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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*

聖誕後第一主日

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY**

二零一八年十二月三十日

**The Thirtieth Day of December 2018**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 30, 2018

1:00 pm English Service

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### ★CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, let us rejoice with our whole being in God, our Savior.

**People: For God has clothed us with the bright robes of salvation.**

Leader: Our God will cause righteousness and praise to be seen among the nations.

**People: Like the burning touch, the Light of the World leads us.**

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

#### ★HYMN #117 "Away In A Manger"

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Light of world, you who bear the dawn to us: We recall today how terrible is the darkness you were born to overcome. We confess to you our fear of death and destruction, the violence we allow, and the suffering we inflict upon others. We confess to your our ingrained prejudices, our failures to be merciful, and tragedies too often of our own making. We confess to your how desperately we need you. By your presence, Lord, save us. By your steadfast love, light our way.**

#### 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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** 1 Samuel 2:18-20; 26 (P.246)  
**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Colossians 3:12-17 (P.201)  
**GOSPEL READING** Luke 2:41-52 (P.59)  
**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 148:1-14 ( P.582-583 )  
**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**  
**SERMON** "The Power Of Hope"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

★**HYMN #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"**  
★**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

★**PRaise SONG "As The Deer"**  
(Please gather in center aisle to sing)  
As The Deer:

As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.  
(Chorus) You alone are my strength, my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.  
You're my friend and You are my brother, Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other, So much more than anything.  
(Chorus)  
I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver, And the apple of my eye.  
(Chorus)

★**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**  
★**FOURFOLD AMEN**

★*Please stand if you are able.*

## WELCOME!

Today – *First Sunday After Christmas Day*  
December 30, 2018 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service  
**SPEAKER:** CRE David Michel  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Milton Mui  
**MUSIC LEADER:** Vicki Louie-Shek  
**USHER:** William Tsang

Next Week – *Installation Sunday with Ordination of Elder*  
January 6, 2019 at 11:00 am – Combined Worship Service with Holy Communion

**SPEAKER:** Evangelist Elaine Shao  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** San Leong  
**ORGANIST:** You Zheng Jiang  
**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Jonathan Chui  
**USHERS:** Jimmy Shek, 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 throughout the whole year which will past soon.
- Prayers for those who are in ill health or recovering.
- Prayers for strength and wisdom for our FCPC leaders and volunteers.
- Prayers for God's love, peace, hope and joy upon you and your family in the year ahead.
- Prayers for peace to prevail on the earth in the new day and the New Year.
- Prayer for Ms. Anna Fong's speedy recovery from her eye surgery.
- Prayer for Mrs. Jocelyn Lee's mother Ms. Justa Pickens's speedy recovery and peace.

## FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:30 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	January 27---Room 309
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) **We thank members of the *English-speaking congregation*** for decorating the sanctuary for this Christmas season.
- 3) **Installation Sunday...**New Officers will be installed during the combined bi-lingual worship service on January 6, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. The Session will serve a light reception immediately after the worship service.
- 4) **De-decorating of the Sanctuary...**will begin immediately after the combined worship service on January 6, 2019. Any help from the congregation to aid in the taking down of the Christmas decorations would be greatly appreciated!
- 5) **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.
- 6) **2019 Leadership Development Day:** The Committee on Congregational Ministry and Nurture will hold **Leadership Development Day on Saturday, February 23, 2019, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**, at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7 West 55th Street, New York, NY. "Equipping the Saints" will be the theme. Past, present and future Elders, Deacons, and Lay Leaders are encouraged to attend.
- 7) **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.
- 8) **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.

### 9) **Schedule of Sunday English Worship Services for January 2019 at 1 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers	Communion Assistants
1/6	Evangelist Elaine Shao	San Leong Installation Sunday Combined Service at 11 a.m.	You Zheng Jiang	Jimmy Shek Rosalynn Mok	Jonathan Chui
1/13	Mr. Henry Kuo	Doreen Cheung	Suzanne Yong-Sellers	Vicki Louie-Shek	
1/20	Mr. Henry Kuo	Jonathan Chui	Kyle Tsang	Rosalynn Mok	
1/27	CRE David Michel	William Tsang	Tony Chan	Milton Mui	