

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exploration Sunday

September 27, 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."***

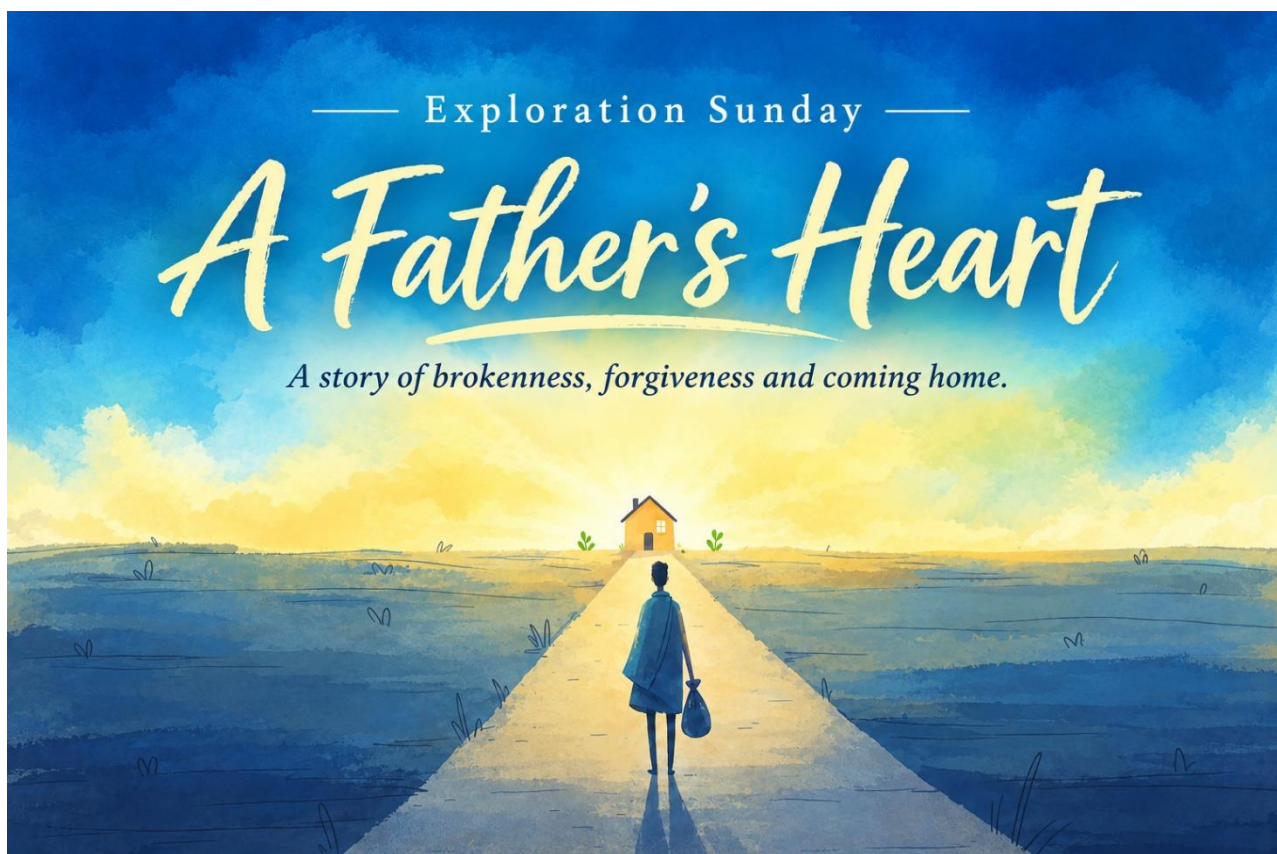


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Our Vision

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

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.”

Ephesians 2:4-5, NIV

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

L: Come, let us worship our heavenly Father, whose heart is filled with mercy, grace, and love.

P: *We come as His children, welcomed into His presence.*

L: Even when we wander, the Father does not cease to love us.

P: *His mercy calls us home, and His grace welcomes us back when we repent and come to Him.*

L: He sees us from afar, runs to meet us, and restores us with compassion.

P: *We rejoice in the love of our Father, who forgives and restores.*

L: Let us remember that we are deeply loved and treasured by God.

P: *We receive His grace and desire to reflect His heart to others.*

All: *Heavenly Father, thank You for Your unfailing love and abundant mercy.*

Draw us closer to You, restore our hearts, and teach us to love others with the same compassion You have shown us. We worship You with grateful hearts. Amen.

***OPENING SONG**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH140

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

*Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me*

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

SONG OF PRAYER

This Is My Father's World

UMH144

This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet
This is my Father's world
Why should my heart be sad
The Lord is King let the heavens ring
God reigns let the earth be glad

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for governments, global technology companies and other stakeholders as they address the growing risks associated with Artificial Intelligence (AI). Pray for wisdom, responsibility and discernment in developing appropriate safeguards, standards and regulations, so that AI may be developed and used safely and responsibly for the good of society.
2. Pray for protection from the growing prevalence of financial and cyber scams that threaten the savings and livelihoods of Malaysians. Pray for greater public awareness and education and effective regulatory enforcement.
3. Pray that our church will deepen our understanding and experience of God's love and mercy. Pray that, having received His love, we will reflect God's heart in our relationships, conduct and ministry to others.
4. Pray that we will each respond personally to God's invitation to come to Him and experience His love through His Son, Jesus Christ. Pray that, whatever our life experiences, we will not allow fear, hurt, shame or other barriers to hold us back from coming to God in faith and repentance.

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

Amazing Grace
(stanzas 1,2,3,4)

UMH378

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

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(For 5PM Service Only)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Father's Heart

Pr Tan Chong Jin

***CLOSING SONG**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

UMH348

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals He's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

*Come home come home
You who are weary come home
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling O sinner come home*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies
Mercies for you and for me

Time is now fleeting the moments are passing
Passing from you and from me
Shadows are gathering death-beds are coming
Coming for you and for me

O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Tho we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me

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***BENEDICTION**

***THREE-FOLD AMEN**

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	A Father's Heart (Luke 15:11-32)	A Father's Heart (Luke 15:11-32)
Preacher	Pr Tan Chong Jin	Pr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	Ms Iris Ang	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Scripture Reader	n/a	Ms Liew Ai Ling
Musicians	Mr Bernard Lee	Ms Audrey Cheong
Sound	Mr David Leong	Mr Joshua Timothy
Visual	Mr Koay Choong Khai	Mr Joshua Timothy
Streaming	Mr Shaun Yong	n/a
Ushers	Dr Ho Seng Hooi Ms Pauleen Khoo Ms Emmy Chia Ms Teo Lay Tinn	Mrs Connie Lim Ms Chiang Kai Choo
Finance Stewards	Mr Yeo Hwang Seng Mdm Low Sheok Yin Mr Yee Eh Horng	n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Unschool'd, Ordinary Agents of God (Acts 4:1-13)	Unschool'd, Ordinary Agents of God (Acts 4:1-13)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Mr Daniel Teh	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Scripture Reader	Mrs Janet Ng	Dr Chuah Hock Aun
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo	Ms Amelia Loo
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr Joshua Wong
Visual	Ms Tan Yu Ai	Ms Esther Wong
Streaming	Mr Shaun Yong	n/a
Ushers	Mdm Aileen Tan Mrs Sally Loh Mrs Isabella Loke Ms Sharon Wong	Mrs Connie Lim Ms Chiang Kai Choo
Finance Stewards	Ms Cheong Sau Chan Mdm Low Sheok Yin Mr Yee Eh Horng	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
Kebaktian Bahasa Malaysia Service

MONDAY

- 10.00am Tanjung Bungah Small Group –
Chan Chen Weng

TUESDAY

- 7.00pm Young Adults III Small Group –
Gerviene Sya

WEDNESDAY

- 10.00am Line Dancing
- 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
(fortnightly)

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
(4th Sat)
- 2.00pm Small Groups:
- 8.30pm Century Garden – Lim Lim Ling
- Sungai Ara II – Low Sheok Yin (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Pray for governments, global technology companies and other stakeholders as they address the growing risks associated with Artificial Intelligence (AI). Pray for wisdom, responsibility and discernment in developing appropriate safeguards, standards and regulations, so that AI may be developed and used safely and responsibly for the good of society.

Nation

- Pray for protection from the growing prevalence of financial and cyber scams that threaten the savings and livelihoods of Malaysians. Pray for greater public awareness and education, effective regulatory enforcement, and greater vigilance among individuals and communities. Pray that those who have been affected will receive the help and support they need.

Church

- Pray that our church will deepen our understanding and experience of God's love and mercy. Pray that, having received His love, we will reflect God's heart in our relationships, conduct and ministry to others. Pray that His love will be evident in the way we care for, encourage and serve those around us.

Self

- Pray that we will each respond personally to God's invitation to come to Him and experience His love through His Son, Jesus Christ. Pray that, whatever our life experiences, we will not allow fear, hurt, shame or other barriers to hold us back from coming to God in faith and repentance. Pray for courage and openness of heart to receive His grace, and that our lives will increasingly reflect the transforming power of His love.

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 Ling 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 – September 27

Communion Offering for September 2026 will go to the Methodist Crisis Relief and Development Fund (Bantuan Nepal).

Communion Offering for October 2026 will go to the Crystal Family Home Care Centre Fund.

Coming Up in September!

27 – Exploration Sunday (*TODAY*)

Coming Up in October!

3 – 5th LCEC Meeting (9.30 AM)

11 – Exploration Sunday

18 – MSF Sunday



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*

Prayer Request Form –

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

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



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/tmc bible2026>

