# **TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH** - WHERE DISCIPLES MAKE DISCIPLES -

"Getting "entirely ready" to have God remove "all" our defects of character sounds impossible. In reality we know that such perfection is out of human reach.

This is another way of saying that we are going to do our best to work toward a lifelong goal that no one ever reaches until eternity.

~The Life Recovery Bible, New Living Translation, Tyndale © 1998



## **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

## 7 January 2018

**†Enter to Worship** ......(Please switch phone to silent mode)

As you enter the Sanctuary, let your conversation with others cease and begin to commune with God.

## **PREPARING**

**Personal Silent Prayer & Meditation** 

**Church Bells** 

Prelude

## PRAISING

\*Call to Worship

Pastor Alvin Chan

Mr Nicholas Leow

- Leader: O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
- People: The Star in the dark sky heralded His coming.
- Leader: Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.
- People: We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.
- Leader: Come, arise! Shine! The Light has come.
- People: God's Light of love is shining upon us.

ALL: We enter this new year with hope and excitement. We are not afraid because God is with us!

\*Hymn of Praise "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117

## PRAVING

## **Prayer Song**

"In Christ Alone"

CCLI # 3350395. Authors: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

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In Christ alone my hope is found He is my Light, my Strength, my Song This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm 8.45 am

What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

Personal Silent Prayer & Confession Prayer On Behalf of All

**Organ Response** 

# PARTICIPATING

Greetings & Welcome		
Concerns & News		
Tithes & Offering		
*Doxology	"My Tribute"	UMH 99

# PROCLAIMING

Scripture Rea	ding Philippians 3:12 - 4:1, 4:4 (TNIV p1086)	-9 Ms Natalie Ang
Vocal Offering	"Count Your Blessings" (see p7)	Mrs Patricia Zoey Tan & Ms Heather Pates
Sermon	"Pressing On Towards God's Goa	als" Pastor Paul Nga

# PARTAKING

Communion Hymn "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"

(During the singing of this hymn, we will receive the Communion Offering for the TRAC Disaster Relief Fund, see p8)

# **Celebration of Holy Communion**

UMH 12 (responses to be sung UMH 17 & 18)

The Lord's Prayer (sung ~ Malotte)

**Communion Hymns** 

Ms Jean Santa Maria

**UMH 623** 

1) UMH 618	2) UMH 528	3) UMH 467
4) UMH 452	5) UMH 451	6) UMH 397

# PROMISING

\*Hymn of Promise "Higher Ground"

\*Benediction

#### Postlude

(Please refrain from clapping and remain seated until after Postlude)

## Church Bells

# Prayer Ministry at Altar

.....Depart to serve

#### \*indicates congregation to stand



<u>Hyn</u>	nn of Promise: <b>Higher Ground</b> CCLI # 21844. Authors: Charles Hutchinson Gabriel, Johnson Oatman Jr. © Words & Music: Public Domain. Used by Permission. CCLI Licence # 306014
1.	I'm pressing on the upward way, New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day; Still praying as I onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."
	Refrain: Lord, lift me up and let me stand, By faith, on heaven's tableland, A higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.
2.	My heart has no desire to stay Where doubts arise and fears dismay; Tho' some may dwell where these abound, My prayer, my aim is higher ground. <i>(Refrain)</i>
3.	I want to live above the world, Tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught the joyful sound, The song of saints on higher ground. <i>(Refrain)</i>
4.	I want to scale the utmost height, And catch a glimpse of glory bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found, "Lord, lead me on to higher ground." <i>(Refrain)</i>

## **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD HOLY COMMUNION



*"He who has ears to hear, let him hear"* (Matthew 11:15)

**†**Enter to Worship ......(Please switch phone to silent mode)

#### **PREPARING**

"5 Kuehs & 2 Kopis" (From 10:45am)

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42)

#### PRAISING

\*Call to Worship \*Singing of Praise & Worship Songs

#### PRAYING

Praise Reports & Prayers (collated during "5 Kuehs & 2 Kopis")

#### PARTICIPATING

Tithes & Offering \*Doxology Greetings & Announcements Community Time

#### PROCLAIMING

*Song of Preparation	n	Mr Alfred Lie
Scripture Reading	Philippians 3:12 - 4:1, 4:4-9	Mrs Eliza Hum
Vocal Offering	"Count Your Blessings" (see p7)	Mrs Patricia Zoey Tan & Ms Heather Pates
Sermon	"Pressing On Towards God's Goal"	Pastor Paul Nga

Mr Alfred Lie

7 January 2018

## PARTAKING

#### **Communion Song**

Mr Alfred Lie

(During the singing of this hymn, we will receive the Communion Offering for the TRAC Disaster Relief Fund see p8)

**Celebration of Holy Communion** 

## PROMISING

\*Closing Song

\*Benediction

**Community Time** 

\*indicates congregation to stand



Pulpit Ministry		
<b>14 January</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany   Dedication of CM Teachers & Helpers	Pastor Timothy Yong	
<b>21 January</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	Dr Hum Sin Hoon	
Sermon Series: Basic Kingdom Living		
<b>28 January</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	Pastor Alvin Chan	
Sermons Online: www.tmc.org.sg/pulpit.html		

## Season of Epiphany

We are in the new Church Season of Epiphany. The word, "Epiphany", comes from the Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "showing forth". This is the season when we celebrate Jesus Christ "shown forth" or "manifested" (epiphanized) to all as Saviour of the World.

The liturgical colour is **green**, the colour of the world of nature, signifying the universality of Christ's redemptive purpose and power.

Vocal Offering:

## **Count Your Blessings**

Authors: Edith Temple, Reginald Morgan

Count your blessings one by one When dawn appears and day has just begun; They will light your heart with happiness, Make each hour bright and bring your gladness. Count your blessings one by one, When twilight falls and toil of day is done. And in sweet dreams they'll come again to you, If you will count your blessings each day through.

Count your blessings while you may, For we are here but little time to stay; All around are hearts sincere and true, Lovely things abound just waiting for you; Count your blessings while you may The big or small, whichever comes your way, For then you'll find this world a place of love If you will count your blessings from above.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A Tot-ful Morning** is a new weekday ministry for 0-3 year olds and their caregivers. Every Thurs from 18 Jan, 9.00-10.30am, in the Hallelujah Room, children can look forward to songs, stories and other activities to spend their energy, whereas their adult



companions can enjoy good conversation, snacks and occasional talks. Your friends and neighbours who have children in that age group are most welcome, so please spread the word. Flyers available from the magazine racks. E-flyers, registration (required) and FAQs available at www.tmc.org.sg/ highlights.html#atm. Enquiries to atotfulmorning@gmail.com. Live in or around Serangoon Gardens? If you can help to drop flyers into mailboxes on your street during your evening walk, please contact Claire Lowe / Tricia Tong (atotfulmorning@gmail.com) **Disciple 3 (D3 – Remember Who You Are)**, a 32-week journey focusing on the Prophets in the OT and Paul's Letters in the NT, is being planned on Friday Nights from 9 Mar till 30 Nov 2018. More details can be found at http://www.tmc.org.sg/d&n.html#disciple or collect the flyer from iSunday Counter.

Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) is being planned for Saturday afternoons from 27 Jan till 31 Mar 2018. More details can be found at http://www.tmc.org.sg/highlights.html#mpc or collect the flyer from iSunday Counter.

# FAMILY MATTERS

Christmas Day Baptisms (25 Dec). We rejoice with the following who were baptised:

## Children & Youths

- 1) Coen Cheng Yuan (son of Mr & Mrs Jacob Cheng)
- 2) Creda Cheng Yue (daughter of Mr & Mrs Jacob Cheng)
- 3) Nathanael Lee Tze-Hsien (son of Mr & Mrs Rene Lee)
- 4) Gavrielle Amanah Poh Zin Ying (daughter of Mr & Mrs Josiah Poh)
- 5) Matthias Seow Jian Ye, (son of Mr & Mrs Daniel Seow)
- 6) Georgia Su Yuling (daughter of Mr & Mrs Jason Su)
- 7) Avery Tan Ming Zhe (daughter of Mr & Mrs Tan Woei Wen
- 8) Lincoln Kwa Han Yau, (son of Mr & Mrs Kwa Say Lum)
- 9) Lewis Kwa Han Yee (son of Mr & Mrs Kwa Say Lum)
- 10) Eva Natalie Ee Hui En (daughter of Mr & Mrs Darrell Ee)

## <u>Adults</u>

- 1) Mr Lim Yew Song
- 2) Ms Jacqueline Wong Peck Sze
- 3) Ms Lynette Chia Tze Huay
- 4) Mr Jeffrey Koh Chuan Soon
- 5) Ms Lee Yu Ning
- 6) Ms Lim Eng Hui
- 7) Mr Jason Su Jian Xiong
- 8) Mr Rene Lee Pao Ming
- 9) Ms Lim Su-Anne

**Communion Offering** today is in support of the **TRAC Disaster Relief Fund** that is administered by TRAC. We thank God for the opportunity we have as a Church and Conference to give towards disaster relief work in different regions. In recent months, we have been able to contribute in at least a small way towards relief work in the flood hit areas of Bangladesh, Nepal and Bihar (India),

as well as a contribution through World Vision to relief work amongst Rohingya refugees from Myanmar. May the offerings we bring provide a bit of help and hope to many who are hit by life's crises.

There will be **NO YOUTH MINISTRY** next Sunday (14 Jan) as the YM Leaders will be away on a Leaders' Retreat. Youths are encouraged to attend either service with their parents or Connect Groups.

\*Don't go to work without prayer\* - A Young Adults Ministry Worship Night | 12 Jan (Fri) | 8.00-900pm | Benjamin @ L2. Mark 1:35 reads "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." Come join us, as we meet to find our place to pray and refocus.

**Double-Parking is only permitted in B3.** If you have to double-park, please ensure that you provide your handphone number legibly on the dashboard, and remove your car immediately after the service. If you have not yet registered your vehicle with us, or if you have changed your vehicle registration number since registering with us, please register or let us know at the iSunday Counter.

**Fellowship of Ukulelians** will resume on Saturdays starting 13 Jan, 9.00-11.30am except for 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays.

## Floral Offering: With Thanksgiving from

• Rosalind Lau & family, for God's grace & blessings

## In Loving Memory of

 Mdm Ho Ching Hwee, on the 4<sup>th</sup> death anniversary, from Mr & Mrs Norman Ng

# PASTORAL AND STAFF MATTERS

**Pastor Alvin Chan** is preaching and presiding over the Holy Communion at the Mandarin Service (11.00am) today.

**Staff on Leave.** 8 to 12 Jan, Claire Lowe (Duty Leave) | 10 Jan, Alice Lim.

# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

<u>Thu, 11 Jan</u>	
2.00pm	Precept Upon Precept Bible Study (Acts pt 1) The Upper Room @ L3
Fri, 12 Jan	
8.00pm	Young Adults Ministry Worship Night Benjamin @ L2
Sat, 13 Jan	
10.00am	Youth Avenue Leaders Captains' Development 123 Serangoon North Ave 1

## Fri-Sun, 12-14 Jan

## Youth Ministry Leaders' Retreat

Johor Bahru

SERVING TODAY		
	8.45am	11.15am
	Lee Marn Seng, Janet Lee, Evelyn Tan, Mary Foo, Lelia Seow, Peter Lim, VK Kengadharan	Chiam Young, Grace Chiam, Jason Tang, Audra Tang, Tan Ai Ling
AV team Worship Band	David Yong, Stephen Lo	Benjamin George, Deanna Tan Olivia Ng, Christabel Goh, Clarence Ow, Jill Koh, Daryl Ong, Gladys Lie, Shermaine Foo

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#### **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

Sundays	
8.45am	English Service Sanctuary @ L1
	<b>Children's Ministry</b> Hallelujah @ L3
9.00am	<b>Youth Ministry</b> (not on 14 Jan) The Upper Room @ L3
	<b>Serving at IMH</b> (last Sun) 10 Buangkok View
9.30am	Mandarin Service Prayer Meeting Prayer Chapel @ B1
11.00am	Mandarin Service Sanctuary @ L1
11.15am	<b>English Service</b> Emmanuel Hall @ L2
	<b>Children's Ministry</b> Hallelujah @ L3
After 11.15am service	Young Adults' Lunch Fellowship Meet in Plaza @ L1
Wednesdays	
10.00am	<b>Yum Cha@10</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed) Plaza @ L1
8.00pm	Church Prayer Meeting Prayer Chapel @ B1
Thursdays	
10.00am	<b>Serving at St Luke's Eldercare</b> <b>Centre</b> (last Thu) Blk 217 Serangoon Ave 4 #01-156
Fridays	
9.15am	<b>Friday Bible Study</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri, in recess) Prayer Chapel @ L1
8.00pm	Healing Ministry Prayer Chapel @ B1
Saturdays	
9.00am	<b>Fellowship of Ukulelians</b> (not on 5 Sat, resumes on 13 Jan) Hallelujah Room @ L3
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