



4th Sunday of Advent

December 22, 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."***

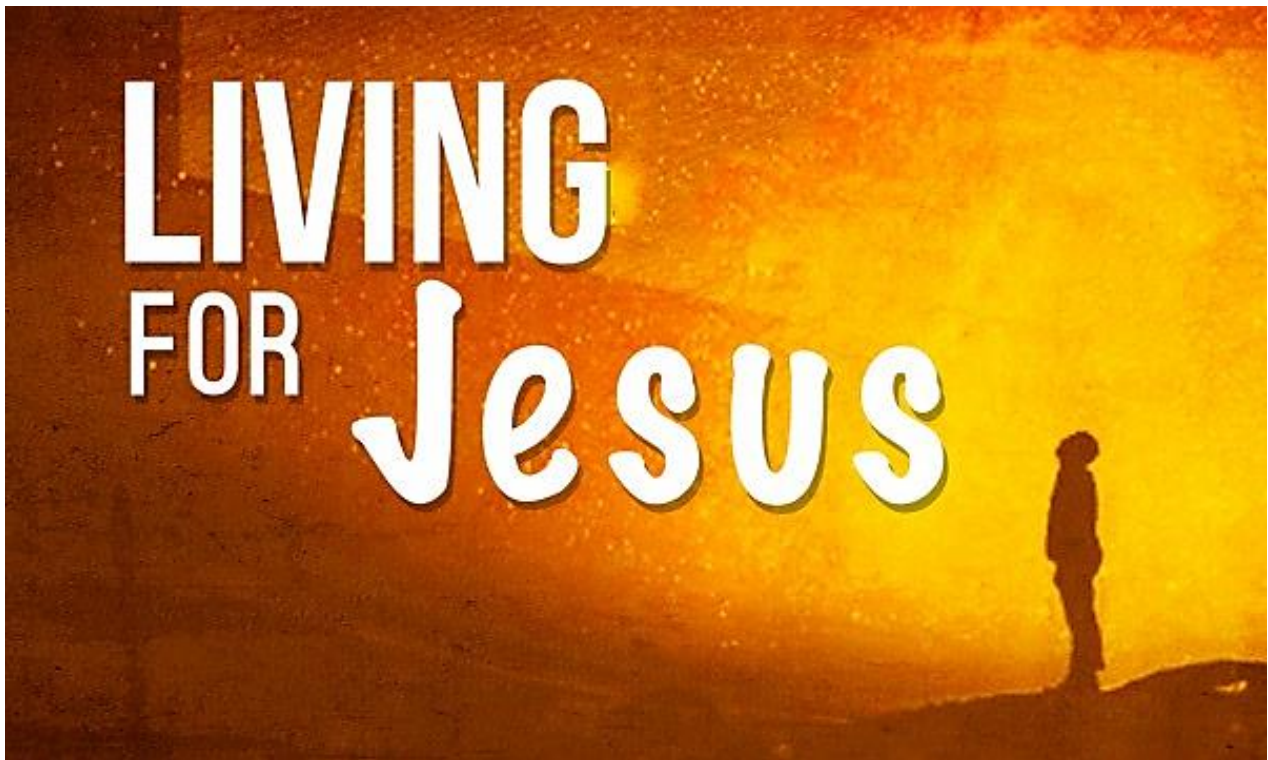


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Our Vision

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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L: We own no other Master, our hearts shall be Thy throne.

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OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**

Angels We Have Heard On High (Gloria)

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Gloria, in excelsis Deo (repeat)

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song

See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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 Thine 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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O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth
Long lay the world, in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees

O hear, the angel voices

O night divine

O night, when Christ was born

O night divine

O night, O night divine

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break
For the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy
In grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord, oh, praise His name forever

His power and glory evermore proclaim

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Praise His holy name, oh

CCLI Song # 7164258

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4. Pray for ourselves, that we would live for Jesus and not just ourselves.

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.

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
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Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Living for Jesus

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Living for Jesus Who died in my place
Bearing on Calv'ry my sin and disgrace
Such love constrains me to answer His call
Follow His leading and give Him my all

Living for Jesus, wherever I am
Doing each duty in His holy Name
Willing to suffer affliction and loss
Deeming each trial a part of my cross

Living for Jesus through earth's little while
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem
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OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

UMH 179

O sing a song of Bethlehem
Of shepherds watching there
And of the news that came to them
From angels in the air
The light that shone on Bethlehem
Fills all the world today
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
The angels sing alway

O sing a song of Nazareth
Of sunny days of joy
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath
And of the sinless Boy
For now the flowers of Nazareth
In every heart may grow
Now spreads the fame of His dear name
On all the winds that blow

O sing a song of Galilee
Of lake and woods and hill
Of Him who walked upon the sea
And bade the waves be still
For though like waves on Galilee
Dark seas of trouble roll
When faith has heard the Master's word
Falls peace upon the soul

O sing a song of Calvary
Its glory and dismay
Of Him who hung upon the tree
And took our sins away
For He who died on Calvary
Is risen from the grave
And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored
Is mighty now to save

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us
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SONG OF PREPARATION

Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381

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Much we need Thy tender care
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us
For our use Thy folds prepare
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are

Thou hast promised to receive us
Poor and sinful though we be
Thou hast mercy to relieve us
Grace to cleanse and power to free
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee
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We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us
Be the guardian of our way
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us
Seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray
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Early let us seek Thy favour
Early let us do Thy will
Blessed Lord and only Saviour
With Thy love our bosoms fill
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
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SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Living for Jesus

Scripture Passage: Hebrews 13:1-21

Introduction

- Exhortations to the Jewish Believers
- Jesus is better, superior and greater than anyone else
- Hebrews 13 has a list of exhortations for us to be practising Christians
- Sermon Keypoints:
 - Living for Jesus with Mutual Love (Heb 13:1-6)
 - Living for Jesus by Imitating Christ (Heb 13:7-16)
 - Living for Jesus with Obedience to leaders (Heb 13:17-21)

1. Living for Jesus with Mutual Love

- Brotherly Love, Hospitality to strangers (vs 1-2)
- Compassion for those in Prison, Honour Marriages (vs 3-4)
- Contentment with money and possessions (vs 5-6)

The Takeaway Message:

- We depend on the Holy Spirit to show love to others.

Reflect & Apply:

- Do you continue to show love to your family, friends, strangers and remain faithful in your marriage and keep your life free from the love of money in your Christian living?

2. Living for Jesus by Imitating Him

- Imitate Christ (vs 7-8)
- Watch out for strange teachings (vs 9-10)
- Jesus outside the gates (vs 11-14)
- Sacrifice of praise (vs 15-16)

The Takeaway Message:

- Imitate Jesus who never changes

Reflect & Apply:

- How can your faith become more outward-focused, reaching those outside the gates of your church?

3. Living for Jesus with obedience to leaders

- Obey and pray for leaders (vs 17-19)
- The Blessing (vs 20-21)

The Takeaway Message

- God has placed leaders to watch over our souls

Reflect & Apply:

- What steps can you take to grow in obedience, both to God and to the leaders He has placed in your life?

Conclusion:

Know what it means to really live for Jesus

Be practicing Christians, always relying on God's grace and Christ's supremacy

Do love one another

Today'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 Cheok Kau	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
Liturgist	n/a	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Worship Leaders	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Ms Alanis Yeoh	n/a
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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (10.00pm)

Sermon Title	Anticipating a Promise
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Worship Leaders	Mrs Gerviene Sya Mr Amos Lau
Readers	Dr Chuah Hock Aun, Mrs Mary Wolf Mr Chuah Toh Thye Mrs Lilian Teoh Mr Ryan Loke, Dr Mallise Tong Mr Hendrix Cheong, Ms Vanessa Ngu, Ms Selina Ngu
Musicians	Ms Emily Ngu, Mr Edwin Oon Mr Amos Lau, Mr Tairven Lee
Sound	Mr Daniel Purba
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong
Streaming	Ms Wong Fong Yi
Ushers	Ms Teo Lay Tinn, Ms Tan Yu Ai

Christmas Day Service (10.00am)

Sermon Title/Text	Building upon the Faithfulness of God's Promises (John 1:14)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Worship Leaders	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke Mr William Ng, Ms Cheah Yan Li
Readers	Mrs Joanna Tham
Musicians	Ms Emily Ngu, Ms Adelya Yeoh Mr Eian Chan, Mr Shane Tan
Sound	Mr Jason Tham / Mr Mark Chieng
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong
Streaming	Mr David Law
Ushers	Ms Wong Siew Eng, Ms Tan Yu Ai Ms Teo Lay Tinn, , Dr Serena Nga, Ms Julia Yap Ms Joanna Yap, Ms Erin Chan, Mr Euan Chan

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	TBA	TBA
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	n/a	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Worship Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong, Mrs Lee Wee Lyn	
Reader	Ms Clarissa Hii	Ms Selina Ngu
Musicians	Ms Emily Ngu, Mr Edwin Oon Mr Eian Chan, Mr Tairven Lee	TBA
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong	TBA
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong	Ms Cheah Yan Li
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Ushers	Mrs Connie Lim, Ms Emmy Chia Ms Tan Yu Ai, Mr Vincent Lee	Mdm Jenny Hoo Mr Tony Teh
Finance Stewards	Mr Lim Pang Kuan Mdm Nellie Goh Beng Hong Mr Khoo Boo Thye	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 Syria and the people in this time of transition. Pray that God will protect them, and that there will be no more conflicts or violence. Pray for peace, stability, healing, reconciliation and restoration in the land. Pray that the new leaders will follow the path of peace. Pray also, that the global community will continue to respond to the various needs that arise, quickly and generously.

Nation

- Pray that God will teach us to live in unity; to love and respect one another regardless of race or religion. Pray that God will guide the hearts of our ministers and members of Parliament to hearken His voice and obey Him. Pray also, for God's mercy and protection, and for state authorities and city councils to be always prepared and equipped for crisis management as we celebrate Christmas with family and friends.

Church

- Pray that we will experience a renewed sense of hope, peace, joy and love this Advent season as we celebrate Christ's birth. Just as God sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, pray that the Holy Spirit will also help us to prepare our hearts for Christ's return, eliminating all distractions in our life that hinder us from worshipping Him unreservedly, that we may rediscover the wonder of God's love.

Self

- Pray that God's amazing love and grace will encompass us as we celebrate Christmas. Pray that He will flood our hearts with joy this Advent season as we reflect on the Good News of Jesus' birth. Pray also, that we will share this good news with those who do not yet know Christ, that they too may experience this same joy as they recognize Jesus as their Saviour.

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 Mrs Chua Suan Ewe and 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 – December 22

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



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.

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

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.

10AM / 5PM Service

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

Our heartfelt condolences to Mdm Yue Yin Kin @ Yue Yin Leng, Lulu, and family, on the demise of her beloved husband/brother, Mr Jacob Yu, who passed away on December 15. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.