

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 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

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12, NIV

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

OPENING PRAYER**CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

L: Arise, people of God, for the Lord our God shines upon us.

P: ***His eternal light breaks through our darkness.***

L: Nations will come to His light, and hearts will awaken to His glory.

P: ***We come with joy to worship the God whose light never fades.***

All: ***Let us worship the Lord, the Light of our salvation and the Glory of our lives.***

***OPENING SONG**

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH238

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing over the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the new born King

Gloria In excelsis Deo
Gloria In excelsis Deo

See him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly songs

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More love to Thee O Christ more love to Thee
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee
This is my earnest plea
More love O Christ to Thee
More love to Thee more love to Thee

Once earthly joy I craved sought peace and rest
Now Thee alone I seek give what is best
This all my prayer shall be
More love O Christ to Thee
More love to Thee more love to Thee

Let sorrow do its work come grief or pain
Sweet are Thy messengers sweet their refrain
When they can sing with me
More love O Christ to Thee
More love to Thee more love to Thee

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise
This still my prayer shall be
More love O Christ to Thee
More love to Thee more love to Thee

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for Thailand and Cambodia to work towards de-escalation and ceasefire. Pray for peace between both countries.
2. Pray for Malaysia and the recent changes made to the PM’s Cabinet. Pray for unity and effectiveness in working together well for the good of the people of the nation.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity’s Christmas preparations. Pray that the message of Jesus is spread across the different Christmas gatherings taking place over this season.
4. Pray for ourselves, that our lives will be centred on God - not for our sakes, but for His glory.

E-OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Give to: MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang)

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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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH211

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

*Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel*

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

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SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:19-22

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's Eternal Light and Glory

Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang

*CLOSING SONG

To God Be the Glory

UMH98

To God be the glory
Great things He has done
So loved He the world that
He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things
He has done*

O perfect redemption
The purchase of blood
To every believer
The promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through
Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when
Jesus we see

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*BENEDICTION

*THREE-FOLD AMEN

SERMON OUTLINE

God's Eternal Light and Glory
Isaiah 60:19-22 (NIV)

Isaiah 60 Breakdown

1. Judgment and Warnings - chapters 1-39
2. Hope and Restoration - chapters 40-55
3. New Creation - chapters 56-66

Big Idea: The LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory

God speaks of His creation in the Scriptures, from its beginning, its expansion, its ending and His creation of the new heaven and earth

Our dependency on God wanes as man progresses technologically, pride and self-dependency grow

In the new creation, our new source of light and life will be personal, everlasting and glorious

God, not self, will be our glory

Sorrow will end

The promised land will be possessed forever

God will hasten the coming new creation, but in His time

Conclusion

KNOW: that God will on His day redeem us and He will be our everlasting light.

BE: vigilant and hopeful, and keep the faith even during times of darkness.

DO: seek to glory in God and in Him alone

Discussion Questions

1. How can we do better in our lives to ensure that God will be our glory?
2. What can we do to constantly remind ourselves to depend solely on God and not on ourselves?
3. How can we persevere in faith during dark and difficult times and stay strong in faith that the Lord will be our everlasting light?

Recommendation: Read 'The Hiding Place' by Corrie ten Boom

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	God's Eternal Light and Glory (<i>Isaiah 60:19-22</i>)	God's Eternal Light and Glory (<i>Isaiah 60:19-22</i>)
Preacher	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Liturgist	Mr Daniel Teh	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Scripture Reader	Mrs Mary Wolf	Dr Malise Tong
Musicians	Ms Chang Jia Ren	Mrs Audrey Tan
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
Visual	Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr Samuel Lee	n/a
Ushers	Mrs Heng Ah Leak, Ms Heng Khai Ting Ms Pauleen Khoo, Mr Oon Chee Soon	Ms Chiang Kai Choo Mr Tony Teh
Finance Stewards	Mr Yeo Hwang Seng, Mr Lim Pang Kuan Mdm Nellie Goh Beng Hong	n/a

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (8.30 pm)

Sermon Title/Text	God Among Us From Manger to Temple (<i>Philippians 2: 5-7</i>)
Preacher	Pr. Desmond Yeoh
Worship Leaders	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Ms Alanis Yeoh
Scripture Reader	Mr Ryan Loke
Musicians	Ms Michi Ong, Ms Erin Chan Mr Amos Lau, Mr Eian Chan Mr Euan Chan
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong
Streaming	Ms Wong Fong Yi
Ushers	Ms Pauleen Khoo, Mrs Sally Loh
Finance Stewards	n/a

Christmas Day Service (10.00 am)

Sermon Title/Text	God Within Us From Manger to Temple (<i>Philippians 2: 5-7</i>)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Worship Leaders	Mr Amos Lau, Mrs Lee Wee Lyn Mrs Jane Khoo
Scripture Reader	Mrs Mary Wolf
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo, Ms Rachel Lee Ms Olivia Lee, Mr Shane Tan Mr Edwin Oon
Sound	Mr Daniel Purba
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong
Streaming	Mr David Law
Ushers	Ms Tan Yu Ai, Ms Pauleen Khoo Mdm Chiang Kai Choo Mr Christopher Wong
Finance Stewards	Mr Wan Soo Har Mr Yeo Hwang Seng

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Living as God's Temple (<i>2 Corinthians 6:16-18</i>)	Living as God's Temple (<i>2 Corinthians 6:16-18</i>)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Scripture Reader	Mr Laurance Hii	Ms Liew Ai Ling
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo	TBA
Sound	Mr Jason Tham	Mr Daniel Purba
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr Joshua Timothy
Streaming	Mr Shaun Yong	n/a
Ushers	Mrs Joanna Tham, Mr Khoo Boo Thye Ms Sharon Wong, Ms Tan Siew Ngoh	Mrs Connie Lim Mdm Jenny Hoo
Finance Stewards	Mr Yee Eh Horng, Mr Tan Kok Huat Mdm Keow Poh Lean	n/a

WEEKLY MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

10.00am	Worship Service in English
	Church School
12.00pm	Sungai Ara II Small Group – Jason Chieng
1.30pm	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
5.00pm	Worship Service in English

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
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WEDNESDAY

10.00am	Line Dancing
	Wednesday Small Group – Tan Saw Lee (1 st & 3 rd Wed)
11.00am	Church Office Staff Meeting
3.00pm	Galilee Kopitiam (2 nd & 4 th Wed)

THURSDAY

10.00am	Island Glades Small Group – Tan Kok Huat (2 nd & 4 th Thu)
9.00pm	Tree Residency Small Group – Jesse Ong

FRIDAY

	Small Groups:
2.30pm	Cheeseman Rd (Bethel) – Loo Li Lin (2 nd & 4 th Fri)
8.30pm	Young Adults I – Seah Por Shen Taman Sri Nibong – Chiang Kai Choo Permai Village I – Ooi Lay Chen

SATURDAY

10.00am	Church Prayer Meeting – http://bit.ly/tmcprayer
10:30am	Permai Village Small Group – Daniel Teh
1:30pm	Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
	Small Groups:
2.00pm	Century Garden – Lim Lim Ling
8.30pm	Sungai Ara I – Low Sheok Yin (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Pray for Thailand and Cambodia to work towards de-escalation and ceasefire. Pray for peace between both countries. Ask that leaders and authorities on both sides will exercise wisdom, restraint, and humility, choosing dialogue and cooperation over hostility, so that lasting peace and mutual understanding may be established.

Nation

- Pray for Malaysia and the recent changes made to the PM's Cabinet. Pray for unity and effectiveness in working together well for the good of the people of the nation. Ask that all who serve in government will be guided by integrity, accountability, and a genuine desire to serve, so that policies and decisions will promote justice, stability, and the well-being of all Malaysians.

Church

- Pray for Penang Trinity's Christmas preparations. Pray that the message of Jesus is spread across the different Christmas gatherings taking place over this season. Pray that every event, service, and outreach will be marked by the presence of God, and that many will encounter the hope, peace, and salvation found in Christ.

Self

- Pray for ourselves, that our lives will be centred on God – not for our sakes, but for His glory. Pray that in our thoughts, words, and actions we will honour Him, and that our lives will increasingly reflect Christ, drawing others to glorify God through what they see in us.

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 – Mr Noel Laujang: 011-1258 0898

- Sermons and past worship services are available online (<http://replay.penangtrinity.org>).
- Visitation ministry for the homebound, please inform Noel Laujang.
- 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 the Recipient Reference for online transfers.

TODAY – December 21

Communion Offering for December 2025 will go to the D'Home Mental Health Association.



Baptism, Confirmation & Membership Class

If you are interested in baptism, confirmation, or becoming a church member, please contact the church office for more information and to fill in the registration form. **The Baptism, Confirmation, and Membership Service is tentatively scheduled to be held in Quarter 2 of 2026.**

The **2026 Floral Calendar** is ready for booking at the reception area.

Coming up in December!

- 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (8:30PM)
"God Among Us from Manger to Temple"
- 25 – Christmas Day Service (10.00AM)
"God Within Us from Manger to Temple"
- 31 – New Year's Eve Covenant Service (10:30PM)

2025 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<https://bit.ly/tmcbibleread2025>

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.

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

10AM / 5PM Service

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

TRAC ICM: MEN's RETREAT

Date: 23 - 25 January 2026

Venue: Rumah Methodist,
Fraser's Hill

Contribution:

MYR 380 (Malaysian)
SGD 230 (non-Malaysian)

