

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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1st Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023

***"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."***

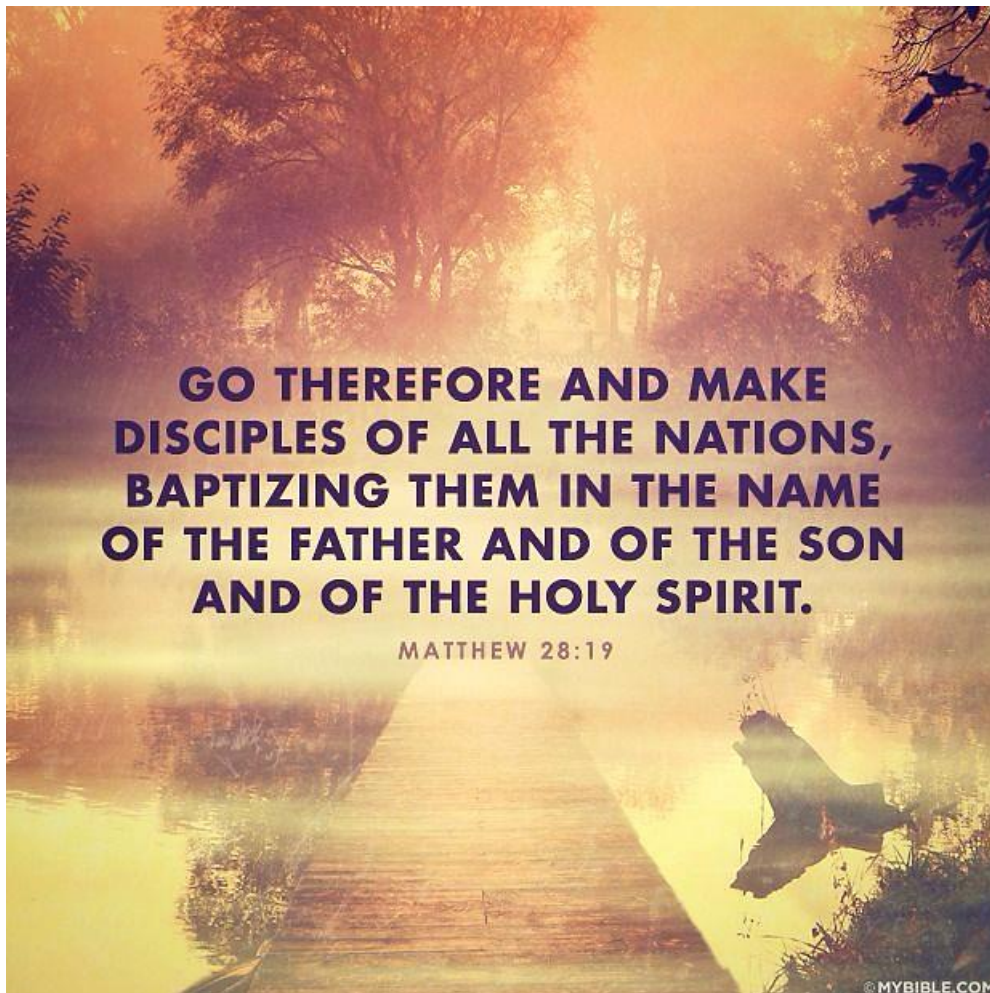


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Our Vision

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

“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.”
2 Timothy 4:2, NIV

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

L: Sing to the LORD a new song.

P: Sing to the LORD, all you lands.

L: Tell of His glory among the nations;

P: His wondrous deeds, among all peoples.

L: Worship the LORD in all His holy splendour.

P: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**King Of Kings

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
Till from Heaven, You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin, came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side

Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus, for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom, I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign wherever the sun
Does its successive journeys run
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till sun shall rise and set no more

Blessings abound wherever He reigns
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all the sons of want are blessed

*To our King, be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful, He shall reign
Jesus shall reign*

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honour to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud amen

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Send Me Out

Jesus, Lord of my salvation
Saviour of my soul
Send me out to the world to make You known
Jesus, King of ev'ry nation
This world's only hope
Send me out to the world to make You known
Send me out to the world

*I wanna be Your hands and feet
I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak
I wanna run to the ones in need
In the name of Jesus
I wanna give my life away
All for Your kingdom's sake
Shine a light in the darkest place
In the name of Jesus (In the name of Jesus)*

Carry to the broken-hearted
Mercy You have shown
Send me out to the world to make You known
To the ones in need of rescue
Lead me, I will go
Send me out to the world to make You known
Send me out to the world

Here am I, I will go
Send me out to make You known
There is hope for ev'ry soul
Send me out, send me out
Here am I, I will go
Send me out to make You known
There is hope for ev'ry soul
So send me out

CCLI Song #5621778

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for the spread of the Gospel around the world, especially amidst places and people groups where it is more difficult.
2. Pray for Malaysia and all affected by flash floods. Pray for effective measures to be taken by authorities to prepare for and respond to future floods.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity on this eve of the New Year. Pray for 2024 to be a year where all who belong to the church are actively part of the task of disciple-making.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would have the courage, wisdom, and strength to make disciples of those within our sphere of influence.

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

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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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:18-20

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Great Commission

Mr Tan Chong Jin

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. How can I better face the uncertainties of the future by relying on Christ's unchanging Authority?
2. Have I grown in discipleship, and being able to disciple others?
3. What is one thing I can commit to in the coming year in fulfilling the Great Commission?

CLOSING SONG

Go, Make of All Disciples

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"Go, make of all disciples."
We hear the call, O Lord
That comes from Thee, our Father
In Thy eternal Word
Inspire our ways of learning
Through earnest, fervent prayer
And let our daily living
Reveal Thee everywhere

"Go, make of all disciples."
We at Thy feet would stay
Until each life's vocation
Accents Thy holy way
We cultivate the nature
God plants in every heart
Revealing in our witness
The Master Teacher's art

"Go, make of all disciples,"
Baptizing in the name
Of Father, Son, and Spirit
From age to age the same
We call each new disciple
To follow Thee, O Lord
Redeeming soul and body
By water and the Word

"Go, make of all disciples."
We welcome Thy command
"Lo, I am with you always."
We take Thy guiding hand
The task looms large before us
We follow without fear
In heaven and earth Thy power
Shall bring God's kingdom here

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Great Commission

Scripture Passage: Matthew 28:18-20

BIG IDEA: Disciple-making is the heart of our mission.

Key Verse: Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Introduction

- Jesus met His disciples after He was resurrected. (Matthew 28:1-9, 16-18)
- His disciples would form the core of the emerging church.
- Jesus gave them their mission of disciple-making to grow the Kingdom that Jesus had started. They were to carry out the mission with Christ's own authority. (Matthew 28:18-19)

Ways we can obey the Great Commission:

1. Stand with Authority

The church has a mandate to carry out.

- The risen Christ is given all authority in heaven and on earth. (Matthew 28:18; compare Romans 1:3-4)
- Previously the disciples were given authority to minister to Israel. (Matthew 10:1,5-6); now they would be empowered to take the Gospel to all nations. (Matthew 28:19)
- Take-away: How are we using the authority Christ has given us?

2. Strive for Discipleship

Disciple-making is the mission.

- Jesus clearly defines the mission of the church as disciple-making.
- Disciple-making involves baptism and teaching all the commands of Jesus. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Take-away: Is our discipleship theoretical or life-transforming?

3. Strengthen the Outreach

'Going' is always costly.

- Jesus' command requires the church to "Go and make disciples of all nations". (Matthew 28:19)
- God's provision and empowerment comes with the 'going' – i.e. when we take the step of obedience to His commands.
- Jesus promised that He will always be with us as we live for Him. (28:20b)
- Take-away: How far are we prepared to go to obey the Lord's commission?

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

| | <u>Combined Service</u> <u>(10.00 am)</u> | <u>Watchnight Covenant Service</u> <u>(10.00 pm)</u> |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Sermon Title/Text | The Great Commission <i>(Matthew 28:18-20)</i> | We Are not Our Own <i>(Romans 6:15-23)</i> |
| Preacher | Mr Tan Chong Jin | Rev Hwa Jen |
| Worship Leaders | Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Mrs Nancy E. De Silva | Mrs Angela Khong |
| Reader | Ms Clarissa Hii | Ms Vanessa Goh |
| Musicians | Mr Daniel Khoo, Ms Janice Poh Mr Ivan Lee, Mr Dominique Lee | TBA |
| Sound | Mr Jesse Ong | Mr Jesse Ong |
| Visual | Mr Koay Choong Khai | Mr Calvin Fong |
| Streaming | Mr David Law | Ms Wong Fong Yi |
| Ushers | Ms Sharon Wong, Ms Pauleen Khoo Mrs Heng Ah Leak, Ms Heng Khai Ting | Mrs Connie Lim Ms Sally Koay |
| Finance Stewards | Ms Helen Aw, Ms Janet Yeoh | n/a |

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

| | <u>10.00 am Service</u> | <u>5.00 pm Service</u> |
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| Sermon Title/Text | TBA | TBA |
| Preacher | Rev Shearn Sya | Rev Shearn Sya |
| Liturgist | Dr Khoo Cheok Kau | Dr Cheah Ui Hock |
| Reader | Mrs Rosalind Khoo | Ms Vanessa Goh |
| Musician | Ms Chang Jia Ren | TBA |
| Sound | Mr Tan Siew Jin | Mr William Ng |
| Visual | Ms Michele Kong | Mr William Ng |
| Streaming | Ms Wong Fong Yi | n/a |
| Ushers | Ms Wong Siew Eng Ms Emmy Chia Mrs Maggie Mak Mr Mak Ngai Leong | Mr Tony Teh Ms Vivian Lim |
| Finance Stewards | Ms Liew Chin Yee Mdm Low Sheok Yin Mr Yee Eh Horng | n/a |

ONLINE MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- 9.15am Church School
10.00am Worship Service in English
12.30pm Methodist Youth Fellowship
1.30pm Young Families 1 Small Group –
Tairven Lee
Young Families 2 – James Hii
2.15pm Sungai Ara II Small Group –
Jason Chieng
3.00pm Post Alpha Small Group
Boys' Brigade

MONDAY

- 10.30am 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 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) – Sabrina Lee
8.30pm Young Adults I – Seah Por Shen
Taman Sri Nibong – Dr Saw Kim Guan
Bethel – Ch'ng Geam Liang
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 – Florence Tan (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Pray for nations all over the world that have been affected by wars, natural disasters, are experiencing financial crises or are in need of restoration. Pray for their leaders – that they will have wisdom, courage, humility and compassion for the people. Pray also, that God will deliver those who are sick, in despair, being oppressed or marginalized. Pray that every single person's freedom and basic human rights will be protected.

Nation

- Pray that people in Malaysia will pay more attention to their personal hygiene and well-being, and be more cautious and extra vigilant in crowded places by wearing masks as daily Covid-19 cases continue to surge amid the year-end festivities, and as Chinese New Year approaches. Pray also, for those impacted by the floods, those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, that their basic needs will be met.

Church

- Pray that we will strive to rekindle our hunger and thirst for God's Word, and to obey His commands. Pray that we will be compassionate, exercising grace and truth, and eager to share the gospel with those around us. Pray also, that we will be a resilient church, courageous to remain firm in the faith, and strengthened to endure whatever hardships and trials that come with following Christ.

Self

- As we reflect on 2023, thank God for His provision, His goodness, His faithfulness, and His grace. Pray that we will come before Him in repentance for the things we have done to grieve Him, and to receive His mercy and forgiveness. Pray also, that we will continue to trust in His Sovereignty and faithfulness, putting our hope in Him throughout 2024 and beyond.

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 Sabrina Lee and Mrs Sharon Chan 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 31

We thank Rev Hwa Jen for sharing God’s Word with us at the Watchnight Covenant Service.

Communion Offering for December 2023 will go to House of Hope, Penang.

Communion Offering for January 2024 will go to Malaysian Care.

December

31 – Watchnight Covenant Service
(TONIGHT, 10pm)

10AM / 5PM Service

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

Vacancies:

TMCK Teachers / Cleaner

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724
or submit resume to

kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org.



Prayer Request Form – <https://bit.ly/tmcprayforme>.
All requests are confidential unless permission is given to circulate to larger prayer group.

We have increased our parking capacity to 150 lots. If you are coming from the south, there is ample parking at Life Hope Centre. Our RELA team will guide you.

Our heartfelt condolences to Mr Yoon Khai Cheow, Angela and family on the demise of his beloved brother, Mr Yoon Khai Seng, who passed away on December 21. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.

Refreshments will be served after the 10am service at The Solid Rock. Lunch options will also be available for sale between 11:30am – 1:30pm. For takeaways, please bring your own containers.