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Seek The Lord And His Strength, Seek His Presence Continually

大齋第三主日暨婦女主日 Third Sunday in Lent & Women's Sunday

聖餐主日

Holy Communion Sunday Service

二零一八年三月四日 The Fourth Day of March 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 4, 2018

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.

*HYMN #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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 thigs, 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 OLD TESTAMENT READINGPsalms 19 (p.498-499)
Genesis 12:1-9 (p.10)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (p.166)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON "THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD"

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) Building Fund Offering
*OFFERTORY HYMN "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
(back of hymnal)

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

WELCOME!

Today - Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service With Holy Communion

SPEAKER: Rev. Phil Tom
WORSHIP LEADER: Donald Lee
MUSIC LEADER: Vicki Louie-Shek
USHER: Justin Choy
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Milton Mui

Next Week - Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018 at 1:00 pm - English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Mr. Henry Kuo WORSHIP LEADER: Jonathan Chui

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 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 our congregation's steady growth and prosperity with God's guidance and the Holy Spirit dwelling among us all.

FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	March 18—Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie- Shek	Grades K-52 nd Floor
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM- 12:30 PM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie- Shek	Grades 6-124th Floor

^{*}CLOSING HYMN #225 "We Love The Place, O God"

^{*}CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

^{*}HYMN "Fourfold Amen" #675

^{*}Please stand if you are able.

FCPC NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) Welcome to the <u>First Chinese Presbyterian Church (FCPC)</u>. 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)** *Today's Speaker...* Rev. Tom is the newly elected Executive Director of the International Council of Community Churches. He has served PCUSA congregations for 24 years in Chicago, St. Paul, MN, Indianapolis, IN and New York City, and also served with the national Presbyterian Church Center in Louisville, KY.
- **3) Board of Deacons...**March stated meeting will convene Today, March 4th, at 2:00 pm in room 302.
- **4)** Tax Refund... 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.
- **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) 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 March 2018 at 1 p.m.

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers	Communion Assistant
3/4	Rev. Phil Tom	Donald Lee	Vicki Louie-Shek	Justin Choy	Sharon Moi-Yap
3/11	Mr. Henry Kuo	Jonathan Chui	Suzanne Yong-Sellers	Kyle Tsang	
3/18	Mr. Henry Kuo	Doreen Cheung	William Tsang	Peter Yap	
3/25	Miss Sarah Pang	Jessica Teng	Tony Chan	Jimmy Shek	