

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Sunday, February 23, 2020

1:00 pm English Service

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### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, I welcome you to worship!

**People: It is a delight to be together in the house of God!**

Leader: We lift our voices with joyful hearts!

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

Leader: May the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us now in this hour and always.

**People: Amen.**

**\*PRAISE SONG " Today is the Day "**

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: God who dispels all darkness, Come to be with us, in each one of our situations; Come to live among us, live with us and in us; Come to fill the distances that divide and separate us. God of Light, open our hearts to the mystery of your love and the invitation of your grace. Let our complacency give way to conversion and our judgments to compassionate acceptance of others. Turn oppression to justice and transform conflict to peaceful accord. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who draws near, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Merciful God, hear us this day as we open our hearts and our spirits to you. These times in which we live are often confusing and fearful. We find ourselves being on edge, wondering if we have done enough, can do enough. You answer our fears with your voice, "Peace, be still." Help us to hear you. Slow us down. Encourage us to take some time to listen rather than shout, to stop and rest rather than run. Cause us to look around at situations and people who are in need and to place our focus on helping them. For it is in helping your people and reaching out in love that we will find true peace. These things we pray, in Jesus' Name. 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

Exodus 34: 5-8, 29-35 (p. 80-81)

#### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17: 1-9 (p. 18-19)

#### A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SERMON " Transfiguring Together To Be Like Christ "**

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### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

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**\*PRAISE SONG " You Shine "**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH " The Apostle's 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 " 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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

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

*(Please gather in center aisle to sing)*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*FOURFOLD AMEN**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## WELCOME!

Today – *Transfiguration Of The Lord*

February 23, 2020 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Dr. Henry Kuo  
 WORSHIP LEADER: William Tsang  
 MUSIC LEADER: Kyle Tsang  
 USHER: Peter Yap

Next Week – *First Sunday In Lent*

March 1, 2020 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service with Holy Communion

SPEAKER: CRE Peng Leong  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Donald Lee  
 MUSIC LEADER: Suzanne Yong-Sellers  
 USHER: Jonathan Chui  
 COMMUNION ASSISTANT: 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 Nominating Committee and their service.
- Continued prayers of healing for Donald Lee’s sprained ankle.
- Remembering the many families who lost loved ones on the tragic helicopter crash.
- Prayers in facing the outbreak of COVID-19 in Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and China Mainland and other parts of the world especially in United States.
- Prayers for Elder Dan DeBrucker who is battling an infection following a recent foot surgery.

### FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	March 22--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....** Henry Kuo received his Ph.D. in systematic theology from the University of California / Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. He will be contributing an article pertaining to Lent in the Progressive Asian American Christian magazine (<http://www.divergingmag.com>)
- 3) BASIC Fellowship** is meeting today in room 309 at 2pm in Room 309. Henry will lead our program and refreshments are served.
- 4) Tax Refund...**The receipt of your offerings for the year 2019 is ready for your tax report. Please talk to Mr. Sam Yu to register your request if you need.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services for March 2020 at 1 p.m.**

Dates	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers	Communion Assistant
3/1	CRE Peng Leong	Donald Lee	Suzanne Yong Sellers	Jonathan Chui	Rosalynn Mok
3/8	Dr. Henry Kuo	Doreen Cheung	Vicki Louie-Shek	Milton Mui	
3/15	CRE David Michel	Milton Mui	William Tsang	Justin Choy	
3/22	Rev. Bertram Johnson	Sharon Moi-Yap	Tony Chan	Peter Yap	
3/29	Dr. Henry Kuo	Alex Sze	Jimmy Shek	Kyle Tsang	

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