

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 3, 2019

1:00 pm English Service with Holy Communion

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship our God with songs of joy, for God is--

People: light, love, steadfast, eternal.

Leader: Let us follow Jesus our teacher, for Jesus is--

People: God's light-bearer, God's love-bringer, God's face among us, God's grace made alive.

Leader: Let us live by grace of God's Spirit, for the Spirit is—

People: alive, creating, invisible, moving the visible, shaping us to be ever more faithful.

*PRAISE SONG "Above All"

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Sovereign God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: God of our journey, your chosen people complained in the wilderness: "Where is the water? We are sick of this food!" We confess we are weary of this Lenten wilderness: "Where are our alleluias? We are tired of repentance." Rather than being grateful for a time of reflection, we restlessly look for Easter. Silence our complaints. Forgive and restore us. Turn us again toward Jesus our guide in the wilderness, that we may look upon him and fully live.

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 Psalms 139:1-18 (p.577-578)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (p.175)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON "Love Should Not Hurt"

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 SONG** "Give Thanks"

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

***PRAISE SONG** "We All Bow Down"

(Please gather in center aisle to sing)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

*Please stand if you are able.

WELCOME!

Today – *Four Sunday in Ordinary Time*
February 3, 2019 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service with Holy Communion

SPEAKER: Rev. Lynne West
WORSHIP LEADER: Donald Lee
MUSIC LEADER: Doreen Cheung
USHER: Peter Yap
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sharon Moi-Yap

Next Week – *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
February 10, 2019 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Dr. Gerald Liu
WORSHIP LEADER: Vicki Louie-Shek
MUSIC LEADER: Suzanne Yong-Sellers
USHER: Kyle Tsang

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 strength, faith and wisdom for the newly installed elders, deacons, and all brothers and sisters who dedicate themselves to our church ministry.
- Prayers for those who are in ill health or recovering.
- Prayers for the safety and smooth progress on the church renovation.
- Prayer for Ms. Anna Fong’s speedy and full recovery.
- Prayer for Mrs. Jocelyn Lee’s mom Ms. Justa Pickens’ full recovery.
- Prayers for the leaders of our country to receive the wisdom of God, to act in obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives.
- Prayers for peace in the midst of the conflicts, wars, and divisions that are taking place in our world.

FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	February 24 – Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5 – 2 nd Floor
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Doreen Cheung & 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. Lynne West is the Sustaining Creation Enabler for the Presbytery of New York City, working with Presbytery and its congregations to develop environmental ministries. She holds a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in NYC and a Master of Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois.
- 3) **Board of Deacons Meeting...** February stated meeting will convene today at 2:00 pm in room 302.
- 4) **2019 Leadership Development Day:** The Committee on Congregational Ministry and Nurture will hold Leadership Development Day on **Saturday, February 23, 2019, from 9 am to 3 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.
- 5) **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 the 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.
- 6) **Keep updated on FCPC news...** Check out our website at <http://fcpc.org>, where you can read upcoming announcements, 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.

7) **Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services** **for February 2019 at 1 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers	Communion Assistant
2/3	Rev. Lynne West	Donald Lee	Doreen Cheung	Peter Yap	Sharon Moi-Yap
2/10	Dr. Gerald Liu	Vicki Louie-Shek	Suzanne Yong-Sellers	Kyle Tsang	
2/17	CRE David Michel	TBA	William Tsang	Jimmy Shek	
2/24	Mr. Henry Kuo	Milton Mui	Joy Tso	Justin Choy	