

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Sunday, January 12, 2020

1:00 pm English Service

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### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the strength of God, who created all that is.

**People: Who are we that God remembers us?**

Leader: Our blessings come from God, giver of all good gifts.

**People: Who are we, to be graced by God's bounty?**

Leader: We are God's beloved. Let us worship our beloved God!

**\*PRAISE SONG " God Of Wonders "**

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment and light rises in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for the Good News.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

#### \*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

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**RESPONSIVE READING** John 21: 15-19 (p. 116)

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 3: 13-17 (p. 3)

#### A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SERMON** " *Smelling Like The Sheep* "

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

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**\*PRAISE SONG " God Will Make A Way "**

**\*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 " Give Thanks "**

**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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## WE BEAR GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

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**\*PRAISE SONG "Jesus Lover Of My Soul "**  
(*Please gather in center aisle to sing*)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*FOURFOLD AMEN**

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

## WELCOME!

Today – *Baptism of the Lord Jesus Christ Sunday*  
*January 12, 2020 at 1 p.m. – English Worship Service*

SPEAKER: Dr. Henry Kuo  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Doreen Cheung  
 MUSIC LEADER: Alex Sze  
 USHER: Milton Mui

Next Week – *Installation Sunday with Ordination of Deacons*  
*January 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. – Bilingual Combined Service*

SPEAKER: Evangelist Elaine Shao  
 WORSHIP LEADER: San Leong  
 ORGANIST: You Zheng Jiang  
 OFFICIATING MINISTER: Reverend Laura Jervis  
 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.
- Prayers for those who are in ill health or recovering.
- Prayers for strength, faith and wisdom for all brothers and sisters who dedicate themselves to our church ministry.
- Prayers for the wisdom, strength, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit working on the Pastor Nomination Committee and their service.
- Prayers for Mrs. Jocelyn Lee’s mom Ms. Justa Pickens’ full recovery.

### FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	January 26---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) Our Speaker Today....** Dr. Henry Kuo received his Ph.D. in theology from the Graduate Theological Union / University of California - Berkeley. He holds the church record for driving to New Jersey from Manhattan through the Holland Tunnel in 12 minutes.
- 3) Congratulations! ...** Mr. & Mrs. John Lee , the younger son and daughter-in-law of Elder Lap Lee and Mrs. Yvonne Lee are happy to announce the birth of the boy, Hudson Lee on December 27, 2019. We give thanks to God for His grace and precious gift.
- 4) Board of Deacons Meeting.... January** stated meeting will convene next Sunday January 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in room 302.
- 5) The Session Meeting.... January** stated meeting will convene next Sunday January 19, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. in room 309.
- 6) 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.
- 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 Services for January 2020 at 1 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
1/19	Evangelist Elaine Shao	San Leong Rev. Laura Jervis Installation Sunday Combined Service with Ordination of Deacons at 11:00 a.m.	You Zheng Jiang	Jimmy Shek Rosalynn Mok
1/26	Dr. Gerald Liu	Suzanne Yong-Sellers	Kyle Tsang	Vicki Louie-Shek

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