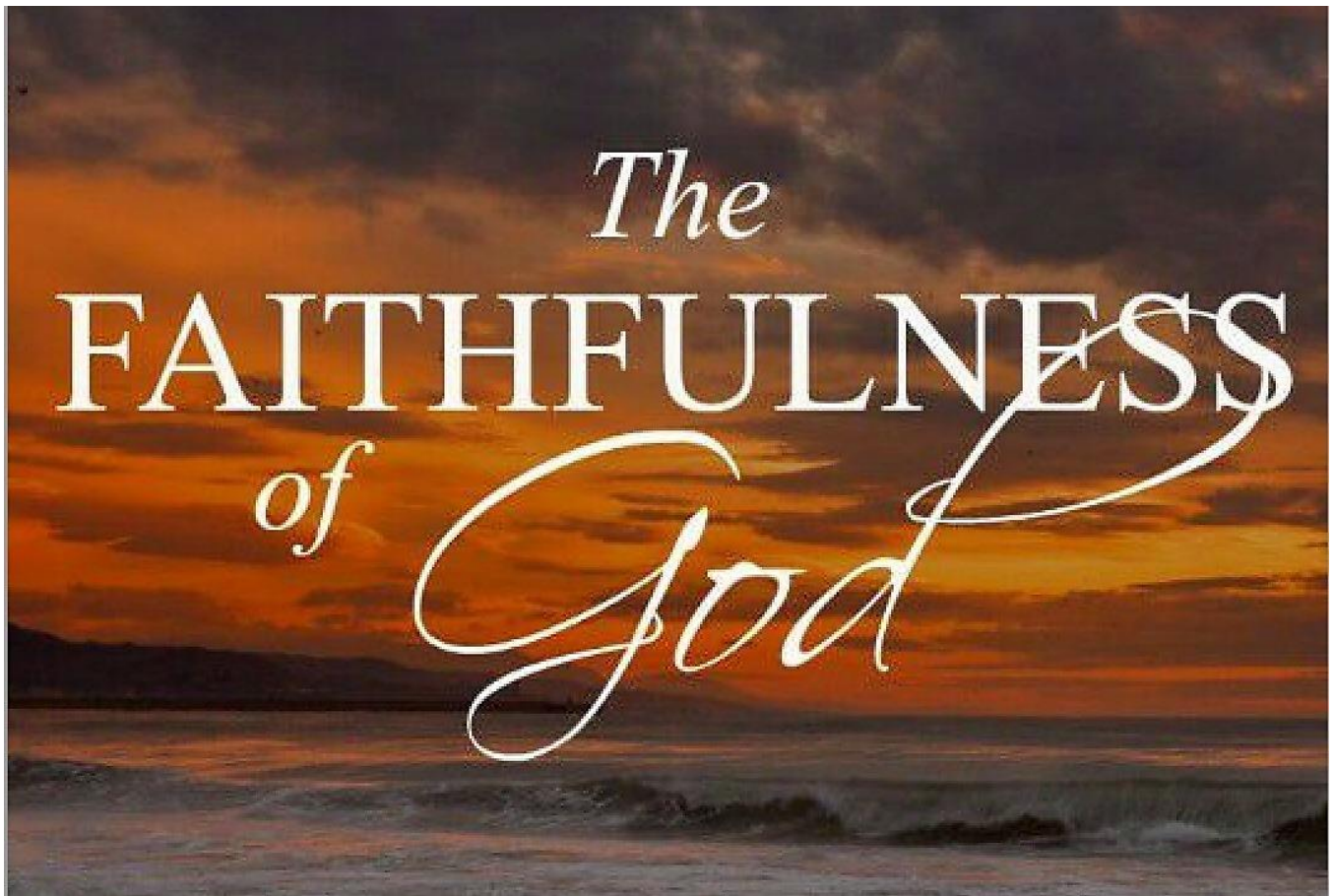




1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 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**

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**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**Emmanuel Has Come

Christmas is about His glory

Christmas is about His grace

Christmas is a gift of love

Our Father gave us

More than just another story

About a special time and place

Christmas is a time to lift

A song of praise

*For God is with us*

*And we celebrate the glory of His presence*

*Christ has come*

*To fill our hearts with love*

*He came to save us*

*King of kings, and Lord of lords*

*His name is Jesus*

*God with us, Emmanuel has come*

Angels fill the night with singing

God is reaching out to man

Bringing us a gift of hope

In Christ our Saviour

More than just a time of giving

This is God's eternal plan

Christmas is the reason

We can sing again

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## Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God, seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His words

Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign

You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill the earth)

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## You Are Faithful

Lord of all the earth  
How You care for me  
You have made me, You will save  
And carry me always

You are faithful  
You are faithful  
You are faithful  
Your joy is my strength

Lord You are my guide  
I rely on You  
I put my hope in things not seen  
Your promises all true

Always You're with me  
Your hand will lead me  
My trust is in Your Name

CCLI Song #4869892

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UMH 140

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*All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime, and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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**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

Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us, revealed in us  
His name is called Emmanuel  
(x3)

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## **SONG OF PREPARATION**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven  
Feed me till I want no more (*repeat*)

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield (*repeat*)

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee (*repeat*)

*CCLI Song #1448*

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## **SERMON**

God's exceedingly great faithfulness

Mr Tan Chong Jin



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## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: God's exceedingly great faithfulness

Scripture Passage: John 6:1-15

### **BIG IDEA: God's faithfulness exceeds any human limitations**

#### **Key Verse: John 6:11 (NIV)**

*Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.*

#### **Introduction**

- Jesus' signs and miracles reveal both his identity and mission
- As God fed the people in the wilderness during the Exodus, so Jesus now feeds the crowd in a remote place
- Jesus demonstrates God's faithfulness that exceeds all human limitations
- How does God's exceeding great faithfulness change the way we live?

As disciples, we can:

#### **1. Rest in God's Faithfulness**

*God provisions what He purposes*

- When Jesus saw the crowd, He already knew what had to be done (John 6:5-6)
- But Jesus asked Philip (and the rest of the disciples) about obtaining food for the crowd as a test of faith
- The test is whether our faith can rest in God's faithfulness or stumble in the face of human limitations
- Take-away: What are the difficult questions God is asking us today?

#### **2. Respond to God's Faithfulness**

*Our focus is on what God can do, not on what we cannot do*

- Philip and Andrew responded to the situation solely based on human limitations – lack of money, lack of provisions (John 6:7-9)
- While we need to be realistic about human limitations, they are not the decisive factor when God intends to do something
- Jesus demonstrated God's faithfulness in providing abundance out of scarcity
- Take-away: God multiplies what we offer Him in faith for the work of His Kingdom

#### **3. Reach out with God's Faithfulness**

*God's abundant faithfulness can overcome any need God brings to our attention*

- Twelve baskets full of leftover bread were collected after the meal (John 6:12-13)
- Jesus demonstrated God's faithfulness to His promise to restore Israel. Nothing will be wasted in God's provisions (John 6:12)
- Jesus is preparing the people to think beyond physical bread to spiritual bread (e.g. see John 6:26-27)
- A final caution: God's breakthrough miracles are for His Kingdom, not for our personal expectations or ambitions (John 6:14-15)
- Take-away: God's Kingdom work will not lack supply

#### **Conclusion:**

We can live and serve as disciples confident in God's exceedingly great faithfulness.

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

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<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Liturgist</b>	n/a	Mrs Loo Li Lin
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Angela Khong, Mrs Lee Wee Lyn	
<b>Reader</b>	Ms Clarissa Hii	Ms Selina Ngu
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Daniel Khoo	TBA
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Matthew Chieng	Mr William Ng
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong	Ms Cheah Yan Li
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mrs Connie Lim, Ms Emmy Chia Ms Tan Yu Ai, Mr Vincent Lee	Mdm Jenny Hoo Mr Tony Teh
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Mr Lim Pang Kuan Mdm Nellie Goh Beng Hong Mr Khoo Boo Thye	n/a

	<u>31/12/2024 – Watchnight Covenant Service (10.30pm)</u>
<b>Sermon Title</b>	Moving into New Year with Wisdom from God (Psalm 90:12)
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Desmond Yeoh
<b>Liturgist</b>	Mrs Jane Khoo
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Sally Loh
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Bernard Lee
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jesse Ong
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Koay Choong Khai
<b>Streaming</b>	Ms Wong Fong Yi
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Pauleen Khoo, Mr Ivan Lee, Mr Dominique Lee

## 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>	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Mrs Loo Li Lin
<b>Reader</b>	TBA	Ms Selina Ngu
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Seah Por Shen	TBA
<b>Sound</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Koay Choong Khai Ms Joanna Joyce	Ms Cheah Yan Li
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<b>Ushers</b>	Mdm Aileen Tan, Ms Emmy Chia Mrs Sally Loh, Ms Wong Siew Eng	Mr Tony Teh Ms Vivian Lim
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Mr Yeo Hwang Seng 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 Vanuatu, which was hit by a severe 7.3 magnitude earthquake on December 17th, followed by another 6.1 magnitude earthquake on December 21st. Pray for God's comfort upon the people, especially those who have lost loved ones. Pray for God's protection over the rescue workers. Pray that clean water and food are available to those in need. Pray also, that there will be no tsunami or aftershocks.

### Nation

- Pray for communities to come together to support one another, and for God's wisdom and direction in coordinating relief efforts for flood victims. Pray also, that the Christmas season will be an opportune time for Malaysian Christians to demonstrate love, kindness impartiality and compassion; spreading goodwill among the various communities regardless of race, religion, and background.

### Church

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to fully comprehend the magnitude of love that was made manifest in God's indescribable gift, Jesus Christ. Pray that our faith will be strengthened, and our hearts overflowing with love, peace, hope, joy and gratitude through the significance of this truth. Pray also, that we will respond to this love by choosing to love God and others the way He loves us.

### Self

- Pray that we will never forget the importance of prayer and neglect our quiet time with God. Pray that we will always look to God as our Heavenly Father who knows each of us by name, and experience His deep love for us so that no matter what we face in the years ahead, we will not be shaken. Pray that we will be renewed and strengthened as we prepare to enter the new year.

## 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 Chan & Ee Pheng in Thanksgiving, and from Catherine Chew in loving memory of Mr Leong Chee Tim.
- **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 29

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

Communion Offering for January 2025 will go to Penang Breast Care Society.

### Coming up in January!

18-19 – LPL (Methodism)

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



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.

### 10AM / 5PM Service

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

### Pray for Malaysia

January 19, 8pm – 9pm

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

Our heartfelt condolences to Sally Nga and family on the demise of her beloved husband, Dr Teoh Guan Hock, who passed away on December 21. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.

### Vacancies: TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724

or submit resume to

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