

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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November 24, 2024

***"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**

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*Galatians 5:13, NIV*

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L: Worship the Lord in all His holy splendour.

**P: Let all the earth tremble before Him.**

L: For our God is great,

**P: And worthy of our praise! Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**Days Of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

*Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call*

*So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes*

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

There is no god like Jehovah *(repeat)*

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## Holy Forever

A thousand generations  
Falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us  
And all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

(Jesus) Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

*And the angels cry, Holy  
All creation cries, Holy  
You are lifted high  
Holy, holy forever*

If you've been forgiven  
And if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

*Hear Your people sing, Holy  
To the King of Kings, Holy  
You will always be  
Holy, holy forever*

CCLI Song #7201044

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## Highest Place

We place You on the highest place  
For You are the great High Priest  
We place You high above all else  
And we come to You  
And worship at Your feet

CCLI #24195

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3. Pray for Penang Trinity to be a church that models and shares the spiritual freedom that Christ brings.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would be free to love and live holy lives without guilt and condemnation.

## **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**

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## **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**

Hebrews 8:1-13

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.****SERMON**

Jesus, High Priest of a Better Covenant

Mr Desmond Yeoh

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**CLOSING SONG**

Trust and Obey

UMH 467

When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His Word  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will  
He abides with us still  
And with all who will trust and obey

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey*

Not a burden we bear  
Not a sorrow we share  
But our toil He doth richly repay  
Not a grief or a loss  
Not a frown or a cross  
But is blest if we trust and obey

But we never can prove  
The delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay  
For the favour He shows  
For the joy He bestows  
Are for them who will trust and obey

Then in fellowship sweet  
We will sit at His feet  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way  
What He says we will do  
Where He sends we will go  
Never fear, only trust and obey

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

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord*

*Let the earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord*

*Let the people rejoice!*

*O come, to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see

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## **SONG OF PRAYER**

## **Now Thank We All Our God**

UMH 102

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices  
Who wondrous things has done  
In Whom this world rejoices  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us

And keep us still in grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With Them in highest heaven  
The one eternal God  
Whom earth and heaven adore  
For thus it was, is now  
And shall be evermore

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## **SONG OF PREPARATION**

Close to Thee

UMH 407

Thou my everlasting portion  
More than friend or life to me  
All along my pilgrim journey  
Saviour, let me walk with Thee

*Close to Thee, close to Thee  
Close to Thee, close to Thee  
Gladly will I toil and suffer  
Only let me walk with Thee*

*Close to Thee, close to Thee  
Close to Thee, close to Thee  
All along my pilgrim journey  
Saviour, let me walk with Thee*

Lead me through the vale of shadows  
Bear me o'er life's fitful sea  
Then the gate of life eternal  
May I enter, Lord, with Thee

Not for ease or worldly pleasure  
Nor for fame my prayer shall be  
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*Close to Thee, close to Thee  
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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Jesus, High Priest of a Better Covenant

Scripture Passage: Hebrews 8:1-13

### **Big Idea: Living in Freedom through Christ and His Word**

In order to live a life of freedom that has been given to us through Christ, we should:

1. Focus on Jesus, our Perfect High Priest

2. Obey God's Word

3. Accept Christ's Forgiveness

**Know:** that we can live in freedom by focusing on who Jesus is.

**Be:** someone who shares this freedom with others.

**Do:** live in the freedom of Christ forgiveness.

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Jesus, High Priest of a Better Covenant ( <i>Hebrews 8:1-13</i> )	Jesus, High Priest of a Better Covenant ( <i>Hebrews 8:1-13</i> )
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Desmond Yeoh	Mr Desmond Yeoh
<b>Liturgist</b>	n/a	Mr Lim Lai Keat
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Angela Khong, Mr Ryan Loke	n/a
<b>Reader</b>	Ms Calyn Hii	Ms Liew Ai Ling
<b>Musicians</b>	Ms Michi Ong, Ms Adelya Yeoh Ms Olivia Lee, Mr Ivan Lee	TBA
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Mark Chieng	Mr William Ng
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr William Ng
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mrs Joanna Tham, Ms Natalie Lai Ms Sharon Wong, Ms Teo Lay Tinn	Dr Goh Yoke Sen Dr Mah Chiou-Fen
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Mr Khoo Boo Thye Mdm Low Sheok Yin Mr Yee Eh Horng	n/a

## Next Sunday'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>	Mr Daniel Teh	Mrs Loo Li Lin
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Sally Loh	Dr Mallise Tong
<b>Musicians</b>	Mr Bernard Lee	Ms Amelia Loo
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr Andrew Lee, Mr Joshua Wong
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Hugo Cheah	Ms Esther Wong
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mdm Aileen Tan, Mrs Maggie Mak Ms Tan Yu Ai, Ms Wong Siew Eng	Mr Tony Teh Ms Lilian Yeoh
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Ms Liew Chin Yee Mdm Low Sheok Yin Mr Yee Eh Horng	n/a

## WEEKLY MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

### **SUNDAY**

- 10.00am Worship Service in English  
Church School
- 12.00pm Sungai Ara II Small Group –  
Jason Chieng
- 12.30pm Methodist Youth Fellowship
- 1.30pm Young Families 1 Small Group –  
Tairven Lee
- Young Families 2 – James Hii
- Post Alpha Small Group
- 3.00pm Boys' Brigade

### **MONDAY**

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

### **THURSDAY**

- 10.00am Island Glades Small Group –  
Tan Kok Huat (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)
- 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) – Loo Li Lin
- 8.30pm Young Adults I – Seah Por Shen
- Taman Sri Nibong – Dr Saw Kim Guan
- Permai Village I – Ooi Lay Chen

### **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 – Low Sheok Yin (fortnightly)

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### World

- Pray for rain and wind to help clear the air pollution in northern India and eastern Pakistan, and for God's wisdom upon the authorities to find long-term solutions to this problem. Pray for God's protection upon the people, especially young children, the elderly, those with respiratory issues and those who need to work outdoors. Pray also, for the doctors and nurses who care for those affected by the pollution.

### Nation

- Pray that all Malaysians will live in harmony and be respectful towards one another. Pray that we may experience socio-economic progress and political stability, and be free from any negativity. Pray also, for those who work as cleaners, garbage collectors, construction workers, etc. Many of these workers are migrants who face exploitation, social stigma, low wages, minimal security, and no recognition.

### Church

- We give thanks to the Lord for the recently concluded 49<sup>th</sup> Session TRAC. Pray for all pastors who are being sent to another church that they will be able to have closure and move on to their respective new charges. Pray also, for all those who have been elected into positions at TRAC level – for God's guidance and wisdom to be upon them, and that in all that they do, they will seek to honour God.

### Self

- Pray that God will grant us wisdom, humility, grace and patience especially when we are sharing the Gospel and the impact Christ has made in our lives with our family, our friends and the community around us. Pray also, that the Holy Spirit will help us to give voice to our faith by speaking words of life and blessing over ourselves as well as to the people around us each day.

## 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 Candy Loh 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 – November 24

Communion Offering for November 2024 will go to Lighthouse Kapit Sarawak.



### 10AM / 5PM Service

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

### Coming up in December!

24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (10pm)

25 – Christmas Day Service (10am)

31 – New Year's Eve Service (10:30pm)

### 2024 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2024>

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

Breakfast options will be available for sale between 9am – 10am. For takeaways, please bring your own containers. Refreshments will be served after the 10am service at The Solid Rock.

### Vacancies: TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724

or submit resume to

[kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org](mailto:kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org).