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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

將臨第二主日

Second Sunday of Advent

二零一八年十二月九日

The Ninth Day of December 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 9, 2018

1:00 pm English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

★CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the season of holy waiting.

People: We wait for the time when the desert will bloom abundantly.

Leader: We watch for the day when all God's people will come together with singing.

People: We wait while the dawning light appears on the horizon.

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

★HYMN #100 "Silent Night"

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Eternal God, you have made us and all things to serve you, now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, who lives in power with you in the unity of Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, Righteous Judge, have mercy upon us. We have been proud in the thoughts of our hearts; you would be right to scatter us. We have grasped at worldly power; you could surely choose to bring us down. We have allowed the rich to prosper and the poor to wither away. Have mercy on us, Lord! Remind us of your grace in ages past. Humble us, that we may find our strength in you. Kindle in us love for all you love, that we may join you in your work of mercy, redemption, and joy.

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.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING Malachi 3:1-4 (p. 889-890)

GOSPEL READING Luke 3:1-6 (p. 60)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON *“Beautiful Before God”*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

★HYMN #105 *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

★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 HYMN *“Doxology”*

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

★HYMN #119 *“Away In A Manger”*

★CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

★FOURFOLD AMEN #675

★Please stand if you are able.

WELCOME!

Today – *Second Sunday of Advent*

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

SPEAKER: Mr. Henry Kuo

WORSHIP LEADER: Rosalynn Mok

MUSIC LEADER: Doreen Cheung

USHER: Jonathan Chui

Next Week – *Third Sunday of Advent*

December 16, 2018 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Mr. Henry Kuo

WORSHIP LEADER: Sharon Moi-Yap

MUSIC LEADER: Kyle Tsang

USHER: Connie Leung

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

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)/JYF	4th Sunday	1:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	December 23
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) **Today's Speaker...** Henry Kuo is a doctoral candidate at the Graduate Theological Union / University of California at Berkeley. He's glad to return after visiting Yavin 4 last month.
- 3) **Christmas Eve Worship Service...** will be held on Monday, December 24th at 7 pm in the sanctuary.
- 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 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.
- 5) **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.

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Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services December 2018 at 1 p.m.

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
12/16	Mr. Henry Kuo	Sharon Moi-Yap	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	Eliza Chung 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Combined Service	You Zheng Jiang	
12/30	CRE David Michel	Milton Mui	Vicki Louie-Shek	William Tsang