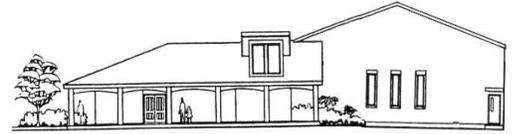


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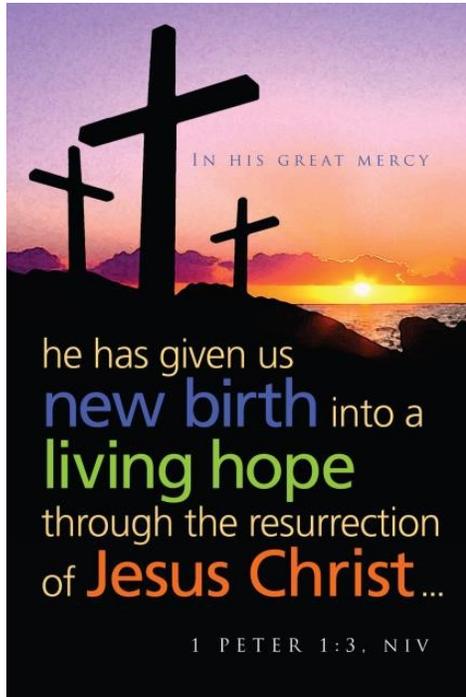
NEWSLETTER

華人長老會 簡訊



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APRIL 2019



Dear members and friends,

As we approach the Easter season, are we looking forward to a long weekend, to eating chocolate bunnies and pastel colored Easter eggs?

Easter is so much more! It is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. For us, it is the promise of life after death. It is the hope of a better life. It means joy. The resurrection of Jesus is the whole basis of our faith.

As the women approached the tomb on Easter morning, an angel rolled away the stone, so they could look in and see for themselves. "He is not here, but He is risen." In the following days, Jesus appeared to Peter and the apostles and then to more than 500 followers.

The moment we receive Jesus into our lives, we share in His victory over death. Though our physical bodies may decline, our souls will never die. We will live with Jesus in heaven forever!

This Easter, let us rejoice that Jesus has conquered death and that we may live our lives in ways that show our gratitude and love for Him.

On behalf of the Session,
Lila Crotty

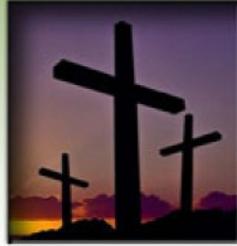
Lectionary Scriptures

<u>Sunday, April 7</u> 5th Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
<u>Sunday, April 14</u> Palm Sunday	Palms: Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-49
<u>Sunday, April 21</u> Resurrection of Our Lord	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10: 34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12 Easter Evening: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 13-49
<u>Sunday, April 28</u> 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 Revelations 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

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Holy Week Schedule



PALM SUNDAY

Join us for worship service on Sunday, April 14. We remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem. The crowd welcomed Him and praised Him as a king who would deliver them. They laid palm branches in His path and shouted "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Our children help us visualize the triumphal entry, by waving palm branches as they enter the sanctuary.

On Thursday, April 18th, we will gather at 7:00pm to sing hymns and read scripture describing the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. Before the Passover meal, Jesus kneels in an act of love and humility and washed the disciples feet. He then shares the Last Supper with them breaking the bread and pouring the wine. "This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Following scriptures describe the betrayal of Judas and Jesus' arrest. Rev. Martha Robson will bring us the message on this solemn night.



On Saturday, April 20th at 10:30am, please bring your children to hear the story of Jesus' sacrificial death and ultimate triumph over sin and evil. The children will view the Easter message; they will enjoy crafts and games, and they will participate in the traditional egg hunt. A light lunch will be served. Invite your friends to join us as we share the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection!



On, Resurrection Sunday, April 21, our Sanctuary Choir will present the Easter story in song. The cantata is entitled "Out of the Shadows" by John Purifoy. We thank Tom Petterson for his leadership, musical abilities and faithfulness in working with the choir. We thank Betty Wan, Rose Hoy, Lila Crotty, Lindsay Shin, May Wong, Helen Chin, Pat Ellzey, Theobald Wan, Ricky Howe, and Will Ellzey for the preparations for this musical presentation as well as their weekly offering of inspirational music. Join us on Easter Sunday to hear the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.



Pizza & Games Night will be held Friday, April 26th from 6pm–8pm. Come and share a meal and enjoy the fellowship.



Communion Service

On Sunday, April 7th during Worship Service, we will observe the Lord's Supper. When Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples before he was crucified, he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

PANDAS SENIOR GROUP

The Panda Group will meet at 10am on Thursday, April 18th at church to enjoy fellowship with one another, share a devotion, exercise and share a meal together. We invite all seniors to come and participate and join in the camaraderie.

Our session is looking for ways for us to show God's love to others within our community and outside of the community. Here are several small ways in which we can be of service:

- We are collecting gently used stuffed animals, boxed games and books to be delivered to Ronald McDonald House who provides housing to families whose children are sick and require hospitalization. We also continue to collect pop tabs for donation to Ronald McDonald House. Collection boxes are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.
- We are also collecting your empty plastic pill bottles. Labels should be removed. These go to Doctors Without Borders. Linda Lew is our contact person and can answer any questions you may have.



CIRCLE #3 BIBLE STUDY

CIRCLE #3 BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday, April 17th at 10am to continue their study from the book "God's Promises." All are welcome to join.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life..
John 3:16

Looking to the Future OF THE CPC

We have received an extensive list of questions for us to share with the congregation so that we all begin the process of asking ourselves: what kind of church do we want to be and what kind of leader

er will we need to help us become that church? We will try to winnow down the long list of questions. We are also requesting that the Committee on Ministry provide us a leader to moderate a discussion with the congregation. Look for a scheduled date in the near future.



Who Will Fill Our Pulpit?

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

April 7—Rev, Martha Robson, Communion Service

April 14—Rev. Martha Robson

April 21—Easter Cantata presented by our choir

April 28—Rev. John Spaulding

May 5—Rev. Martha Robson

May 12—Rev Martha Robson

May 19—Rev. John Spaulding

May 26—Rev John Spaulding

Session News

Here are the highlights of the Stated Session Meeting on March 18, 2019:

- Pulpit is filled through May
- Nellie attended the Called PSL meeting on March 19 to elect Commissioners for the dissolution of the congregation of Kenner Presbyterian.
- We have contracted with Arrow Pest Control to address our pest control issues. Traps have been set to capture rodents, various means of access to our attic areas will be blocked to stop rodents from entering. The company will monitor the success of these measures over the next year.
- Susan contacted Dave Baker about the availability of a YAV to assist with our Youth program. The PSL's policy has changed so that they will assign YAVs only to churches to assist with their community outreach programs.
- The Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for the morning of Saturday, April 20th. Lindsay Shin and Tiffany Huang are our coordinators. If you would like to assist, please contact them.
- The choir will sing an Easter Cantata on Resurrection Sunday, April 21st
- The secretary's computer crashed. Many thanks to Robert Hew who used his time and expertise to recover files from the old computer. Robert assisted with placing an order for a new computer. Once received, he spent time, restoring the files from the old computer and insuring we were connected to printer and Dropbox. Thank you, Robert!
- Nellie is looking into replacing the badly faded church signs. The Session has approved the expenditure.
- We worked with Rev. John Spaulding to include the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows as part to the worship service for March 31.
- We thank Allan Lew for his work on the Finance Committee. Susan will be asking for a member to take Allan's place.

APRIL

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Adult Worship 11:15 Children's Worship 12:00 Coffee/Fellowship 12:30 Choir Practice		2	3	4	5	6 Line Dance 10am
7 Rev. Martha Robson	8	9	10	11	12	13 Line Dance 10am
14 Rev. Martha Robson	15	16	17 Circle #3 Bible Study 10:00 am	18 Panda Group 10:00 am Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm	19	20 Line Dance 10am
21 Easter Cantata by the Choir	22	23 Session Meeting— 7pm	24	25	26 Pizza & Games 6-8pm	27 Line Dance 10am
28 Rev. John Spaulding	29	30				

Volunteers for APRIL

DATE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SCRIPTURE READERS		USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS
		English	Chinese		
April 7	Lila Crotty	Lila Crotty	Mrs. Lena Chow	Anna Chin-Lai	Nging & Linda Lew
April 14	Pat Ellzey	May Wong	Theobald Wan	Henry Hom, Alfred Yee	Mary Ann & Bill Bliss
April 21	Sonny Hew	CANTATA	CANTATA	Alex Chan, Ming Joe	Junior & Kamy Lee
April 28	Jeanette Hew	Ed Lee	Theobald Wan	Linda Lew, Anna Chin-Lai	Allan & Melinda Lew

He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

親愛的會友，

當復活節季節接近時，我們期待著一個漫長的週末，期待著吃巧克力兔子和彩像彩蛋？

但復活節是更多過巧克力兔子和彩蛋！是我們對耶穌從死裡復活的慶祝。對於我們，這是死後生命的承諾。這是對美好生活的希望。它的意思是快樂。耶穌的復活是我們信心全部的基礎。

在復活節當天早上，當婦女們走近墳墓時，天使把大石頭推開，她們能親眼往墳墓裡面看了。「他不在這裡，照他所說的，已經復活了」。在隨後的日子，耶穌出現在彼得和使徒面前，然後出現在500多名追隨者的面前。

當我們接受耶穌進入我們的生命時，我們與祂分享戰勝死亡的勝利。我們的身體雖然會衰退，但靈魂永遠不會死亡。我們將與耶穌永遠一起生活在天堂！

這個復活節，讓我們歡欣耶穌已經戰勝了死亡，以便我們的生命能表達我們對祂的感激和愛。

代會議會寫作，陳麗坤長老

神愛世人、甚至將他的獨生子賜給他們、叫一切信他的、不至滅亡、反得永生。（約翰福音3:16）

聖周時程表 ...

4月14日星期日，請來參加我們的崇拜。讓我們記著耶穌是如何進入耶路撒冷城。眾人歡迎他，稱讚他為拯救他們的君王。群眾把棕櫚枝放在路上，喊道：「和散那！奉主名來的，是應當稱頌的。」本堂的兒童們將會揮舞棕櫚枝進入聖所，讓我們能想像當天的勝利入城。

4月18日星期四晚上7時，本堂將舉行聚集，一起唱讚美詩，讀聖經，描述導致耶穌被釘在十字架上的事件。逾越節飯前，耶穌跪下洗門徒的腳來顯示愛和謙卑的行為。隨後與門徒們分享『最後的晚餐』，耶穌擘餅，倒酒，說：「這是我的身體，為你們打破。這樣做是為了紀念我。」以下聖經描述了猶大的背叛和耶穌的被捕。羅布森牧師將給我們帶來這個莊嚴晚上的訊息。

4月20日 星期六 上午 10時半，請帶你們的孩子來聆聽耶穌祭祀之死和最終戰勝罪惡和邪惡的故事。孩子們將觀看復活節的信息，享受工藝品和遊戲，更將參加傳統的『尋彩蛋』。將有午餐供應。邀請你所有的朋友來加我們分享耶穌復活的好信息！

4月21日，復活主日，本堂詩班將以歌聲呈現復活節故事。唱套曲是由約翰·普裡福伊所寫的『從陰映出來』。感謝百多馬與詩班合作的領導，音樂能力和忠誠。更感謝李碧美，陳金梅，陳麗坤，祺愛儀，陳美坤，曾愛琮，邱玉英，尹慶強，區國祥和威爾·埃爾齊為這次音樂演講所做的準備，以及他們每週提供的勵志音樂。在復活節的星期日請來和我們一起聽耶穌的死亡和復活的故事。

熊貓前輩小組...熊貓長輩小組將於4月18日，星期四上午10時在教堂舉行聚會，請享受彼此的友誼，分享靈修，作運動，一起分享一頓午飯。我們邀請所有的年長人來參加和加高友情。

使命...會議會正在尋找方式來對社區內外他人展示上帝的愛。以下是我們能提供服務的幾種小方式：

1)在交誼廳將有一個收集箱，供給你們捐贈輕輕使用過的玩具動物，盒裝遊戲和書籍。所有的捐贈物品將提供給『麥當勞之家』，那裡他們提供住宿給生病需要住院孩子的父母或親人。我們繼續收集汽水鋁合金的開匙給『麥當勞之家』。2)我們也收集你們空的塑膠藥瓶。請刪除去標籤。這些是提供給『無國界醫生』所用的。

婦女第3圈查經班...查經班將於4月17日，星期三上午10時舉行聚會，他們繼續從『上帝的承諾』一書中實習。歡迎各位參加。

誰來填充我們的講壇？...在星期日的早晨，來加入我們的崇拜，我們唱讚美詩，崇拜我們的上帝。

1) 4月7日:羅布森牧師，聖餐聖禮。2) 3月14日:羅布森牧師。3) 4月21日:復活節唱套曲。4) 4月28日:史保定牧師。5) 5月5日和12日:羅布森牧師。

會議會新詢...以下是3月18日舉行會議會的重點:1)講壇牧師提供至5月中旬。2)3月19日葉月蓮長老出席南路州的長老會會議，選舉解散肯納長老會的委員。3)我們已與箭蟲防治公司簽訂合同，以解決我們的蟲害防治問題。陷阱已經被設置為捕捉齧齒類動物，進入我們閣樓區域的各種手段將被封鎖，以阻止齧齒類動物進入。公司將在明年監測這些措施的成功。4)譚碧霞長老與戴夫·貝克聯絡，詢問是否有年青自願員工來協助本堂的青年事工。南路州長老會的政策已經改變了，他們將只向教會指派年青自願員工以協助他們的社區外聯事工。5)復活節尋彩蛋計畫于4月20日星期六上午舉行。祺愛儀和尹綺蓮是我們的協調員。如果你想提供協助，請與她們聯絡。6)詩班將於4月21日(周日)在復活時演唱復活節『唱套曲』。7)秘書的電腦壞了。非常感謝邱任福花自己的時間和專業知識從舊電腦中恢復檔。在他的協助下訂購了一台新電腦。一旦收到後，他將再花時間從舊電腦恢復檔，並確保我們連接到印表機和Dropbox。謝謝邱任福！8)葉月蓮長老正在考慮更換嚴重褪色的教堂標誌。會議會已批准了這筆開支。9)本堂與史保定牧師合作，將『浸禮誓言的重申』作為3月31日崇拜儀式的一部分。10)本堂感謝劉德倫在財務委員會所作的一切工作。譚碧霞將要求一名成員代替劉德倫的位置。

長老會聽力小組...本堂從長老會聽力小組收到了大量的問題供我們與會眾分享來開始自問的過程:我們想成為什麼樣的教會，需要什麼樣的領袖來幫助我們成為那個教會？會議會將努力解決一長串的問題。要求部委員會為我們提供一名領導人，主持與教會的討論。

意大利薄餅和遊戲晚4月25日晚上6時至8時將行意大利薄餅和遊戲夜。請來分享薄餅，享受團契！



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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.