

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 17, 2019

1:00 pm English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With the Good Shepherd as our guide, we shall want nothing.

People: God leads us along peaceful paths, restoring our souls.

Leader: Even in the shadow of death, we fear no evil.

People: For the Good Shepherd walks with us day and night.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow all the days of our lives.

People: We shall dwell in the house of the Holy God all our life long.

*PRAISE SONG *"Hosanna"*

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, our comforter and guide, we confess what comes between us and you. We have been blind to the faults in ourselves that we so readily detect in others: prizing appearance and credentials, and failing to see the heart; rushing headlong into temptation, without thought for what is right; keeping secret what would shame us, if it were known; denying truths voiced by people we disdain. God of light, expose to us our own sin, that we may confess it and turn from it, and so live in the light of your forgiveness and love.

SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*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.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING Philippians 3:17-20 (P.198)

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:31-35 (P.77)

A Time With Young Disciples

SERMON *"Citizens of Heaven"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

***PRAISE SONG** *"Forever"*

***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** *"Because Of Your Love"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (led by the usher)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE BEAR GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***PRAISE SONG** *"Blessed Be Your Name"*
(Please gather in center aisle to sing)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***FOURFOLD AMEN**

**Please stand if you are able.*

WELCOME!

Today – *The Second Sunday in Lent*
 March 17, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Dr. Henry Kuo
 WORSHIP LEADER: Justin Choy
 MUSIC LEADER: William Tsang
 USHER: Doreen Cheung

Next Week – *The Third Sunday in Lent*
 March 24, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: CRE David Michel
 WORSHIP LEADER: Peter Yap
 MUSIC LEADER: William Tsang
 USHER: Milton Mui

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 those who are in ill health or recovering.
- Prayers for strength, faith and wisdom for all brothers and sisters who dedicate themselves to our church ministry.
- Prayers for the safety and smooth progress on the church renovation.
- Prayers for Deacon Fanny Louie and the Louie Family. May God lead Elder Charles Louie our dearest brother to His house to rest in peace. May God hold the Louie Family in His Palm with peace and comfort.
- Pray for the wisdom, strength, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit working on the Pastor Nomination Committee and their service.

FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	
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...**Mr. Henry Kuo is the doctoral candidate at the Graduate Theological Union / University of California at Berkeley. He likes coffee.
- 3) **BASIC Fellowship ...** will meet today at 2 p.m. in Room 309. Henry will lead the program.
- 4) **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.
- 5) **Tax Refund...**The receipt of your offerings for the year 2018 is ready for your tax report. Please talk to Mr. Sam Yu to register your request if you need.
- 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...**Join our mailing list to get weekly announcements at <http://groups.google.com/group/fcpcnyc>. Like our page at <http://facebook.com/fcpcnyc> to get the latest news and connect with other members.
- 8) **Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services for March 2019 at 1 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
3/24	CRE David Michel	Peter Yap	William Tsang	Milton Mui
3/31	CRE David Michel	Jonathan Chui	Kyle Tsang	Rosalynn Mok
