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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*

將臨第三主日

*Third Sunday of Advent*

二零一八年十二月十六日

*The Sixteenth Day of December 2018*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 16, 2018

1:00 p.m. English Service

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### Advent Candle Lighting 3rd Sunday of Advent

**Reader:** The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. The light grows gradually brighter as we move through Advent together. The candle of Hope already burns bright. Today, we light the candle of Preparation. The coming of Christ desires us all to thrive, patiently wanting us to turn from the ways of sin and death. As we wait for the coming of the day of God, we want to be ready. Seeking a straight path, we light this candle to guide our steps. Together, we prepare the way and strive to lead lives of holiness, goodness, and peace.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What have you come to see?

**People: We have come to see the Light.**

Leader: The light of hope is here for you.

**People: God's hope shines through our darkness.**

Leader: Come, worship the Lord of Light and Hope!

**People: Praise God for the breaking of light into our lives. Amen**

#### \*PRAISE SONG "Today Is The Day"

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Keep our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in God's love and mercy, let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor:

**All: Compassionate God. We confess we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all our whole heart, and mind and strength and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for causing pain to others through our rage. Merciful God, teach us to turn to you for strength and peace. Set our hearts at rest in your presence. Forgive us as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may delight in your ways and give glory to God always. Amen**

#### SILENT PRAYER

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: God's love never ends! Now, we know we are forgiven; now, we know we are healed.

**All: Now, we can bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

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**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**RESPONSIVE READING**          Philippians 4:4-7 (p. 198)

**GOSPEL READING**                Luke 3:7-18 (p. 60)

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON**                            *"Rejoice In The Lord!"*

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**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE**

**\*PRAISE SONG**    *"I Can Only Imagine"*

**\*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.

**\*OFFERTORY SONG**          *"Because Of Your Love"*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (led by the usher)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (led by the usher)

**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**

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

**\*PRAISE SONG**    *"You Shine"*

(please gather in center aisle to sing)

**\*CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**WELCOME!**

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Today – *The Third Sunday of Advent*

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

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SPEAKER: Mr. Henry Kuo  
WORSHIP LEADER: Sharon Moi-Yap  
MUSIC LEADER: Kyle Tsang  
USHER: Connie Leung

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Next Week – *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

December 23, 2018 @ 11:00 am – Christmas Sunday Combined Worship Service

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SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Bayer Lee  
WORSHIP LEADER: Henry Quan  
ORGANIST: You Zheng Jiang  
USHERS: Sharon Moi-Yap (Greeter)  
Geoffrey Chan, Herbie Chan, Brian Yap, Kimberly Yap

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**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.

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**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 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00AM-12:30PM	Doreen Cheung 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) **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) **BASIC fellowship...** will be held on 12/23 at 1pm after joint worship service. Refreshments will be served to celebrate this joyous Christmas season.
- 4) **BASIC Winter Retreat...** will be held on 1/4-1/6/2019 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in PA. Our guest speaker is Rev Eun Joo Kim and our theme is Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Cost is \$75 per person or \$125 if you bring a friend. Registration due 12/23/2018. See Connie or Gilbert for additional information.
- 5) **Christmas Eve Worship Service...** will be held on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm in the sanctuary.
- 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.

### Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services

#### December 2018 at 1 p.m.

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
12/23	Rev. Dr. Bayer Lee	Henry Quan 11 a.m. Christmas Sunday Combined Service	You Zheng Jiang	Sharon Moi-Yap (Greeter) Geoffrey Chan Herbie Chan Brian Yap Kimberly Yap
12/24	Rev. Dr. Bayer Lee	Eliza Chung Monday at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Combined Service	You Zheng Jiang	
12/30	CRE David Michel	Milton Mui	Vicki Louie-Shek	William Tsang

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