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以基督耶穌的心為心

*Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You*

聖誕後第一主日

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY**

二零一七年十二月卅一日

**The Thirty-first Day of December 2017**

林怡軒牧師 **Reverend Nathan Lim**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 31, 2017

1:00 pm English Service

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### ★CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, let us rejoice with our whole being in God, our Savior.

**People: For God has clothed us with the bright robes of salvation.**

Leader: Our God will cause righteousness and praise to be seen among the nations.

**People: Like the burning touch, the Light of the World leads us.**

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

#### ★PRAISE SONG "Today is the Day"

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Light of world, you who bear the dawn to us: We recall today how terrible is the darkness you were born to overcome. We confess to you our fear of death and destruction, the violence we allow, and the suffering we inflict upon others. We confess to your our ingrained prejudices, our failures to be merciful, and tragedies too often of our own making. We confess to your how desperately we need you. By your presence, Lord, save us. By your steadfast love, light our way.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### ★ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news. Who is in a position to condemn?

**People: Only Christ and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**People: We know we are forgiven and can be at peace. Praise God!**

#### \*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.

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## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

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**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalms 148 ( P.582-583 )  
**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 2:22-40 ( P.59 )  
**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**  
**SERMON** *"The Fullness of Time"*

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

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★**PRAISE SONG** " *I Can Only Imagine* "  
★**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**  
**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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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## WE BEAR GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

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★**PRAISE SONG** " *The Rising* "  
(Please gather in center aisle to sing)  
★**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**  
★**FOURFOLD AMEN** (led by the speaker)

★*Please stand if you are able.*

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## WELCOME!

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Today – *First Sunday After Christmas*  
December 31, 2017 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

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**SPEAKER:** TE Nathan Lim  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** William Tsang  
**MUSIC LEADER:** Kyle Tsang  
**USHER:** Doreen Cheung

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Next Week – *Installation Sunday with Ordination of Elder & Deacon*  
January 7, 2018 at 11:00 am – Combined Worship Service with Holy Communion

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**SPEAKER:** TE Nathan Lim  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** San Leong  
**ORGANIST:** You Zheng Jiang  
**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Jonathan Chui  
**USHERS:** Sharon Moi-Yap (Greeter)  
Jimmy Shek, Jessica Teng

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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 throughout the whole year which will past soon.
- Prayers for those who are in ill health or recovering.
- Prayers for strength and wisdom for our FCPC leaders and volunteers.
- Prayers for God's love, peace, hope and joy upon you and your family in the year ahead.
- Prayers for our congregation's growth and prosperity in the palm of our Lord's hand.
- Prayers for peace to prevail on the earth in the new day and the New Year.

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## FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:30 PM	Gilbert Wong	January 28---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) **Installation Sunday...**New Officers will be installed during the combined bi-lingual worship service on January 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The Session will serve a light reception immediately after the worship service.
- 3) **De-decorating of the Sanctuary...**will begin immediately after the combined worship service on January 7, 2018. Any help from the congregation to aid in the taking down of the Christmas decorations would be greatly appreciated!
- 4) **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.
- 5) **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.

### 6) **Schedule of Sunday English Worship Services for January 2018 at 1 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers	Communion Assistants
1/7	TE Nathan Lim	San Leong Installation Sunday Combined Service at 11 a.m.	You Zheng Jiang	Sharon Moi-Yap (Greeter) Jimmy Shek Jessica Teng	Jonathan Chui
1/14	TE Nathan Lim	William Tsang	Doreen Cheung	Kyle Tsang	
1/21	Henry Kuo	Justin Choy	Suzanne Yong- Sellers	Rosalynn Mok	
1/28	TE Nathan Lim	Sharon Moi-Yap	Tony Chan	Peter Yap	