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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*

大齋第一主日

*First Sunday in Lent*

二零一八年二月十八日

*The Eighteenth Day of February 2018*

林怡軒牧師 *Reverend Nathan Lim*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 18, 2018

1:00 pm English Service

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### ★CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God invites us to see the presence of the Holy in all the earth. God calls us to find sacred signposts in our own lives. God tells us:

**People: In my foolishness find your wisdom. In my weakness find your strength.**

Leader: God tells us:

**People: In my law, find freedom, in my anger, find justice.**

Leader: God tells us:

**People: In dying, find life. In endings, find new beginnings.**

#### ★PRAISE SONG "Come Thou Fount"

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Faithful God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### ★ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news!

**People: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

**People: We declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

## ★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** Psalms 25:1-10 (p.502)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 9:8-17 ( p.7 )

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Mark 1:9-15 ( p.34-35)

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON** " Destruction, Continuation and Transformation"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

★PRAISE SONG "You Are My 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 SONG "Give Thanks"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (led by the usher)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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 " Carrier "

(Please gather in center aisle to sing)

★CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

★FOURFOLD AMEN (led by the speaker)

★Please stand if you are able.

## WELCOME!

Today – First *Sunday in Lent*

February 18, 2018 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Miss Sarah Pang  
WORSHIP LEADER: Rosalynn Mok  
MUSIC LEADER: Vicki Louie-Shek  
USHER: Jonathan Chui

Next Week – Second *Sunday in Lent*

February 25, 2018 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service With Holy Communion

SPEAKER: TE Nathan Lim  
WORSHIP LEADER: Peter Yap  
MUSIC LEADER: Kathy Mah  
USHER: Anna Fong

## 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 safety and smooth progress on the church renovation.
- Prayers for the children's educational ministry in 2018.
- Prayers for peace in the midst of the conflicts, wars, and divisions that are taking place in our world.
- Prayers for peace, love and joy that God give us to share with another for the celebration of the Chinese Lunar New Year.
- Prayers for joy, health, peace and prosperity for the congregation and their family throughout the Chinese Lunar New Year.

## FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)/JYF	4th Sunday	2:30 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	February 18---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

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- 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) **BASIC Fellowship...** will be held today at 2:30pm in Room 309.
- 3) **AF Retreat...** Adult Fellowship invites you to "Take A #Selfie" with them on Saturday, February 24 in the Poconos. Rev Grace Ji-Sun Kim will be the guest speaker leading several sessions. Speak to Suzanne or Vicki for more details, including schedule and location.
- 4) **Lunar New Year Visitation...** Will be commenced at the Atlantis Rehab.& Residential HCF (former Green Park Care Center at 140 Saint Edwards Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on Saturday 3/3/2018, 2 pm. Your participation and donation for gifts will be much appreciated. Please speak to Mr. Sam Yu or Mrs. Christine Louie for registration and details by next Sunday 2/25/18.
- 5) **Tax Report...**The receipt of your offerings for the year 2016 is ready for your tax report. Please talk to Mr. Sam Yu to register your request if you need.
- 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 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.
- 8) **Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services for February 2018 at 1 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
2/25	TE Nathan Lim	Peter Yap	Kathy Mah	Anna Fong