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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Sunday, January 13, 2019

1:00 pm English Service

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### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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#### ★CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning the Spirit hovered over the face of the waters.

**People: Escaping Egypt, God led the Hebrew people through the sea.**

Leader: Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River.

**People: The voice of God is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.**

#### ★PRAISE SONG " *Here I am to Worship*"

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Great God, your mercy is an unexpected miracle. Help us to believe and obey, that we may be filled with the wine of new life, promised in the power of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Gracious God, we confess that we are uncertain. So many things that seemed sure and good have led us astray and exhausted us. So much of what we have tried to do has disappointed those we love, failed to help our neighbors in need, and emptied us of conviction and hope. We do not know what we are looking for. Deliver us, O God, from all that is desolate and vain. Set our feet upon the solid rock. Open our ears to hear you. Fill our hearts with trust and our mouth with praise for the steadfast love your show to us.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### ★ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news. Who is in a position to condemn?

**People: Only Christ and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**People: We know we are forgiven and can be at peace. Praise God!**

#### ★PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

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## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

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#### RESPONSIVE READING

Ephesians 3:1-12 (p.193)

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12 ( p.2 )

#### A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### SERMON

***"Three Wise Men for a Foolish Age"***

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### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

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#### ★PRAISE SONG " *You are God Alone*"

★AFFIRMATION OF FAITH " *The Apostles' Creed*" (front cover of hymnal)

#### PRAYER CARD PREPARATION

#### OFFERING AND PRAYER CARD COLLECTION

Leader: With grateful and humble hearts let us return to God a portion of the blessings of our lives.

#### ★OFFERTORY SONG " *doxology*"

ANNOUNCEMENTS (led by the usher)

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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### WE BEAR GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

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#### ★PRAISE SONG " *Today is the day*"

(Please gather in center aisle to sing)

#### ★CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

★FOURFOLD AMEN (led by the speaker)

★Please stand if you are able.

## WELCOME!

Today – *Baptism of the Lord*

January 13, 2019 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER:	Mr. Henry Kuo
WORSHIP LEADER:	Doreen Cheung
MUSIC LEADER:	Suzanne Yong-Sellers
USHER:	Vicki Louie-Shek

Next Week – *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

January 20, 2019 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER:	Mr. Henry Kuo
WORSHIP LEADER:	Jonathan Chui
MUSIC LEADER:	Kyle Tsang
USHER:	Rosalynn Mok

## PRAYERS & PRAISE

- Thanksgiving for the free gift of God's grace, the fellowship we share as a church family and the many blessings we have been given.
- Prayers for strength, faith and wisdom for the newly installed elders, deacons, and all brothers and sisters who dedicate themselves to our church ministry.
- Prayers for our congregation's growth and prosperity in the palm of our Lord's hand.
- Prayer for Ms. Anna Fong's speedy recovery from her eye surgery.
- Prayer for Mr. Ted Huck's full recovery.
- Prayer for Mrs. Jocelyn Lee's mother Ms. Justa Pickens' speedy recovery and peace.
- Prayers for peace in the midst of the conflicts, wars, and divisions that are taking place in our world.

## FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:30 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	January 27—Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5— 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Sunday School (SS)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM- 12:30 PM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades 6-12 —4 <sup>th</sup> floor

## FCPC NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**1) Welcome to the First Chinese Presbyterian Church (FCPC).** Thank you for joining us for worship today. We are glad God led you our way. With a handshake and a smile, with fellowship and cheer, as part of God's family, you are always welcome here. We hope you have a spiritual stay in our church and feel free to inquire about our other activities and various fellowships FCPC has to offer. No matter how old or young you are, there is something for everyone here!

**2) Volunteers on duty for English Worship Service...** please be at the sanctuary by 12:45 pm to be in preparation for 1 pm worship on every Sunday.

**3) Appreciation...** We are grateful for your help on taking down the Christmas decorations at the church.

**4) 2019 Leadership Development Day:** The Committee on Congregational Ministry and Nurture will hold Leadership Development Day on Saturday, February 23, 2019, from 9 am to 3 pm, at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY. "Equipping the Saints" will be the theme. Past, present and future Elders, Deacons and Lay leaders are encouraged to attend.

**5) Mr. Sam Yu, Administrative Assistant...** will be on annual leave from January 8 to 29, 2019. Please contact Evangelist Elaine Shao for church business.

**6) Keep updated on FCPC news...** Check out our website at <http://fcpc.org>, where you can read upcoming announcements, find the weekly Order of Worship, and listen to past sermons. Like our page at <http://facebook.com/fcpcnyc> to get the latest news and connect with other members.

**7) Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services for January 2019 at 1 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
1/20	Henry Kuo	Jonathan Chui	Kyle Tsang	Rosalynn Mok
1/27	CRE David Michel	William Tsang	Tony Chan	Milton Mui