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要尋求耶和華與祂的能力，時常尋求祂的面

*Seek The Lord And His Strength, Seek His Presence Continually*

二零一八年十一月十一日  
*The Eleventh Day of November 2018*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 11, 2018

1:00 pm English Service

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### ★CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**People: We come to find the Living Word.**

Leader: We come seeking Holy Wisdom.

**People: We come to worship the Eternal God.**

★PRAISE SONG *"You are Holy (Prince of Peace)"*

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we may give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of mercy, 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. 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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**OLD TESTAMENT READINGS** Ruth 3:1-5 (p. 243)  
Ruth 4:13-17 (p. 244)

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 12:38-44 (p. 49-50)

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON** *"Ruth, The Poor Widow, And Scandalous Sacrifices"*

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

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★**PRAISE SONG** *"Mighty To Save"*

★**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** *"New Doxology"*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(led by the usher)*

**PRAYERS 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, 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** *"At The Cross"*  
*(Please gather in center aisle to sing)*

★**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

★**FOURFOLD AMEN** *(led by the speaker)*

★*Please stand if you are able.*

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## WELCOME!

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Today – *Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*November 11, 2018 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service*

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**SPEAKER:** Dr. Gerald Liu  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Doreen Cheung  
**MUSIC LEADER:** Tony Chan  
**USHER:** Vicki Louie-Shek

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Next Week – *Thanksgiving Sunday*  
*November 18, 2018 @ 11:00 am – Combined Bilingual Worship Service*

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**SPEAKER:** Rev. Dr. Bayer Lee  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Mei Luk  
**ORGANIST:** You Zheng Jiang  
**USHERS:** Milton Mui, May Mui, Kevin Quan, Suzanne Yong Sellers

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## PRAYERS & PRAISE

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- 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 all those struggling during these difficult times.
- Prayers for strength, faith and wisdom for all FCPC members.
- Prayers for the safety and smooth progress on the church renovation.
- Prayers for forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation between friends, families, communities, and nations.
- Prayer for Ms. Anna Fong's speedy recovery from the eye surgery.
- Prayers for those who lost their life in all natural disasters over the world.

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## FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

| HAPPYENINGS                          | REGULAR MEETINGS | TIME            | CONTACT                               | NEXT MEETING                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC) | 4th Sunday       | 2:00 PM         | Gilbert Wong<br>Connie Leung          | November 11 --Room 309              |
| Sunday School (K-5)                  | Every Sunday     | 11:00 AM        | Doreen Cheung<br>and Vicki Louie-Shek | Grades K-5 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor  |
| Sunday School (6-12)                 | Every Sunday     | 11:00AM-12:30PM | Doreen Cheung<br>and 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) **Our Speaker Today...** Dr. Gerald C. Liu is Assistant Professor of Worship and Preaching at Princeton Theological School. An ordained United Methodist Elder of the Mississippi Annual Conference, he also serves as a Minister in Residence at the Church of Village, a United Methodist Congregation in Manhattan. He is the son of culturally Buddhist immigrants from Taiwan, and is the author of *Music and the Generosity of God* (Palgrave, 2017).
- 3) **Thanksgiving Sunday...** Our combined bi-lingual Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 11:00 am and will be followed by our traditional congregational turkey day lunch. Donations or support towards the cost of the turkey is welcome, please see Mr. Yu if you would like to help out and contribute by today.
- 4) **2018 FCPC Christmas Card....** If you would like to have your name included, please see Mr. Yu by November 25. The cost is \$5.00.
- 5) **Deck the Halls....** English Worship Service members will be decorating the church sanctuary on November 18, immediately after the Thanksgiving luncheon. All are invited to help us prepare for the Advent Season and get into the Christmas spirit by putting up the tree and decorating the pews with holiday ornaments, tinsel, and lights.
- 6) **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 and 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.
- 7) **Keep updated on FCPC news....** Check out our website at <http://fcpc.org>, where you can read upcoming announcement, 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) **Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Service for November 2018 at 1 p.m.**

| Date  | Speakers               | Worship Leaders   | Music Leaders   | Ushers  |
|-------|------------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| 11/18 | Rev. Dr. Bayer Lee     | Mei Luk<br>11 a.m.<br>Thanksgiving Sunday<br>Combined Service                 | You Zheng Jiang | Milton Mui<br>Kevin Quan<br>Suzanne Yong-Sellers<br>May Mui |
| 11/25 | Evangelist Elaine Shao | Henry Quan<br>11 a.m.<br>Congregational<br>Meeting Sunday<br>Combined Service | You Zheng Jiang | Jonathan Chui<br>Connie Leung                               |