

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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***"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***

**WELCOME****FOCUS ON GOD** (*Responsively*)

L: Light the lamps, prepare the room, God is coming to us!

**P: *Make our hearts and spirits ready to receive God's most gracious gift, Jesus Christ.***

L: Push the darkness away. The light is truly coming!

**P: *May God's light shine on us and through us, that His glory may be seen in us. Amen.***

**CAROL**The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far  
To seek for a king was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went

This star drew nigh to the northwest  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay

Then entered in, those wise men three  
Full rev'rently upon the knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense

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*Reader 1: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.* *Isaiah 9:2*

*We light this candle as a reminder of Christ our Hope. May the Light sent from God shine in our darkness to show us the way.*

*Lighting of the Hope Candle*

**CAROL**

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*

Truly, He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains He shall 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  
O, praise His Name forever  
His power and glory  
Evermore, evermore proclaim  
His power and glory  
Evermore, evermore proclaim*

O night, divine  
O night, O night divine

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*Reader 2: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*  
*Isaiah 9:6*

*We light this candle as a sign to the world that God has brought us peace. May we be ready to receive the Prince of Peace.*

*Lighting of the Peace Candle*

**CAROL**

Joy To The World

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

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

Joy He brings joy  
Joy to the world

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

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*Reader 3: And those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.*  
Isaiah 35:10

*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*

## CAROL

## He Made A Way In A Manger

Longing for a Saviour  
A hopeless world would wait  
Sin demanded justice  
At a price we could not pay  
But God displayed His mercy  
The greatest gift of love  
When we could not reach Heaven  
Heaven came to us

*He made a way in a manger  
A way through the Son  
Messiah, the Promised  
Before time had begun  
For God so loved this world  
Though He knew what love would cost  
He made a way in a manger  
To make a way to the cross  
(He made a way)*

In Bethlehem, a stable  
Became a throne of grace  
As God Himself, our Saviour  
Drew near to take our place  
His mother smiled in wonder  
As shepherds stood in awe  
The Sacrifice of Heaven  
Lay sleeping in the straw

He is the life Who died our death  
The precious Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head

Away in a manger  
No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head  
The stars in the sky  
Looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay

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*Reader 4: For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

*John 3:16*

*We light this candle as a reminder of God's amazing love for us; unselfish, compassionate, unconditional. He loves us just as we are. May His love be evident in each one of us.*

*Lighting of the Love Candle*

## CAROL

## Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us, revealed in us  
His name is called Emmanuel

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*Reader 5: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel"  
(which means "God with us").* *Matthew 1:23*

*We light this candle to symbolize that the long-awaited Christ has come. Immanuel – God is with us! Amen.*

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

## MESSAGE

Call Him Immanuel

Bishop Dr T Jeyakumar

## CAROL

## Immanuel

A sign shall be given  
A virgin will conceive  
A human baby bearing undiminished Deity  
The glory of the nations  
A light for all to see  
And hope for all who will embrace  
His warm reality

*Immanuel  
Our God is with us  
(And) if God is with us  
Who could stand against us  
Our God is with us, Immanuel*

For all those who live  
In the shadow of death  
A glorious light has dawned  
For all those who stumble  
In the darkness  
Behold Your light has come

So what shall be your answer  
Oh will you hear the call  
Of Him who did not spare His Son  
But gave Him for us all  
On earth there is no power  
There is no depth or height  
Could ever separate us  
From the love of God in Christ

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**CAROL**

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin, mother and Child  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth

Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Saviour is born  
Christ the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night  
Wondrous star, lend thy light  
With the angels, let us sing  
Alleluia to our King  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Christ, the Saviour is born

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**CAROL**

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us, revealed in us  
His name is called Emmanuel

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**BLESSING**

## Tonight's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Call Him Immanuel ( <i>Matthew 1:23</i> )
<b>Preacher</b>	Bishop Dr T Jeyakumar
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Gerviene Sya, Mrs Lee Wee Lyn, Ms Alanis Yeoh
<b>Musicians</b>	Mr Daniel Khoo, Ms Rachel Lee Mr Edwin Oon, Mrs Joyce Lau
<b>Readers</b>	Dr Serena Nga Mr Tan Kok Huat, Mr Nicholas Yeap Mr Lawrence Hii, Mr Ryan Loke
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jason Tham
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr Chuah Chang En
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Sharon Wong, Ms Wong Siew Eng

## Tomorrow's WORSHIP ENABLERS

### Christmas Day Service (10.00 am)

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Call Him Jesus ( <i>Matthew 1:23</i> )
<b>Preacher</b>	Bishop Dr T Jeyakumar
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Jane Khoo, Mr Amos Lau, Ms Alanis Yeoh
<b>Musicians</b>	Dr Melvin Saw, Ms Michi Ong, Mr Matthew Yap Mr Edwin Oon, Mrs Nicoline Koay
<b>Reader</b>	Ms Sally Koay
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jason Tham, Mr Jesse Ong
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Koay Choong Khai
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Mak Ngai Leong, Mrs Maggie Mak Ms Tan Yu Ai, Ms Helen Aw, Ms Emmy Chia
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Mr Tan Kok Huat, Mdm Keow Poh Lean Mdm Low Sheok Yin, Mr Yee Eh Horng

## Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

### 10.00 am Combined Service

### Watchnight Covenant Service (10.00 pm)

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	The Great Commission & Matthew Wrap-up ( <i>Matthew 28:19-20</i> )	TBA
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mr Amos Lau, Mrs Nancy E. De Silva	Mrs Angela Khong
<b>Reader</b>	Ms Clarissa Hii	Ms Vanessa Goh
<b>Musicians</b>	Mr Daniel Khoo, Ms Janice Poh Mr Ivan Lee	TBA
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jason Tham	Mr Jesse Ong
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Koay Choong Khai	Mr Calvin Fong
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	Ms Wong Fong Yi
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Sharon Wong, Ms Pauleen Khoo Mrs Heng Ah Leak, Ms Heng Khai Ting	Mrs Connie Lim Ms Sally Koay
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Ms Helen Aw, Ms Janet Yeoh	n/a