

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Sunday, March 24, 2019

1:00 pm English Service

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### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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#### ★CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God invites us to see the presence of the Holy in all the earth. God calls us to find sacred signposts in our own lives. God tells us:

**People: In my foolishness find your wisdom. In my weakness find your strength.**

Leader: God tells us:

**People: In my law, find freedom, in my anger, find justice.**

Leader: God tells us:

**People: In dying, find life. In endings, find new beginnings.**

**\*PRAISE SONG "You Shine"**

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Faithful God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### ★ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news!

**People: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

**People: We declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

#### ★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

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#### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 63: 1-8 (p. 527)

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 3: 1-15 (p. 50)

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 (p. 172)

#### GOSPEL READING

Luke 13: 1-9 (P. 76)

#### A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SERMON "Planting A Tree"**

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### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

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**★PRAISE SONG "Desert Song"**

**★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 "Give Thanks"**

**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.**

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

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**★PRAISE SONG "Hosanna"**

(*Please gather in center aisle to sing*)

**★CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**★FOURFOLD AMEN #675**

**★Please stand if you are able.**

**WELCOME!**

Today – *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

Next Week – *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
 March 31, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: CRE David Michel  
 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 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<br>Connie Leung     |                                   |
| Sunday School (K-5)                  | Every Sunday    | 11:00 AM          | Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek | Grades K-5--2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor |
| Sunday School (6-12)                 | 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) 2019 PYT:** The 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium – a gathering for HS youth from the PC (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services for March 2019 at 1 p.m.**

| Date | Speaker          | Worship Leader | Music Leader | Usher        |
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| 3/31 | CRE David Michel | Jonathan Chui  | Kyle Tsang   | Rosalynn Mok |

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