

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 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: God grants His wisdom generously to all who ask.

P: We come to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

L: Let us then, live lives of holiness and light;

P: And worship the all-knowing, all-wise God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (*stanzas 1-5*)

UMH 57

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace!

He breaks the power of cancelled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of Thy name

He speaks, and listening to His voice
New life the dead receive
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice
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Jesus! the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life, and health, and peace

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SONG OF PRAYER

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
(stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5)

UMH 117

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Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home!

A thousand ages, in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure
Sufficient is Thine arm alone
And our defence is sure

Time, like an ever-rolling stream
Bears all who breathe away
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for world leaders to exercise wisdom to lead their nations towards peace, especially in war torn areas.
2. Pray for the integrity of Malaysia's justice system and federal constitution to be upheld without fear or favour.
3. Pray for the children in Penang Trinity to be well-nurtured in their worship life within the church.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would actively pursue God's wisdom over the wisdom of this world.

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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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

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

UMH 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace
(3x)

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SERMON

Solomon's Wisdom

Rev Shearn Sya

CLOSING SONG

Seek Ye First

UMH 405

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And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you
Seek, and you shall find
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you
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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

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Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Ms Iris Ang	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Reader	Mr Charles Teh	Mr Chong Kock Khuan
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen	Mrs Audrey Tan
Sound	Mr Bernard Lim, Mr Jesse Ong	Mr William Ng
Visual	Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Mrs Heng Ah Leak, Ms Heng Khai Ting Mr Vincent Lee, Mr Oon Chee Soon	Dr Mah Chiou-Fen Dr Goh Yoke Seng
Finance Stewards	Mr Yeo Hwang Seng Mr Tan Kok Huat, Mdm Keow Poh Lean	n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	TBA	TBA
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	n/a	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Worship Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong, Ms Cheah Yan Li	
Reader	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang	Mr Chuah Toh Thye
Musicians	Dr Melvin Saw, Ms Michi Ong Mr Ivan Lee, Mr Dominic Lee Ms Olivia Lee	Ms Amelia Loo
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Andrew Lee
Visual	Mr Hugo Cheah	TBA
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Ms Teo Lay Tinn, Ms Pauleen Khoo Ms Sharon Wong, Mr Khoo Boo Thye	Dr Mah Chiou-Fen Dr Goh Yoke Seng
Finance Stewards	Ms Liew Chin Yee, Mrs Wan Soo Har	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

- 10.00am 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 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

- Continue to pray for Israel and Palestine. Pray that they will encounter the Prince of Peace, for it is only through Him that reconciliation can be achieved. Pray that they will reach a peaceful agreement so that there will not be any more violence. Pray for the safe return of the hostages to their families. Pray also, for God's protection and healing upon the victims, and for restoration on the lands.

Nation

- Pray that everyone will remain vigilant, and practice caution and good personal hygiene throughout the festive season and school holidays to prevent the number of mishaps and Covid cases from skyrocketing. Pray also, that the Federal Constitution will be safeguarded in the tabling of the RUU355, the Shariah Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act 1965 revision, as well as the people's rights and religious freedom.

Church

- Pray that we will be a beacon of hope, love and compassion in our community, nation and beyond. Pray that a spirit of love, understanding and unity will prevail, transcending differences and bringing together people of different backgrounds. Pray also, that we will have a renewed hunger and thirst for God's Word and His righteousness, rekindling our passion for holiness and vibrant, authentic faith.

Self

- Pray that our lives will shine forth God's glory this Lent season, and that the work of the Holy Spirit will be evident in the way we live our lives. Pray that He will humble us to recognize our iniquities, grant us the courage to confess our sins before Him, and help us to turn away from them. Pray also, that our actions will demonstrate His grace, compassion and love.

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: Please contact the church office or email office@penangtrinity.org.
- 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 – February 18

Communion Offering for February 2024 will go to Little Lamb's Lamp Society, Melaka.

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



2024 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2024>

10AM / 5PM Service

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

2024 Lent Meditations may be purchased from the church office or at the reception area.
Price: RM8/copy.

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.

2024 Lent Devotions
February 14 – March 30, 8:30pm
<http://bit.ly/tmclent2024>

Breakfast options will be available for sale between 9am – 10am, whilst 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.

Pray for Malaysia
February 18, 8pm – 9pm (TONIGHT)
To join, go to <https://pray.smced.org/>

Rethinking Missions – Diaspora Community
February 24, 9am – 4pm | GYM
Cost: RM20 (includes lunch and refreshments).
Contact person: Jennifer Hu 0174286590 | dmissus.jen@gmail.com or
Jay Lee at 016-433 3251 for more information.

Our heartfelt condolences to Lee Bee Wah, Sun Khang, Daniel, Enoch and family on the demise of her beloved father, Mr Lee Fook Seng, who passed away on February 13. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.