cross, let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm
His strength shall bear thy spirit up
And brace thy heart and nerve thine arm

Take up thy cross and follow Christ
Nor think till death to lay it down
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

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	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	The Cost and Benefit of Following Jesus <i>(Matthew 8:18-22)</i>	The Cost and Benefit of Following Jesus <i>(Matthew 8:18-22)</i>
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Reader	Mrs Wan Soo Har	Ms Loh Siok Moy
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen	TBA
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
Visual	Mr Joshua Timothy	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Mr Richard Lim, Mrs Falonee Lim Ms Teo Lay Tinn, Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr Tony Teh Ms Lilian Yeoh
Finance Stewards	Mr Ling Lek Chian, Mrs Wan Soo Har Ms Janet Yeoh	n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	TBA	TBA
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	n/a	Mrs Esther Wong
Worship Leaders	Mrs Gerviene Sya, Mrs Lee Wee Lyn	n/a
Reader	Ms Selina Ngu	Dr Chuah Hock Aun
Musicians	Dr Melvin Saw, Ms Olivia Lee Ms Adelya Yeoh, Mr Tairven Lee	Mrs Audrey Tan
Sound	Mr Bernard Lim, Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Andrew Lee
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr Chuah Chang En	n/a
Ushers	Mr Cheong Kum Loong, Ms Helen Aw Ms Wong Choon Moi, Ms Tan Siew Ngoh	Mrs Chin Peck Wan Dr Chin Chean Kok
Finance Stewards	Mr Yeo Hwang Seng Mr Tan Kok Huat, Mdm Keow Poh Lean	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
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 for Israel and Palestine; for strength, endurance and patience, and that both parties will negotiate peaceably. Pray that God will intervene and grant peace, justice, hope and respect for all, and that basic human rights will be advocated. Pray also, that He will be especially close to those who are hurting and grieving; that He will heal and comfort them. Pray too, that the gospel of peace will be spread.

Nation

- Pray for the work being done ahead of Budget 2024, and for important bills that will be introduced such as the Children's Commission and amendments to the Federal Constitution granting children citizenship rights. Pray that the Members of Parliament will fulfil their duties as elected representatives of the people. Pray also, for fair representation and opportunities for Sabah and Sarawak's indigenous people.

Church

- Pray for God's protection and guidance upon His church, that His Spirit will encourage us to lean on, and trust in Him each day. Pray that God in His love and mercy will instil patience and understanding in our hearts, and unite us in His love. Pray also, that the grace of God will be upon us, and that His forgiveness will in turn enable us to forgive others so that healing can take place.

Self

- Pray that we will not give up or be easily discouraged, instead, to persist diligently in seeking God. Pray that we will continue to bring the concerns of our hearts to the Lord, and hold unswervingly to the fact that our God is a God who hears and answers our prayers. Pray also, that as we persevere in prayer, we may encourage others to do likewise.

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 Edwin & Ee Pheng, and Angela Lee 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 – October 1

Communion Offering for October 2023 will go to Lighthouse Kapit Sarawak.



2023 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2023>

We have increased our parking capacity to 150 lots. If you are coming from the south, there is ample parking at Life Hope Centre. Our RELA team will guide you.

Vacancies:

TMCK Teachers / Cleaner

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724

or submit resume to

kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org.

Coming up in October!

08 – MYF Sunday

15 – Social Concerns Sunday

22 – MSF Sunday

10AM / 5PM Service

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

Prayer Request Form – <https://bit.ly/tmcprayforme>.

All requests are confidential unless permission is given to circulate to larger prayer group.

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:

Mrs Angela Khong 016-470 0680