

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG

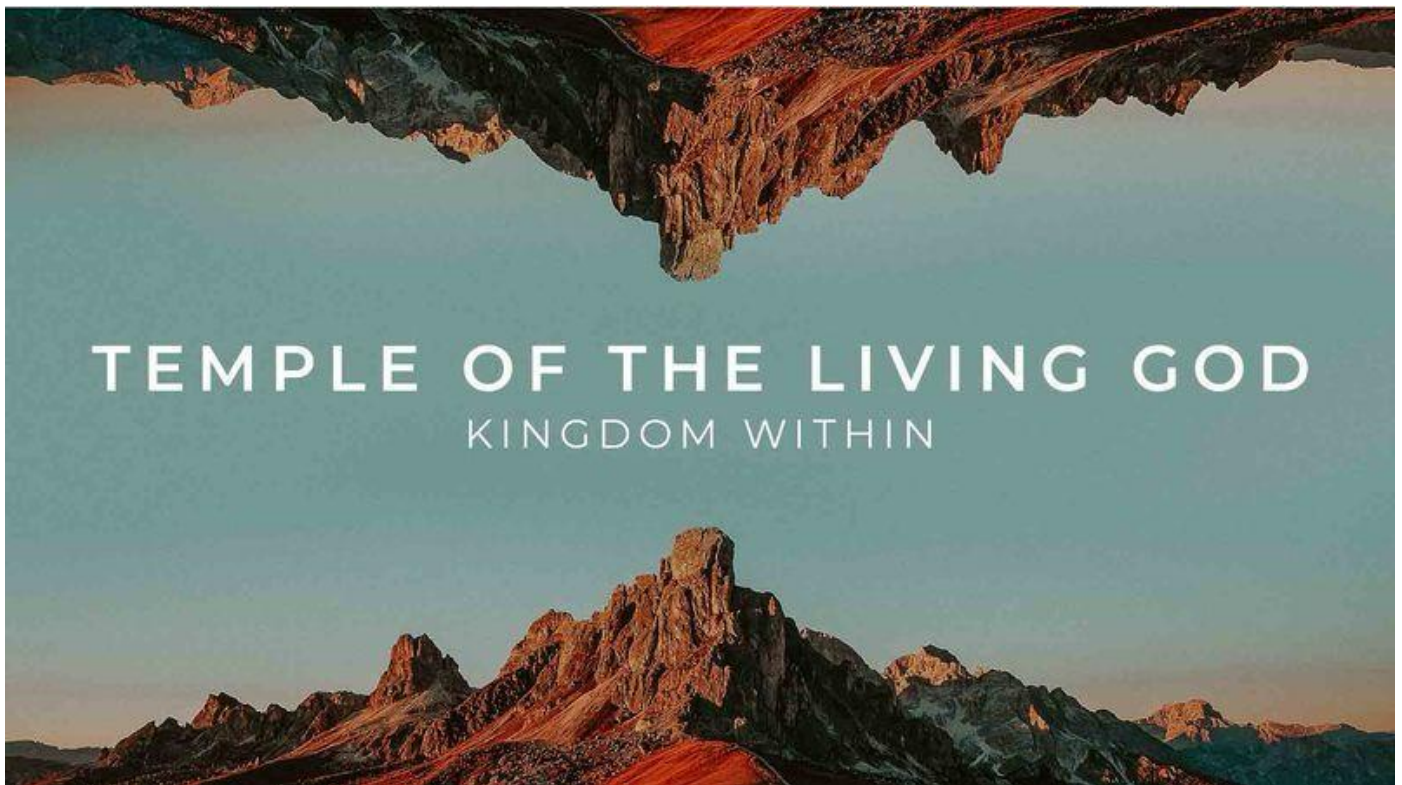


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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 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**

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and  
that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?”

*1 Corinthians 3:16, NIV*

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

**L:** We gather as people called and claimed by God.

**P:** ***God’s Spirit dwells within us.***

**L:** We are no longer strangers, but God’s holy temple.

**P:** ***Built together in Christ, we offer our lives in worship.***

**All:** ***Come, let us worship the Lord who lives among us and within us.***

**\*OPENING SONG**

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

UMH371

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned unclean

*How marvellous how wonderful  
And my song shall ever be  
How marvelous how wonderful  
Is my Saviour's love for me*

For me it was in the garden  
He prayed not My will but Thine  
He had no tears for His own griefs  
But sweat drops of blood for mine

In pity angels beheld Him  
And came from the world of light  
To comfort Him in the sorrows  
He bore for my soul that night

He took my sins and my sorrows  
He made them His very own  
He bore the burden to Calvary  
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me

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I need Thee every hour  
Most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford

*I need Thee O I need Thee  
Every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now my Saviour  
I come to Thee*

I need Thee every hour  
Stay Thou near by  
Temptations lose their power  
When Thou art nigh

I need Thee every hour  
In joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide  
Or life is vain

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray for peace around the world in war torn nations and areas where the threat of terrorism and hate crimes are common.
2. Pray for Malaysia's police force to enforce what is right using means that are fair and transparent.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity on this last Sunday of the year. Thank God for His faithfulness and good work among us.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we live out the certain knowledge of God's presence in our everyday lives as we move forward into next year.

## **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.

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

Be Thou My Vision

UMH451

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

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 vision O Ruler of all

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

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Corinthians 6:16-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

Living as God's Temple

Mr Tan Chong Jin

**\*CLOSING SONG**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart  
(Stanzas 1,3,4)

UMH500

Spirit of God descend upon my heart  
Wean it from earth thro' all its pulses move  
Stoop to my weakness mighty as Thou art  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee God and King  
All Thine own soul heart and strength and mind  
I see Thy cross there teach my heart to cling  
O let me seek Thee and O let me find

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear  
To check the rising doubt the rebel sigh  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

Living as God's Temple

2 Corinthians 6:16-18

**Big Idea:** Our identity as God's Temple needs to be lived out consistently.

### **Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 6:16a (NIV)**

*What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.*

### **Introduction**

- Pagan temples in Corinth function as religious, social and civic gatherings to strengthen the sense of identity and community within the city.
- There was a debate in the Corinthian church about whether it was permissible for Christians to participate in the meals and functions held within these temples.
- Paul was adamant that Christians should not have anything to do with pagan temple activity; rather, believers must be mindful of their identity as the temple of the living God.

### **Living as God's temple means:**

#### **1. Presence with God (2 Cor 6:16)**

- God's dwelling presence is the distinguishing characteristic of God's people (Exodus 33:15-16).
- Our identity must be shaped and forged in God's dwelling presence.

#### **2. Purity in Living (2 Cor 6:17)**

- God's presence compels a distinction between holiness and defilement, clean and unclean, righteousness and wickedness (cf Malachi 3:18).
- Being part of God's temple carries a responsibility of separation from the defiling influence of the world.
- Be separate from the world, without losing effective witness and engagement with the world (John 17:15-18).

#### **3. Family in God's household (2 Cor 6:18)**

- God desires to make us His children, shaped to be like Jesus (Romans 8:14-17, 29).
- Being separate from the world's system of values, status and security does not leave us abandoned.
- Rather, we are loved and secured by God Himself as our Heavenly Father (Matthew 7:9-11, Luke 11:11-13).

**Conclusion:**

Living as God's Temple means that we live aware of God's abiding presence, separate from the influence of the world, and secured as His very own sons and daughters.

**Reflection Questions:**

1. What is one thing you would do this coming week to become more aware of God's abiding presence in you?
2. What is one thing you would do this coming year to "come out and be separate" from this world?
3. What is one thing you would stop worrying about as you are reminded that you are God's son or daughter?

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

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

### New Year's Eve Covenant Service 31 December 2025 (10.30 pm)

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Crossing Over with God (Deuteronomy 31:3-8)
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Liturgist</b>	Mrs Angela Khong
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Mrs Joanna Tham
<b>Musicians</b>	Mrs Angela Cheong
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jason Tham
<b>Visual</b>	Ms Tan Yu Ai
<b>Streaming</b>	Ms Wong Fong Yi
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Pauleen Khoo, Mr Oon Chee Soon

## Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Year of New Beginnings (TBA)	Year of New Beginnings (TBA)
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Mr Lim Lai Keat
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Mrs Wan Soo Har	Dr Chuah Hock Aun
<b>Musicians</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Mark Chieng	Mr William Ng
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Koay Choong Khai	Mr William Ng
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr Samuel Lee	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mdm Aileen Tan, Ms Emmy Chia Dr Ho Seng Hooi, Ms Wong Siew Eng	Mrs Connie Lim Mr Tony Teh
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Ms Cheong Sau Chan Mrs Wan Soo Har	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

### **WEDNESDAY**

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

### **THURSDAY**

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

### **FRIDAY**

- Small Groups:
- 2.30pm Cheeseman Rd (Bethel) –  
Loo Li Lin (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 peace around the world in war-torn nations and areas where the threat of terrorism and hate crimes is common. Pray that violence and fear will give way to justice and reconciliation, and that God will protect innocent lives, comfort those who mourn, and bring hope to communities living under constant threat.

### Nation

- Pray for Malaysia's police force to enforce what is right using means that are fair and transparent. Pray that officers will carry out their duties with integrity, wisdom, and compassion, and that accountability and trust between law enforcement and the public will continue to grow for the good of the nation.

### Church

- Pray for Penang Trinity on this last Sunday of the year. Thank God for His faithfulness and good work among us. Give thanks for lives touched, prayers answered, and the many ways God has sustained and guided our church throughout the year, and commit the coming year into His hands.

### Self

- Pray for ourselves, that we live out the certain knowledge of God's presence in our everyday lives as we move forward into next year. Pray that this assurance will shape our decisions, strengthen us in challenges, and lead us to walk faithfully with God, trusting Him with confidence, obedience, and hope for what lies ahead.

## 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:** From Mr & Mrs Chan Kim Huat in Thanksgiving.  
From Tee Suan Ewe in Thanksgiving.  
From Heng Khai Ting in Thanksgiving.  
From Catherine Chew in Loving Memory of Mr Leong Chee Chim.  
From Andy Wang 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 the Recipient Reference for online transfers.

### TODAY – December 28

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

Communion Offering for January 2026 will go to the Poor and Needy Fund for Methodist Boys' School.

### Coming up in December!

31 – New Year's Eve Covenant Service (10:30 PM)

### 2025 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

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

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*

### **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.

### **TRAC ICM: MEN's RETREAT**

**Date:** 23 - 25 January 2026

**Venue:** Rumah Methodist,  
Fraser's Hill

**Contribution:**

MYR 380 (Malaysian)

SGD 230 (non-Malaysian)

