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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

將臨第一主日聖餐崇拜

First Sunday of Advent & Holy Communion Service

二零一八年十二月二日

The Second Day of December 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 2, 2018

1:00 pm English Service with Holy Communion

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nations, neither shall they learn war anymore.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the season of holy waiting.

People: We wait for the One on whom the Spirit of the Holy God rests.

Leader: We watch for the One who judges with righteousness and decides with equity.

People: We wait while night begins to glow with the light of day.

Leader: Come let us walk in the light of God.

*OPENING PRAISE SONG "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Sovereign God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach your repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: God of righteousness and justice: before you, who can stand? We, whose lives are comfortable, who turn our eyes from the poor and deny our debt to them—we are the one who must repent. From greed, violence, and systems that oppress, Lord, help us to turn. Wash us, that we may be clean. Tend to us, that we may bear fruit worthy of your kingdom. Inspire us to prepare your way.

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

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 27: 1-6 (P. 503)

GOSPEL READING John 1: 1-9 (P. 91)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES
SERMON "The Power Of Light!"

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** "New Doxology"

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 PRAISE SONG** "At the Cross"
(*please gather in center aisle to sing*)

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***FOURFOLD AMEN** (*led by the Speaker*)

**Please stand if you are able.*

WELCOME!

Today – *First Sunday of Advent*

December 2, 2018 @ 1:00 pm – *English Worship Service with Holy Communion*

SPEAKER: Rev. Phil Tom
WORSHIP LEADER: Peter Yap
MUSIC LEADER: Tony Chan
USHER: Jimmy Shek
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sharon Moi-Yap

Next Week – *Second Sunday of Advent*

December 9, 2018 @ 1:00 pm – *English Worship Service*

SPEAKER: Mr. Henry Kuo
WORSHIP LEADER: Rosalynn Mok
MUSIC LEADER: Doreen Cheung
USHER: Jonathan Chui

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 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 her eye surgery.
- Prayers for those who lost their life in all natural disasters over the world.

FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPYENINGS	REGULAR MEETINGS	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	1:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	December 23 --Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	Doreen Cheung and Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5 – 2 nd Floor
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00AM-12:30PM	Doreen Cheung and 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. Tom is the newly elected Executive Director of the International Council of Community Churches. He has served PCUSA congregations for 24 years in Chicago, St. Paul, MN, Indianapolis, IN and New York City, and also served with the national Presbyterian Church Center in Louisville, KY.
- 3) **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.
- 4) **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.
- 5) **Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Service for December 2018 at 1 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
12/2	Rev. Phil Tom	Peter Yap	Tony Chan	Jimmy Shek
12/9	Mr. Henry Kuo	Rosalynn Mok	Doreen Cheung	Jonathan Chui
12/16	Mr. Henry Kuo	Vicki Louie-Shek	Kyle Tsang	Connie Leung
12/23	Rev. Dr. Bayer Lee	Henry Quan 11 a.m. Christmas Sunday Combined Service	You Zheng Jiang	Sharon Moi-Yap (Greeter) Kimberly Yap Brian Yap Geoffrey Chan Herbie Chan
12/24	Rev. Dr. Bayer Lee	Mei Luk Monday at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Combined Service	You Zheng Jiang	
12/30	CRE David Michel	Milton Mui	Suzanne Yong-Sellers	William Tsang