

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 3, 2019

1:00 pm English Service with Holy Communion

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship our God with songs of joy, for God is--

People: light, love, steadfast, eternal.

Leader: Let us follow Jesus our teacher, for Jesus is--

People: God's light-bearer, God's love-bringer, God's face among us, God's grace made alive.

Leader: Let us live by grace of God's Spirit, for the Spirit is—

People: alive, creating, invisible, moving the visible, shaping us to be ever more faithful.

*HYMN #350 *"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"*

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Sovereign God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: How quick we are to say yes to you, O Lord, and then we turn around and forget our bold words of commitment. We really want to serve, but we are very weak and are easily drawn away by cares and fears. We pledge ourselves to working for your kingdom but find ourselves pulled this way and that by other demands on our time and energy. Forgive us, O Lord, when we so quickly drop our commitments to serve you. Heal our spirits and give us the bold courage to truly be your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God's love never ends! Now, we know we are forgiven; now, we know we are healed.

People: Now, we can bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. 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.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 34:29-35 (p. 81)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (p. 180)

GOSPEL READING Luke 9:28-36 (p. 69-70)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON *"Sunglasses Or Plain Sight"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

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

PRAYER CARD REQUEST & PREPARATION

OFFERING AND PRAYER COLLECTION

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

(1) Sunday Offering (2) Renovation Fund Offering

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *"Doxology"* (back of hymnal)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (led by the usher)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (led by the usher)

THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN #244 *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen

WE BEAR GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING SONG "As The Deer"** (lyrics below)
(Please gather in center aisle to sing)

As The Deer

As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.
(Chorus) You alone are my strength, my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.
You're my friend and You are my brother, Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, So much more than anything. (Chorus)
I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver, And the apple of my eye. (Chorus)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***FOURFOLD AMEN #675**

**Please stand if you are able.*

WELCOME!

Today – *Transfiguration of the Lord*
March 3, 2019 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service with Holy Communion

SPEAKER: Rev. Jill Schaeffer
WORSHIP LEADER: Geoffrey Chan
MUSIC LEADER: Vicki Louie-Shek
USHER: Herbie Chan
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Donald Lee

Next Week – *First Sunday in Lent*
March 10, 2019 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Dr. Henry Kuo
WORSHIP LEADER: Doreen Cheung
MUSIC LEADER: Suzanne Yong-Sellers
USHER: Jimmy Shek

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 those who are in ill health or recovering.
- Prayers for the safety and smooth progress on the church renovation.
- Prayer for Ms. Anna Fong's speedy and full recovery.
- Prayer for Mrs. Jocelyn Lee's mother Ms. Justa Pickens' full recovery.
- Prayers for the leaders of our country to receive the wisdom of God, to act in obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives.
- 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	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	March 17 --- Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5 ---2 nd Floor
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades 6-12---4 th 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) **Our Speaker today....** Rev. Doctor Jill Schaeffer is Visiting Professor of Ethics at New York Theological Seminary, serving also as Faculty Chair of the Masters of Professional Studies' Program at Sing-Sing Correctional Facility where she has taught for 15 years. Currently, Dr. Schaeffer also preaches at several churches and serves as Co-Chair of Commissioned Lay Pastor Committee of the Presbytery. She lives in Queens with her two cats Abby and Ellie, loves music and photography.
- 3) **Board of Deacons Meeting....** March stated meeting will convene today March 3, 2019 at 2:00 pm in room 302.
- 4) **BASIC Fellowship** is meeting on 3/17/2019 at 2 p.m. with program by Connie. Refreshments will be served to celebrate with Dr. Henry Kuo.
- 5) **2019 PYT:** The 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium – a gathering for HS youth from the PC(USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (9th-12th Grades) occurs every three years. The 2019 event is July 16-20,2019 at Purdue University. The theme for the 2019 event is "Here's My Heart!" Registration, event plans the travel information is at <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org>. All participants must be registered through a local presbytery or church delegation. Speak to church office if you would like to attend.
- 6) **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.
- 7) **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.
- 8) **Mr. Sam Yu, Administrative Assistant...** will be on Personal leave and Annual leave from March 5 to March 19, 2019. Please contact Evangelist Elaine Shao for church business.

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

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
3/10	Dr. Henry Kuo	Doreen Cheung	Suzanne Yong Sellers	Jimmy Shek
3/17	Dr. Henry Kuo	Justin Choy	William Tsang	Vicki Louie-Shek
3/24	CRE David Michel	Peter Yap	Jimmy Shek	Milton Mui
3/31	CRE David Michel	Jonathan Chui	Kyle Tsang	Rosalynn Mok