

# Chinese Presbyterian Church

## NEWSLETTER

華人長老會 簡訊



(中文翻譯在第六頁和第七頁)

NOVEMBER 2019



*"I will give thanks to you,  
LORD, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your  
wonderful deeds." Ps. 9:1*

Dear members and friends,

It has been a difficult season in the life of our church as we have recently lost several long time members who for us were mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, friend.

In Romans 8:38, Paul writes

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love,"

God loves each one of us and is always looking out for our eternal good. Even when we face life's trials, whether it be a death in our family, sickness, financial ills or persecution, our God loves us and promises to always be with us. He is with us during the tough times and He is with us during the good times.

May we learn to place our trust in Him, submit to His will, and rely on Him as a source of strength and comfort. May we always have an "attitude of gratitude" no matter what our current circumstance. May we be thankful for simple things: our lives, clean water, food and housing. And may we be thankful for things of eternal value: God's love and providence, His presence, His wisdom and His care.

On behalf of the Session, Lila Crotty

### Lectionary Scriptures

<u>Sunday, November 3</u> 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 12:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
<u>Sunday, November 10</u> 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Haggai 1:15b—2:0; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
<u>Sunday, November 17</u> 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
<u>Sunday, November 24</u> Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79 Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Thanksgiving	2
Pastor Search	2
In Memoriam	3
Pandas	4
Session News	4
Calendar	5
Translation	6



**Harvest Sunday** is November 17th! On that day we will bring non-perishable food items so that we may donate them to Second Harvest Food Bank to help provide meals to families in South Louisiana who are dealing with hunger. We will also bring any fresh fruits and vegetables from our gardens that we would like to share with others in our congregation.



Join us on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 22nd for our traditional congregational breakfast followed by Worship Service. Enjoy fellowship and the morning meal at 8:30am as we count our many blessings and praise God from whom all good things flow. Elder Pat Hew Ellzey will bring us our Thanksgiving meditation.

## What's Happening with Our Pastor Search Process?

***The Presbytery of South Louisiana through its Committee on Ministry (COM) has approved our request to form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).***

The Session is searching for 3-6 members to serve on the PNC who will conduct the search for new pastoral leadership. The PNC may not include current Session members. Please consider prayerfully whether the Lord is calling you to participate. We hope to present a slate of nominees to the congregation for election in our December Congregational Meeting. Richard Maag, our liaison with the COM will work with our PNC to find our next pastor.

## FALL WORSHIP—LAFRENIERE PARK

We worshipped God outdoors enjoying the glorious weather, hearing Rev. Martha Robson's meditation on "Sunday Dinner", sharing a meal together and enjoying conversation and fellowship. Unfortunately the power outage caused by Tropical Storm Olga prevented us from enjoying the Carousel! Many thanks to all who made this outdoor worship possible.

## CIRCLE #3 BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING

**CIRCLE #3 BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Thursday, November 14th at 10:30am to continue their study and pray for our church and its members. All are welcome to join!





**JOINT MEETING OF DEACONS AND ELDERS**—will take place on Monday, November 18th at 6:30pm at church. We encourage all officers to attend to help with planning our 2020 budget. Dinner will be provided.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to those whose loved ones have passed from this life into the next:

- To Raymond and Mei Chin for the passing of her mother, Mei Lin Chin
- To the family of May Linn Toy who passed away in Houston. We pray for her children, Cheryl, Darryl, Ricky and JoAnn and their families. May Linn was a charter member of CPC.
- We pray for rest and repose for the soul of Lillie Gee. We pray for God's comfort and love to Darryl, Cindy and Tommy Yee. Lillie was a long time member, elder, choir member, and officer of our Women of the Church—we appreciate her leadership and service to our church.
- To the family of Michael Eng Yau Ong. We pray for his wife Ruth and his children Andrew, Adele and Ada and their families. Mike was a long time member of our choir as well as a member of our Session. We are thankful for Mike's faithful service to God.
- We pray for the family of Maria Li, wife of Gordon and mother of Esther Li and Debbie Li Jee. Our prayers go out to Dennis and Debbie and their children, Elizabeth, James and Hannah.



***The season of ADVENT is swiftly approaching!***

Advent season encompasses the four Sundays preceding Christmas. It is typically considered a time of preparation as we commemorate Jesus' coming to earth as an infant. Advent is also the time we look forward to the second coming of Christ.

This year Advent begins on December 1st. Each of the Sundays we will light a candle on our Advent wreath. Our young adults will lead worship on Dec 1. Two weeks later our children will present a Christmas play. The third week of December, the choir will sing the Christmas Cantata and we will celebrate with a community wide pot luck party. On Christmas Day, we have our Vesper Worship service.

We invite you all to join us in this season of preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus!

# PANDAS SENIOR GROUP

In October, the Panda Group met to see the musical “The Sound of Music” and then enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Imperial Garden as the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jee.



## ***Who Will Fill Our Pulpit?***

Come and join us on Sunday mornings as we sing praises and worship our God.

November 3—Rev. Martha Robson

November 10—Rev. Claire Brooks

November 17—Molly Morris

November 24—Rev. Martha Robson

November 28—Pet Hew Lee—Thanksgiving Day Worship

December 1 —Young Adult Sunday, Rev. Martha Robson

December 8—Rev. Martha Robson

December 15—Children’s Christmas Play, Molly Morris

December 22—Christmas Cantata presented by the choir  
Christmas Pot Luck Lunch

December 25—Christmas Vespers—Rev. Claire Brooks

December 29—Rev. Claire Brooks

We express our gratitude to Rev. John Henry Spaulding who has faithfully filled our pulpit for 2-3 weeks each month. Rev. Spaulding has been a supportive pastor to our congregation over many years, sometimes moderating our Session and willingly bringing us God’s message when we were without a pastor. As he is now dealing with a serious health issue, we would pray that God lay his healing hand upon John. We pray for comfort and strength for his family members as they care for him.

## **Session News**

### **Here are the highlights of the Stated Session Meeting on October 24, 2019:**

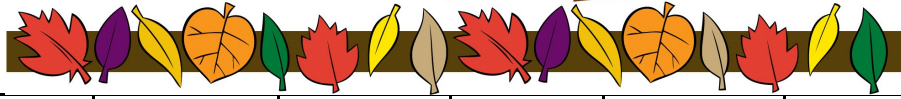
- Lila Crotty has worked to fill the pulpit through Sunday, December 29th
- The Finance Committee is considering proposals to invest a portion of our reserve funds into less risky financial tools.
- The Session has voted to combine the Board of Deacons and the Session into one governing board responsible for all the duties currently assigned to Deacons and Elders.
- The Finance Committee is looking at our current insurance policy to see if any changes need to be made as we consider renewing our policy.
- We received a check from the estate of Mary Hom Quan (Lillie Gee’s sister). She requested that the monies be used for educational purposes and scholarships.
- The Session asked Linda Lew to schedule Christmas decorating on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Please contact Linda if you can assist.

## **Pizza & Games Night**

**Friday, November 22nd @ 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Come and join us in fellowship in Christ!**

# November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>EVERY SUNDAY</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Adult Worship	11:15 Children's Worship 12:00 Coffee/Fellowship 12:30 Choir Practice				1	2 Line Dance 10am
	3 Rev. Martha Robson	4 Chinese Dance Class 7:30-9:30pm	5	6	7	8 Line Dance 10am
	10 Rev. Claire Brooks	11 Chinese Dance Class 7:30-9:30pm	12	13	14 Circle #3 Bible Study 10:30am	15 Line Dance 10am
	17 Molly Morris Harvest Sunday	18 Joint Meeting of Deacons & Elders— 6:30pm Chinese Dance Class 7:30-9:30pm	19	20	21 Panda's Senior Group 10:00am	22 Pizza & Games Night 6:00-8:00pm
	24 Rev. Martha Robson	25 Chinese Dance Class 7:30-9:30pm	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Breakfast and Worship 8:30am	29 Line Dance 10am
						30

## Volunteers for NOVEMBER

DATE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SCRIPTURE READERS		USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS	A/V Operator
		English	Chinese			
NOV 3	Lila Crotty	Betty Wan	Frank Yam	Maurice Hew Jeanette Hew	Nging & Linda Lew	Ed Lee
NOV 10	Susan Hom	Mayling Hew	Lena CHow	Sonny Hew Mayling Hew	Mary Ann and Bill Bliss	Frank Yam
NOV 17	Nellie Underwood	Ming Joe	Mrs. Yook Sim Yee	Dennis Jee Hannah Jee	Junior & Kamy Lee	LeiPin He
NOV 24	Sonny Hew	May Wong	Theobald Wan	Henry Hom Alfred Yee	Sue Yokyongskul	Ming Joe





**親愛的會友們，**

最近是我們教會生命中一個艱難的季節，在短期時間，教會失去了一些長久的會員；對教會來說，他們是我們的母親，父親，祖母，祖父和朋友。

在羅馬書8章38節，保羅寫著：「因為我深信無論是死，是生，是天使，是掌權的，是有能的，是現在的事，是將來的事，是高處的，是低處的，是別的受造之物，都不能叫我們與神的愛隔絕，這愛是在我們的主耶穌基督裡的。」

上帝愛世人，並且一直在尋找我們永恆的利益。即使我們面臨生命的磨難，無論是因家庭死亡，疾病，經濟困難還是遭受迫害，我們的上帝都愛我們，並承諾永遠與我們同在。

在艱難時期，在美好時期神一定會與我們一起同在。願我們學會相信他，順服他的旨意，並依靠他作為力量和安慰的來源。無論我們目前的情況如何，願我們始終懷有『感恩的態度』。願我們為簡單的事情而感恩：我們的生命，清潔的水，食物和住房。願我們感謝永恆的價值：神的愛與天意，他的同在，他的智慧和他的關懷。

陳麗坤代

會議會寫

**11月17日是收割主日！**當日我們將帶來非易腐食品，以便我們能捐贈給『第二收割食品庫』來幫助提供膳食給南路易斯安那州正在處理龐大飢餓的家庭。我們還將從我們的花園中帶出新鮮的水果和蔬菜，與會眾共同分享。

**11月22日星期四**，早上8時半是本堂傳統的早餐和感恩崇拜服。歡迎各位在感恩節早晨來和我們一起參加，享受團契和晨頓。算數到從上帝來的許多祝福及讚美上帝。邱玉英長老會帶來感恩節冥想。

**尋覓牧師過程有什麼進展？** 南路州的長老會通過其事工委員會（COM）批准本堂成立牧師提名委員會（PNC）的要求。會議會正在尋找3至6名成員在委員會上任職，他們將負責尋找新的牧師領導工作。PNC不能包括現任的會議會會員。請虔誠地考慮主是否在呼召你參入那過程。我們希望在12月舉行的會眾集會上向提名會提名候選人。本會與COM的聯絡人是麥理查，他將協助PNC尋找下一位牧師。

**公園秋季崇拜主日：**我們在戶外享受美好的天氣和敬拜上帝，並聆聽了羅布森牧師的『週日晚餐』沉思。參加各人一起分享美食，享受交談和團契。不幸的是，熱帶風暴奧爾加（Olga），公園失去電流，使我們無法享受旋轉木馬！非常感謝所有會員使這次戶外崇拜成為可能。

**熊貓前輩小組和...**十月份，熊貓前輩小組聚會並觀看了音樂劇『音樂之聲』，隨後作為朱煥堯（Frank Jee）夫婦的客人在福臨門餐館享用了精美的午餐。

**婦女第3團契查經班...**婦女會第三團契聖經研究和祈禱會將於11月14日星期四上午10時半舉行會議，繼續她們的研究，並為我們的教會及其成員祈禱。歡迎各界人士加入！

**誰將填補我們的講壇...**會議會成員一直在努力回答這個問題。以下列出我們的訪客牧師和長老。

11月3日...羅布森牧師。11月10日...布魯斯牧師。11月24日...羅布森牧師。11月28日...感恩節崇拜...邱玉英長老。11月4和11日，羅布森牧師。12月1日...年青人帶領崇拜...羅布森牧師。12月8日...羅布森牧師。12月15日...莫莉·莫里斯。12月22日...詩班演唱聖誕唱套曲...社團性的聚餐會。12月25日...聖誕節晚禱會...布魯斯牧師。12月29日...布魯斯牧師。

**會議會新詢...**以下是2018年10月24日舉行的會議會會議的要點：

1) 陳麗坤長老已安排講壇講員直至星期日，12月29日。2) 財政委員會正在考慮建議將部分儲備金投資於風險較小的金融的工具。3) 會議會投票決定將執事會和長老會合併為一個理事會，負責目前分配給執事和長老的所有職責。4) 財務委員會正在研究我們目前的保險政策，以考慮在我們考慮續簽政策時是否需要進行任何更改。5) 本會收到Mary Hom Quan（朱譚金鳳女士姐姐）的遺產支票。她要求這筆款項將用於教育目的和獎學金。6) 會議會要求陳蓮馨執事在感恩節後的星期六安排聖誕節裝飾。如果任何人可以幫助裝飾，請聯繫陳蓮馨執事。

**感謝約翰·亨利·史保定牧師...**本會非常感謝史保定牧師在，他每月忠誠地填充我們的講台達2-3次。史保定牧師多年來一直是我們會眾的支持牧師，有時會主持會議會並在我們沒有牧師的情況下樂意向我們傳達神的信息。當他現在正在處理一個嚴重的健康問題時，我們祈求上帝將使用祂醫治之手放在約翰身上。我們為他的家人在照顧他的過程中尋求安慰和力量。

**執事和長老聯席會議**將於11月13日，星期二晚上6時在教堂舉行。鼓勵所有執事和長老出席來協助籌劃本會2019年度的預算。將有晚餐提供。

**意大利薄餅和遊戲晚：**11月22日，星期五晚上6時至8時舉行。請來參加我們在基督裡的交誼。



## Chinese Presbyterian Church

2901 West Esplanade Ave.

Kenner, LA 70065

Phone: 504-461-0702

E-mail: cpckenner@gmail.com

Come and see what God is doing!

**We're on the web:**  
**[www.cpckenner.org](http://www.cpckenner.org)**

## CHURCH STAFF & OFFICERS

CHURCH STAFF	ELDERS	DEACONS
Tom Petterson / <i>Choir Master</i>	Nellie Underwood / <i>Clerk of Session</i>	Ed Lee
Tyrone Jackson / <i>Janitor</i>	Lila Crotty / <i>Personnel &amp; Nominating</i>	Sue Yokyongskul
Lila Crotty / <i>Interim Secretary</i>	Susan Hom / <i>Finance &amp; Membership</i>	May Lee
	May Wong/ <i>Christian Education</i>	Michelle Lee
		Linda Lew

## VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is that the Chinese Church is a growing church family. We are dedicated to worship, Christian education, active witnessing for Jesus Christ and community service.

The mission of the Chinese Presbyterian Church is to proclaim the Good News of God and His love while establishing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ by enhancing spiritual growth through worship, teaching the Bible, and fellowship. We desire to show God's compassion through caring and service to the community