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以基督耶穌的心為心

*Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You*

將臨第一主日聖餐崇拜

**First Sunday of Advent & Holy Communion Service**

二零一七年十二月三日

**The Third Day of December 2017**

林怡軒牧師 *Reverend Nathan Lim*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 3, 2017

1:00 pm English Service with Holy Communion

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### Advent Candle Lighting

**Reader:** We light this candle as a sign of the coming of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nations, neither shall they learn war anymore.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the season of holy waiting.

**People: We wait for the One on whom the Spirit of the Holy God rests.**

Leader: We watch for the One who judges with righteousness and decides with equity.

**People: We wait while night begins to glow with the light of day.**

Leader: Come let us walk in the light of God.

#### \*OPENING PRAISE SONG "You are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Sovereign God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach your repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**People: God of righteousness and justice: before you, who can stand? We, whose lives are comfortable, who turn our eyes from the poor and deny our debt to them—we are the one who must repent. From greed, violence, and systems that oppress, Lord, help us to turn. Wash us, that we may be clean. Tend to us, that we may bear fruit worthy of your kingdom. Inspire us to prepare your way.**

#### 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.

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**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

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**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19( P. 540-541)

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 13:28-37 ( P. 50-51)

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON** *“Be Prepared! Keep Awake!”*

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**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE**

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**\*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.

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN** *“New Doxology”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(led by the usher)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(led by the usher)*

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**THE SEALING OF GOD’S WORD**

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**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**

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**WE BEAR GOD’S LOVE INTO THE WORLD**

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**\*CLOSING PRAISE SONG** *“At the Cross”*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN** #675 *“Fourfold Amen”*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**WELCOME!**

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Today – *First Sunday of Advent*

December 3, 2017 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service with Holy Communion

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SPEAKER: Mr. Henry Kuo  
WORSHIP LEADER: Peter Yap  
MUSIC LEADER: Tony Chan  
COMMUNION MINISTER: TE Nathan Lim  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Milton Mui  
USHER: Sharon Moi-Yap

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Next Week – *Second Sunday of Advent*

December 10, 2017 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

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SPEAKER: TE Nathan Lim  
WORSHIP LEADER: Suzanne Yong-Sellers  
MUSIC LEADER: Jimmy Shek  
USHER: Anna Fong

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**PRAYERS & PRAISE**

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- 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 more children and parents attending the upcoming Christmas Children’s Festival to be held on 12/9.
- Prayers for the renovation project of our church building.
- Prayers for the people and their families who lost their lives or got injured in the Mosque massacre in Egypt.
- Prayers for peace in the midst of the conflicts, wars, and divisions that are taking place in our world.

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**FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS**

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)/JYF	4th Sunday	1:30PM	Gilbert Wong	December 24
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	Doreen Cheung and Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00AM-12:30PM	Doreen Cheung and 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) Today's Speaker...**Mr. Henry Kuo is a doctoral candidate at the Graduate Theological Union / University of California at Berkeley. One does not go to Legal Sea Foods for hamburgers and steak.

**3) Children's Christmas Festival...** will be held on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:30pm in the church sanctuary.

**4) BASIC Winter Retreat ....** will be held on December 29-31 with Rev. Eun Joo Kim as our guest speaker. Cost is \$100. Deadline to register is December 10. Please see Gilbert for details.

### **5) Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services of December 2017**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers	Communion Assistant
12/10	TE Nathan Lim	Suzanne Yong-Sellers	Jimmy Shek	Anna Fong	
12/17	RE David Michel	Jessica Teng	Vicki Louie-Shek	Justin Choy	
12/24	TE Nathan Lim	Vicki Louie-Shek San Leong (Translator) 11 a.m. Christmas Sunday Combined Service	You Zheng Jiang	Sharon Moi-Yap (Greeter) Jonathan Chui Kimberly Yap Brian Yap Connie Leung	
12/24	TE Nathan Lim	Jonathan Chui Mei Luk (Translator) 3 p.m. Christmas Eve Combined Service	You Zheng Jiang		
12/31	TE Nathan Lim	William Tsang	Kyle Tsang	Doreen Cheung	