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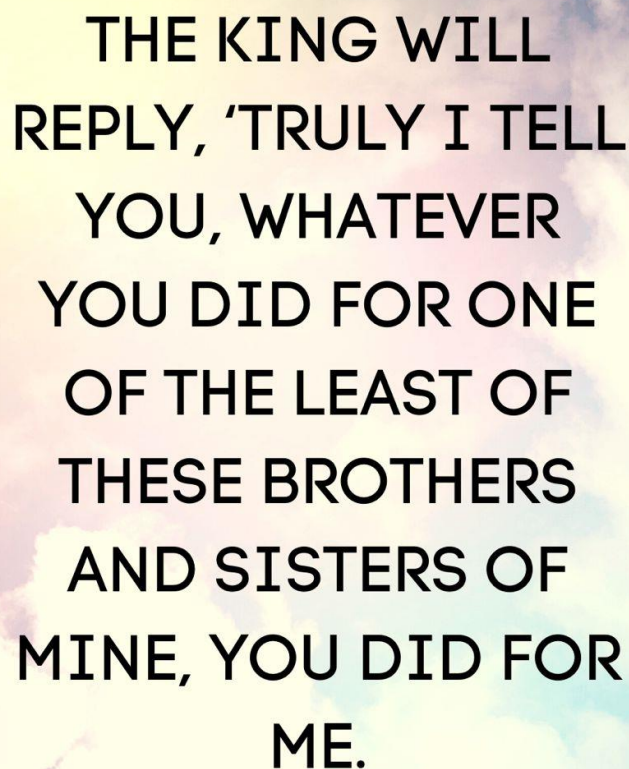


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1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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."***



**THE KING WILL
REPLY, 'TRULY I TELL
YOU, WHATEVER
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Matthew 25:40

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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***

WELCOME**FOCUS ON GOD** (*Responsively*)

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P: We hear the invitation to joy and peace.

L: God calls us into the loving presence of Jesus, Who is our Saviour.

P: We come to join with those who watch and wait, and celebrate. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISEO Come, All Ye Faithful (*stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6*)

UMH 234

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

*O come, let us adore Him
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Christ the Lord*

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal
Lo He shuns not the Virgin's womb
Son of the Father, begotten, not created

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

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

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thy own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

CCLI Song #31999

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Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed
Mary, loving mother mild
Jesus Christ, her little child

Jesus is our childhood's pattern
Day by day, like us He grew
He was little, weak, and helpless
Tears and smiles like us He knew
And He feeleth for our sadness
And He shareth in our gladness

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable
And His cradle was a stall
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Pray for the Israel-Palestine war. Pray for the truce to be extended so more innocent hostages can be released, and more humanitarian aid be given to those in need.

E-OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SONG OF PRAISE

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.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-40

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Our Choices Matter

Rev Shearn Sya

HOLY COMMUNION

***CLOSING SONG**

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Supports me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

*On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand (2x)*

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found!
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne!

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
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Sermon Title/Text	Our Choices Matter (<i>Matthew 25:31-40</i>)	Our Choices Matter (<i>Matthew 25:31-40</i>)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Service Leader	Mr Daniel Teh	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Reader	Mrs Wan Soo Har	Mrs Esther Wong
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen	Mrs Audrey Tan
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
Visual	Ms Michele Kong	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Ushers	Mr Richard Lim, Ms Emmy Chia Ms Tan Yu Ai, Mrs Connie Lim	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	What Will You Do with Jesus? (<i>Matthew 27:11-26</i>)	What Will You Do with Jesus? (<i>Matthew 27:11-26</i>)
Preacher	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
Service Leader	n/a	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Worship Leaders	Mr Amos Lau, Ms Cheah Yan Li	n/a
Reader	Mrs Janet Ng	Ms Liew Ai Ling
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo, Ms Rachel Lee Mr Ivan Lee, Ms Adelya Yeoh Mr Eian Chan	Ms Amelia Loo
Sound	Mr Jason Tham	Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr Chuah Chang En
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Mr Cheong Kum Loong, Ms Helen Aw Mr Khoo Boo Thye, Ms Wong Choon Moi	Mrs Chin Peck Wan Dr Chin Chean Kok
Finance Stewards	Ms Liew Chin Yee Mr Richard Lim Leong Chnuah Mdm Falonee Tan Fong Ling	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

- 10.30am Tanjung Bungah Small Group –
Chan Chen Weng
8.00pm Lighthouse Watchmen Prayer Network
(LWPN), Bayan Lepas – Teng Leong

TUESDAY

- 7.00pm Young Adults III Small Group –
Gerviene Sya

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

- Continue to pray for people and nations affected by wars and conflicts around the world. Pray for God's healing, protection, peace and comfort upon every person who have been affected by the fighting. Pray also, for God's intervention and restoration where forgiveness and reconciliation are needed. Pray that He will grant the nations' leaders wisdom and discernment to pursue amity and cooperation.

Nation

- Pray for unity and godly wisdom for our leaders to steer the nation forward with integrity and fairness. Pray that healing and restoration of trust will take place so that our leaders may work together for our nation's peace, progress and harmony. Pray also, for long-term political and economic stability, as well as much-needed political and economic reform, including transparent and clearer government policies.

Church

- Pray for increased vigilance in churches, especially during this Advent season, given the rise in extremism and the recent bomb threats in schools. Pray that as faithful ambassadors of the risen Lord, we will now strive harder to tell others about Christ and make His salvation, grace and goodness known amongst all pre-believers, for it is only through Him that acceptance, peace and unity will prevail.

Self

- Pray that we will remember that the Lord is Emmanuel – God with us – not only during Advent but in every season of our lives, that He sees our pain, understands what we feel, is ready to listen and speak to us, and has promised to walk with us. Pray that as we grow deeper in our relationship with Him, we will walk with perseverance, courage and joy, because God is with us.

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 in Thanksgiving, and from Mrs Ang Sim Chuan in loving memory of Mr Ang Sim Chuan.
- **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 3

Communion Offering for December 2023 will go to House of Hope, Penang.

Coming up in December!

24 – Christmas Eve Service (10pm)

25 – Christmas Day Service (10am)

31 – Watchnight Covenant Service (10pm)

2023 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmc bible2023>

10AM / 5PM Service

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

Refreshments will be served after the 10am service at The Solid Rock. Lunch options will also be available for sale between 11:30am – 1:30pm. For takeaways, please bring your own containers.

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

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.

IMMANUEL
God Is With Us
The Present of God's Presence

Dec 3, 10 & 17 – Sunday Service (10am & 5pm)

Dec 24 – Combined Service (10am)
– Christmas Eve Service (10pm)

Dec 25 – Christmas Day Service (10am)

Pray for Malaysia

December 17, 8pm – 9pm

To join, go to <https://pray.smced.org/>