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以基督耶穌的心為心

Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You

將臨第三主日

Third Sunday of Advent Service

二零一七年十二月十七日

The Seventeenth Day of December 2017

林怡軒牧師 Reverend Nathan Lim

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 17, 2017

1:00 p.m. English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Advent Candle Lighting 3rd Sunday of Advent

Reader: The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. The light grows gradually brighter as we move through Advent together. The candle of Hope already burns bright. Today, we light the candle of Preparation. The coming of Christ desires us all to thrive, patiently wanting us to turn from the ways of sin and death. As we wait for the coming of the day of God, we want to be ready. Seeking a straight path, we light this candle to guide our steps. Together, we prepare the way and strive to lead lives of holiness, goodness, and peace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What have you come to see?

People: We have come to see the Light.

Leader: The light of hope is here for you.

People: God's hope shines through our darkness.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord of Light and Hope!

People: Praise God for the breaking of light into our lives. Amen

*PRAISE SONG "Come, Now Is The Time For Worship"

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Keep our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in God's love and mercy, let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor:

All: Compassionate God. We confess we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all our whole heart, and mind and strength and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for causing pain to others through our rage. Merciful God, teach us to turn to you for strength and peace. Set our hearts at rest in your presence. Forgive us as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may delight in your ways and give glory to God always. Amen

SILENT PRAYER

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: God's love never ends! Now, we know we are forgiven; now, we know we are healed.

All: Now, we can bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1:6-8, 19-28

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON "A TIME OF FULFILLMENT"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

***PRAISE SONG** "God of Wonder"

***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 SONG** "Thank You Lord"

ANNOUNCEMENTS (led by the usher)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (led by the usher)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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** "Carrier"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN #675** "Fourfold Amen"

**Please stand if you are able.*

WELCOME!

Today – *The Third Sunday of Advent*

December 17, 2017 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: CRE David Michel

WORSHIP LEADER: Jessica Teng

MUSIC LEADER: Vicki Louie-Shek

USHER: Anna Fong

Next Week – *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

December 24, 2017 @ 11:00 am – Christmas Sunday Combined Worship Service

SPEAKER: TE Nathan Lim

WORSHIP LEADER: Vicki Louie-Shek

TRANSLATOR: San Leong

MUSIC LEADER: You Zheng Jiang

USHERS: Sharon Moi-Yap (Greeter)

Jonathan Chui, Brian Yap, Kimberly Yap, Connie Leung

PRAYERS & PRAISE

- Prayers for those who are in ill health or recovering.
- Prayers for all those struggling during these difficult times.
- Prayers for the health and strength of our FCPC members.
- Prayers for strength and wisdom for our FCPC volunteers and leaders.
- Prayers for peace and harmony over the community, the city and the country.
- Prayers for peace among the turmoil and conflicts in the world.

FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	1:30 PM	Gilbert Wong	December 24
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-12:30PM	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) **Christmas Eve Luncheon....** Sunday December 24th immediately after the Christmas Sunday Combined Service, on the 2nd floor. Everyone is invited.
- 3) **Christmas Eve Worship Service...** will be held on Sunday, December 24th at 3 pm in the 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) **Appreciation...** We are grateful for your service on the Christmas decoration at the sanctuary and the 2fl.
- 6) **Keep updated on FCPC news....** Check out our website at <http://fcpc.org>, where you can read upcoming announcement, 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 December 2017 at 1 p.m.

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
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
