

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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2nd Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2025

***"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."***

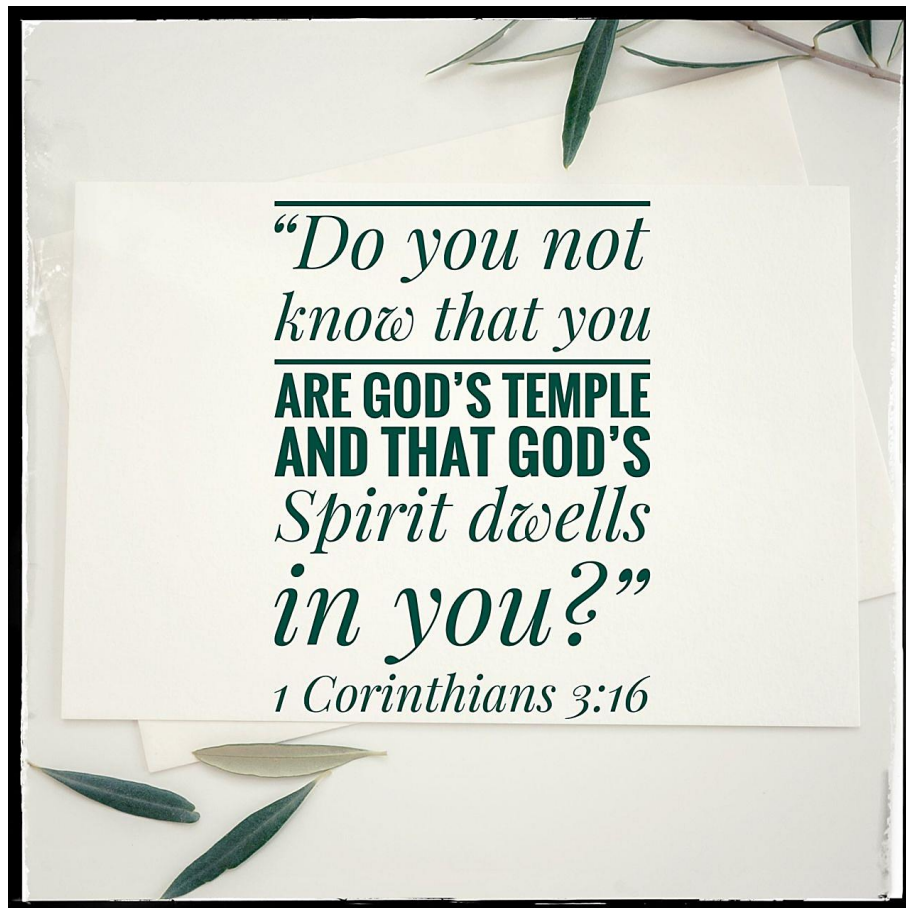


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Our Vision

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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OPENING PRAYER***OPENING SONG**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

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God of glory, Lord of love
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Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Centre of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Love divine is reigning o'er us
Binding all within its span
Ever singing, march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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Be not dismayed whate'er betide
God will take care of you
Beneath His wings of love abide
God will take care of you

*God will take care of you
Through every day, o'er all the way
He will take care of you
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Through days of toil when heart doth fail
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When dangers fierce your path assail
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All you may need He will provide
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Nothing you ask will be denied
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No matter what may be the test
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Lean, weary one, upon His breast
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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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I, ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Great God of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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UMH 452

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Saviour divine!
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Be wholly Thine!

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And grief's around me spread
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Bid darkness turn to day
Wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray
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May Thy rich grace impart
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My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm and changeless be
A living fire!

When ends life's transient dream
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll
Blest Saviour, then in love
Fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above
A ransomed soul!

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	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Being God's Temple (1 Corinthians 3:16)	Being God's Temple (1 Corinthians 3:16)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Reader	Mrs Wan Soo Har	Mr Kevin Tung
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen	Ms Amelia Loo
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
Visual	Mr Koay Choong Khai Ms Joanna Joyce	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Mdm Aileen Tan, Ms Emmy Chia Mrs Sally Loh, Ms Wong Siew Eng	Mr Tony Teh Ms Vivian Lim
Finance Stewards	Mr Yeo Hwang Seng 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>
Sermon Title/Text	(Leviticus 26:11-12)	(Leviticus 26:11-12)
Preacher	Pr Desmond Yeoh	Pr Desmond Yeoh
Liturgist	n/a	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Worship Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Nancy Empawi	n/a
Reader	Ms Calyn Hii	Mrs Lilian Teoh
Musicians	Ms Michi Ong, Mr Edwin Oon Mr Eian Chan, Mr Tairven Lee	TBA
Sound	Mr Jason Tham	Mr Andrew Lee
Visual	Mr Hugo Cheah	Mr Joshua Timothy
Streaming	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Ushers	Mr Cheong Kum Loong, Mr Khoo Boo Thye Ms Sharon Wong, Ms Wong Choon Moi	Mdm Jenny Hoo Mrs Lilian Teoh
Finance Stewards	Ms Cheong Sau Chan Mr Lim Pang Kuan Mdm Nellie Goh Beng Hong	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 the families and friends of those who died in the tragic plane crash at Muan International Airport, South Korea. Pray that God will grant them peace and be their Comforter as they grieve over their loss. Pray also, for migrant workers and refugees around the world. Pray that they will be treated humanely; that God will watch over them, keep them safe from harm, and provide for their daily necessities.

Nation

- Pray for wisdom and unity among our nation's leaders and the people. Pray for the healing of divisions, and the restoration of peace and harmony amongst the various ethnic groups. Pray for God's protection and journey mercies over those returning to their hometowns during the upcoming holiday season. Pray also, for meaningful family reunions and bonding with one another during the festivities.

Church

- Thank God for His goodness and faithfulness throughout the year 2024. As we begin a new year, pray that God will grant us wisdom, discernment, strength, perseverance, enthusiasm and grace to love each other unconditionally, binding us together in perfect harmony. Pray also, that we will allow God's light to shine through us, that we may grow and work together in Him and for Him.

Self

- Pray that God will continue to challenge and mould our hearts and minds to receive His Word, to hear His voice, and to experience His infinite presence in our lives. Pray that He will examine our hearts and reveal anything that is not pleasing to Him, and lead us to repentance before Him. In gratitude and humility, may we continue to seek God and depend on Him in 2025.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME to worship at *Trinity*. For any assistance please contact:

Pastor – Rev Shearn Sya, Assistant Pastor – Pr Desmond Yeoh: 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 in loving memory of Mr Chua Chong Aun, and from Edwin Chan & Ee Pheng 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 – January 5

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

Coming up in January!

18-19 ~ LPL (Methodism)

25 ~ 1st LC / 1st LCEC Meeting (2pm)

2025 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<https://bit.ly/tmc bible2025>

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*

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

Baptism & Membership Class

will begin after Chinese New Year.
If interested, please contact the church office.

Pray for Malaysia

January 19, 8pm – 9pm

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

Our heartfelt condolences to Connie, Lai Keat and family on the demise of her beloved sister, Ms Ivy Hew Chew Thai, who passed away on January 1st. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.

