

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG

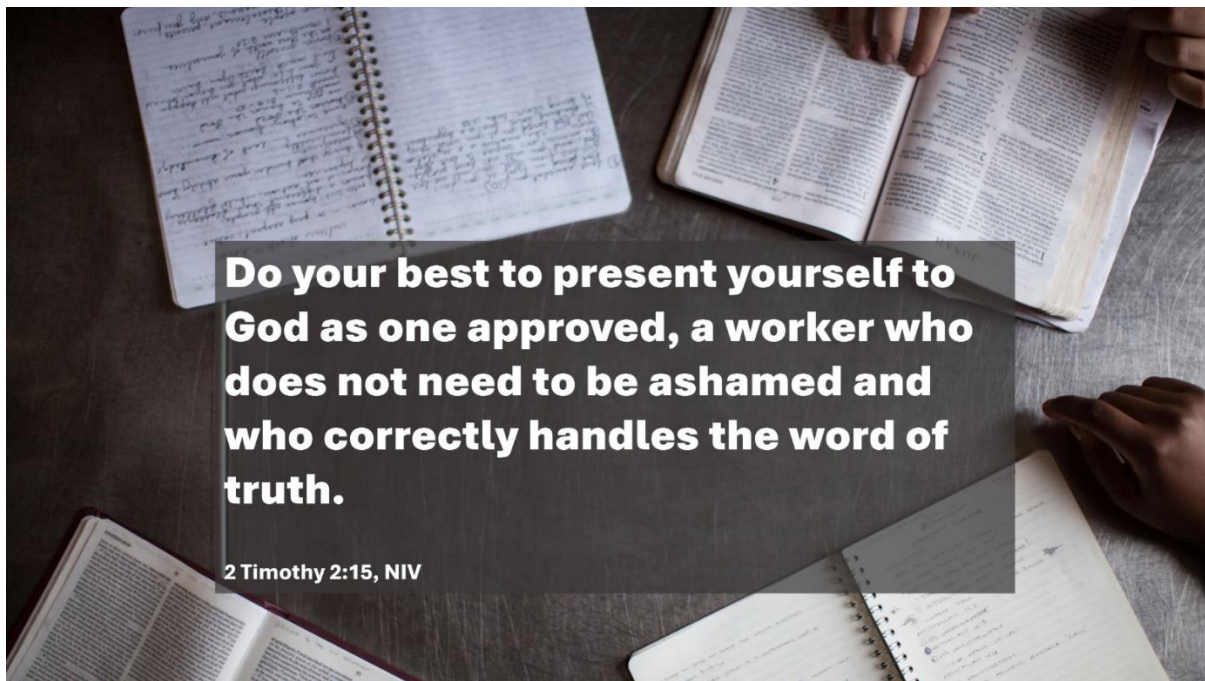


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Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2026

***"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."***



Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15, NIV

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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

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10, NIV

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

L: We have been saved by hearing and believing in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: *Having believed this Gospel, we now share this good news with others.*

L: God equips those He calls for His work.

P: *We offer ourselves for the work of the Gospel.*

L: God empowers us with wisdom and grace to live and speak faithfully for the Gospel.

P: *May our conversations be full of grace and seasoned with salt.*

**All: *Let us present ourselves to God as those approved,
correctly handling the word of truth.***

***OPENING SONG**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus Thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart

Come Almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy life receive
Suddenly return and never
Nevermore Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love

Breathe O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast
Let us all in Thee inherit
Let us find that second rest
Take away our bent to sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its Beginning
Set our hearts at liberty

Finish then Thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder love and praise

CCLI Song # 3722136

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What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Saviour still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

CCLI Song # 4413279

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for wisdom and stability in the relationship between the United States and China following the recent summit between the two nations. Pray that their leaders will manage diplomatic and trade relations wisely in ways that promote peace and broader global stability.
2. Pray for the Government as it makes crucial decisions regarding energy security, food security, and fuel subsidies for consumers. Ask God to grant wisdom, courage, and integrity in formulating and implementing policies for the good of the nation.
3. Pray for our church to remain steadfast in equipping believers to share the Gospel effectively and boldly. Pray for God's wisdom, discernment, and courage as we seek to live faithfully for the sake of the Gospel.
4. Pray that we will remain alert to the ways God is opening opportunities for the Gospel around us. Ask the Holy Spirit to grant us wisdom, grace, and the right words as we share the Gospel with others.

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

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

Please indicate for "Offering/Pledge" or "Poor & Needy" in Recipient Reference 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.

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

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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Lift up your heads you mighty gates
Behold the King of glory waits
The King of kings is drawing near
The Saviour of the world is here

Redeemer come with us abide
Our hearts to Thee we open wide
Let us thy inner presence feel
Thy grace and love in us reveal

Fling wide the portals of your heart
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ
Adorned with prayer and love and joy

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
Until our glorious goal is won
Eternal praise eternal fame
Be offered Saviour to thy name

CCLI Song # 1863214

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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossian 4:2-6, 2 Timothy 2:14-16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Equipped In Our Hands

Pr Tan Chong Jin

We've a story to tell to the nations
That shall turn their hearts to the right
A story of truth and mercy
A story of peace and light
A story of peace and light

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning
And the dawning to noonday bright
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth
The kingdom of love and light*

We've a song to be sung to the nations
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword
And shatter the spear and sword

We've a message to give to the nations
That the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us His Son to save us
And show us that God is love
And show us that God is love

We've a Saviour to show to the nations
Who the path of sorrow has trod
That all of the world's great peoples
Might come to the truth of God
Might come to the truth of God

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***BENEDICTION**

***THREE-FOLD AMEN**

Equipped In Our Hands

Colossians 4:2-6, 2 Timothy 2:14-16

BIG IDEA: Be prepared to present the Gospel well

Key Verse: 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Introduction

- The Apostle Paul was concerned that the Gospel be presented in a clear and credible way
- This involves faith, courage, and conviction to live and speak faithfully for the Gospel

How we can share the Gospel well:

1. Be Clear

- Paul requested prayer so that he might proclaim the Gospel clearly (*Colossians 4:4*)
- The Gospel truth must be presented in a clear way so that Christ can be made known

2. Be Convincing

- Paul instructs the Colossians to be wise in making use of every opportunity and have their conversations be full of grace and seasoned with salt (*Colossians 4:5-6*)
- Pray for wisdom and discernment to present the Gospel in ways that are relatable and meaningful, for example, through personal testimonies

3. Be Correct

- Paul encourages Timothy to be a worker approved by God, one who can handle the word of truth correctly (*2 Timothy 2:15*)
- In sharing the Gospel, we must be careful not to dilute or distort its meaning

Conclusion:

Present ourselves to God as those approved for the work of the Gospel.

Practical/Reflection Activities:

1. Learn one Gospel presentation tool this week (for e.g. The Bridge to Life, 4 Spiritual Laws, etc) and try to explain it to a Small Group member or Christian friend. Get feedback on how well you have presented the Gospel.
2. Chart out your spiritual journey (highs and lows). Write a 2–3-minute testimony from your spiritual journey. Practise sharing with another believer in your Small Group or Ministry Group.
3. What are some ways we could inadvertently dilute or distort the message of the Gospel?

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Equipped In Our Hands (Colossian 4:2-6; 2 Timothy 2:14-16)	Equipped In Our Hands (Colossian 4:2-6; 2 Timothy 2:14-16)
Preacher	Pr Tan Chong Jin	Pr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	Mrs Angela Khong	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Scripture Reader	Ms Clarissa Hii	Dr Mallise Tong
Musicians	Mr Bernard Lee	Ms Angela Cheong
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
Visual	Mr Hugo Cheah	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr Samuel Lee	n/a
Ushers	Mrs Heng Ah Leak Ms Heng Khai Ting Ms Pauleen Khoo Ms Tan Siew Ngoh	Mdm Jenny Hoo Ms Vivian Lim
Finance Stewards	Mrs Wan Soo Har Mr Lim Pang Kuan Mdm Nellie Goh Beng Hong	n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Blessed-to-Be-Blessing (Luke 1:28-29; 2 Kings 4:8-37)	Blessed-to-Be-Blessing (Luke 1:28-29; 2 Kings 4:8-37)
Preacher	Mdm Evelyn Sim	Mdm Evelyn Sim
Liturgist	n/a	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Worship Leaders	Worship Explosion Team	n/a
Scripture Reader	Mrs Wan Soo Har	Ms Liew Ai Ling
Musicians	Worship Explosion Team	Ms Amelia Loo
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Joshua Wong
Visual	Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr Joshua Timothy
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Mrs Law Kher Sing Mrs Joanna Tham Dr Ho Seng Hooi Ms Teo Lay Tinn	Mrs Connie Lim Ms Chiang Kai Choo
Finance Stewards	Ms Janet Yeoh Ms Cheong Sau Chan	n/a

WEEKLY MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- 10.00am Worship Service in English
Church School
- 12.00pm Sungai Ara I 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 (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)
- 9.00pm Tree Residency Small Group
– Jesse Ong

FRIDAY

- Small Group:
- 2.30pm Cheeseman Rd (Bethel) –
Loo Li Lin (2nd & 4th)
- 8.30pm Young Adults I – Shaun Yong
- 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 II – Low Sheok Yin (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Pray for wisdom and stability in the relationship between the United States and China following the recent summit between the two nations. Pray that their leaders will manage diplomatic and trade relations wisely in ways that promote peace and broader global stability, and that they will be guided away from actions that could heighten tension or uncertainty in the world.

Nation

- Pray for the Government as it makes crucial decisions regarding energy security, food security, and fuel subsidies for consumers. Ask God to grant wisdom, courage, and integrity in formulating and implementing policies for the good of the nation, ensuring that long-term stability is prioritised and that the needs of all communities, especially the vulnerable, are cared for.

Church

- Pray for our church to remain steadfast in equipping believers to share the Gospel effectively and boldly. Pray for God's wisdom, discernment, and courage as we seek to live faithfully for the sake of the Gospel, and that we would be continually strengthened to serve, witness, and make disciples in our daily lives.

Self

- Pray that we will remain alert to the ways God is opening opportunities for the Gospel around us. Ask the Holy Spirit to grant us wisdom, grace, and the right words as we share the Gospel with others, and that we would be sensitive, faithful, and ready to respond whenever He leads us.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME to worship at *Trinity*. For any assistance, please contact:

Pastor – Rev Shearn Sya, Assistant Pastor – Pr Tan Chong Jin: 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 Andy Wang in Thanksgiving (*Praise God for His endless grace and faithfulness*).
- **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 – May 17

Communion Offering for May 2026 will go to the TMCP Education Aid Program.



Coming Up in May!

17 – Ascension Sunday (TODAY)

24 – Pentecost Sunday / MW Sunday / Aldersgate Sunday

31 – Trinity Sunday /

BM Thanksgiving Service (5.00 PM only)

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.

10AM / 5PM Service

✗ *Booking of Seats – Not required*

✗ *MySejahtera checks – Not required*

✓ *Record names of attendees – Required*

✓ *Masks, Social Distancing – Strongly encouraged*

For those who would like to join Penang Trinity's 2026 Reading Plan, download the Youversion Bible app, then open this link: <http://bit.ly/tmcbible2026>



Prayer Request Form –

<https://bit.ly/tmcprayforme>.

All requests are confidential unless permission is given to circulate to a larger prayer group.



FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP MOVEMENT

MAKERS CONSULTATION

Date: 23 May 2026 (Sat)

Time: 9.00AM – 4.00PM

Venue: Penang Wesley Methodist Church

Facilitator: Dr Herbert Tan

For enquiries, please contact: Karen Lim (+6012-2837761)



Malaysia Prayer Convention (MPC)

Date: 25 - 27 May 2026

Venue: Dream Centre, Petaling Jaya

Theme: "Together in Prayer"

For more information, please visit

<https://www.methodistchurch.org.my/index.cfm>

If you wish to serve as a volunteer:

tinyurl.com/MPC2026-Volunteer

Note: Volunteers are kindly requested to register for MPC only after receiving an email notification with a special code from the MPC organising team in April.

To register as a participant:

tinyurl.com/MPC-2026



KEBAKTIAN
BAHASA MALAYSIA
KOMUNITI YANG BERMISTI KIS 2:37-47

17 MEI 2026
AHAD **5.00 PM**

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG
15, JALAN KENNEDY, 11600 JELUTONG

UNTUK PERTANYAAN LANJUT SILA HUBUNGI ABBEL (014-8724700)

INI ADALAH ACARA KRISTIAN

HARI KESYUKURAN

Bersyukurlah kepada TUHAN kerana kebaikan-Nya; kasih-Nya kekal selamanya.

Trinity Methodist Church,
16, Jln Masjid Negeri,
11600 Jelutong

31 Mei 2026,
5.00 PM

Untuk Pertanyaan Lanjut Sila Hubungi
Abbel-014 8724700

Ini Adalah Acara Kristian

Scan to Register!

LOOKOUT 2026

Date: 11-12 July 2026
Venue: Trinity Methodist Church, PJ
Fee: RM60

Objective: To equip, inspire and mobilise believers to look outward

Plenary Speakers:
Pr Benny Ho Pr Rachel Bulan Paul Kong

" Watch. Witness. Win. "

D6 MALAYSIA FAMILY CONFERENCE 2026
Theme FOUNDATIONS
Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya

JULY 31 (EVENING) - AUGUST 2 (12:30PM)
SPECIAL CLERGY SESSION JULY 31 (2-4:30PM)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
BRAD RHOADS
Co-Founder of Grace Marriage

Register Now!
REGISTRATION LINK <https://registration.d6malaysia.com>

WORKSHOPS

- Dealing with Addiction in Family Discipleship (Chris Sekar)
- Living the Gospel in the Family (Rev. Moses & Cathy Tey)
- Spiritual Warfare in Family Discipleship (Loh Ling Ming)
- Talking to Kids about Sexuality (Dr. Cheah Fung Fong)
- Building a Family Friendly Church (Dr. Ben Freudenburg, Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar)
- Redeeming Adult Children for God's Kingdom (Low Kheng Onn)

EARLY BIRD 1 (BY MARCH 1) RM130 per pax / RM230 per married couple
EARLY BIRD 2 (BY MAY 1) RM150 per pax / RM270 per married couple
CLOSING DATE (JUNE 30) RM180 per pax / RM330 per married couple

SPECIAL: Free registration for pastor for every 5 full paying registrations from the same church