



3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 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."***

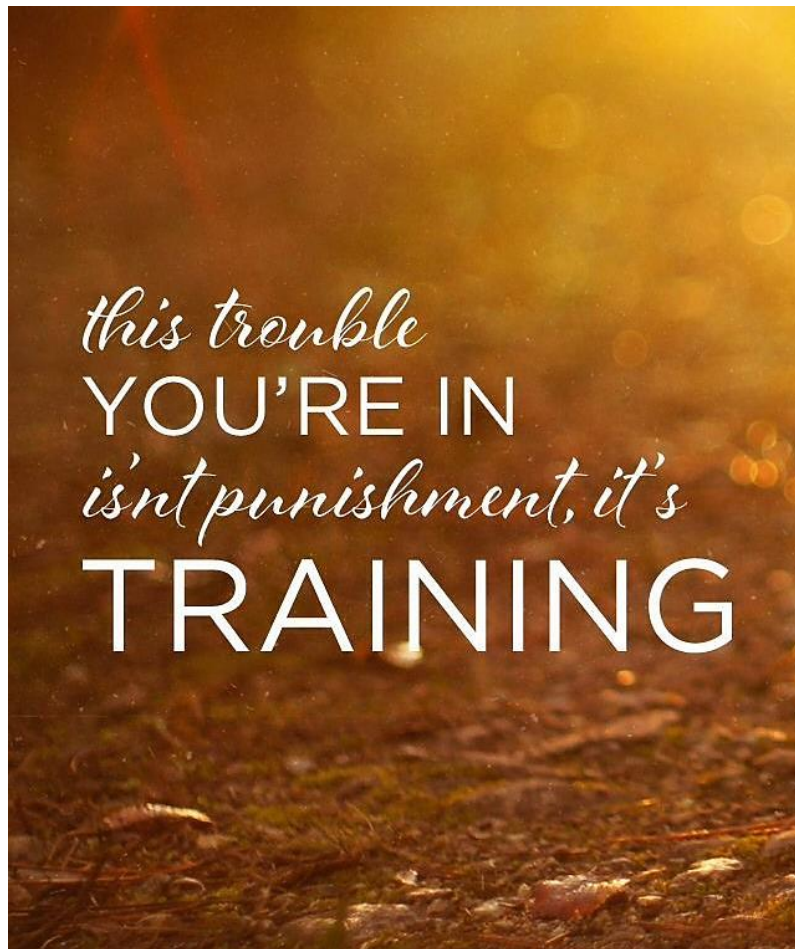


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Our Vision

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

“And those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; ever-lasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.”
Isaiah 35:10, NIV

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May we rejoice and celebrate in the promise of His everlasting presence in our lives.

Lighting of the Joy Candle

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

L: We come to celebrate our Saviour who is here amongst us.

P: We gather to be refreshed and renewed.

L: We come to celebrate that the Lord is God.

P: The Lord is our strength and song.

L: We come to celebrate with songs of praise and joy.

P: For the Lord's eternal presence is amongst His people. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

Joy to the World

UMH 246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for thy return!

With such I hasten to the place
Where God my Saviour shows His face
And gladly take my station there
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless
And since He bids me seek His face
Believe His word, and trust His grace
I'll cast on Him my every care
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for hospitals in Gaza amidst deteriorating conditions in the ongoing conflict. Pray for doctors and nurses to be able to care for the injured effectively despite this.
2. Pray for Malaysia's medical insurance and healthcare industry amidst rising costs. Pray especially for those who are in greater financial need to have ready and timely access to care needed to preserve and save life.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity's Christmas celebrations across different groups to bring people closer to Jesus.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would have a resilient faith that is strengthened whenever we experience hardship.

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

*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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel*

O come, O come, great Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud and majesty and awe

O come, Thou Root of Jesse's tree
An ensign of Thy people be
Before Thee rulers silent fall
All peoples of Thy mercy call

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12:7-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Purposeful Pain

Rev Shearn Sya

CLOSING SONG

It Is Well With My Soul

UMH 377

When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet
Though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, O the bliss
Of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Purposeful Pain (<i>Hebrews 12:7-11</i>)	Purposeful Pain (<i>Hebrews 12:7-11</i>)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Ms Iris Ang	Mrs Esther Wong
Reader	Mr Ryan Loke	Dr Chuah Hock Aun
Musician	Mr Bernard Lee	TBA
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Joshua Wong
Visual	Mr Koay Choong Khai	Ms Esther Wong
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Mrs Heng Ah Leak, Ms Heng Khai Ting Mr Oon Chee Soon, Ms Tan Siew Ngoh	Dr Tan Boon Chong Dr Serena Nga
Finance Stewards	Ms Liew Chin Yee, 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	Living for Jesus (<i>Hebrews 13:1-21</i>)	Living for Jesus (<i>Hebrews 13:1-21</i>)
Preacher	Dr Khoo Cheek Kau	Dr Khoo Cheek Kau
Liturgist	n/a	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Worship Leaders	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Ms Alanis Yeoh	
Reader	Mrs Mary Wolf	Ms Vanessa Goh
Musician	Mr Daniel Khoo, Mr Dominique Lee Ms Olivia Lee, Mr Ivan Lee	TBA
Sound	Mr Matthew Chieng	Mr William Ng
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Ushers	Mrs Connie Lim, Ms Natalie Lai Ms Pauleen Khoo, Ms Teo Lay Tinn	Ms Cheah Yan Min Mrs Cheah Kai Choo
Finance Stewards	Mr Yeo Hwang Seng Mr Tan Kok Huat, Mdm Keow Poh Lean	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 (1st & 3rd Wed)
- 11.00am Church Office Staff Meeting
- 3.00pm Galilee Kopitiam (2nd & 4th Wed)

THURSDAY

- 10.00am Island Glades Small Group –
Tan Kok Huat (2nd & 4th)
- 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 missionaries, especially those who are away from their homeland. Pray that God will continue to fill them with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Pray that they will be able to celebrate Christmas wherever they may be. Pray also, for God's continuous protection and guidance upon them, that they will be able to experience His presence, hope, peace, joy and love during this season.

Nation

- Pray for the revival of the Muhibbah spirit, which has served as a guiding principle of unity and harmony in our Malaysian society, as recent challenges have shown fractures in intercultural relationships and understanding. Pray against those who contribute to the exclusion and marginalisation of certain communities, fuelling resentment and discord. Pray that peace, prosperity and harmony will reign in our nation.

Church

- Pray for all TRAC churches as we prepare for Christmas. Pray that the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be meaningful, and a testament of God's love for us. Pray that the Advent season will fill our hearts with hope as we cling on to Christ, our gift of hope. Pray also, that we will make time to reach out to our pre-believing relatives and friends with the love, joy and peace that only Christ can bring.

Self

- Pray that we will always remember that God is Emmanuel, not just 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 promises to walk with us. Pray that as we grow deeper in our relationship with Him, we will walk with courage, perseverance 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:** Please contact the church office or email office@penangtrinity.org.
- **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 15

Communion Offering for December 2024 will go to Prison Fellowship Malaysia (Penang Chapter).



The **2025 Floral Calendar** is ready for booking at the reception area.

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)
"A Service of Carols"

25 – Christmas Day Service (10am)
"Building upon the Faithfulness of God's Promises"

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.

Pray for Malaysia

December 15, 8pm – 9pm (TONIGHT)

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