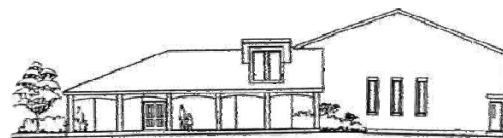


Chinese Presbyterian Church

NEWSLETTER

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The 2016 word of the year from Dictionary.com is xenophobia. Maybe you have not heard of this word but this is the word that circulated the most for the past year. Xenophobia is defined as “fear or hatred of foreigners, people from different cultures, or strangers.” The fear has been with us but in 2016, this fear became a huge topic for all of us, resulting in nations making decisions that impacted everyone around the world with refugees moving one place to another.

Last week, I had a visitor from Mississippi wanting to visit our church. Apparently, his father was part of our church 100 years ago. He wanted to visit and thank our church for helping his dad when he moved to the city. It was great to know that the church was able to help the community and to teach the new life in Christ. Not only they did they receive help but they received God’s love in the process.

The Bible tells us, there is no fear in love but perfect love drives out fear. When we understand this love and recognize the fact that God has loved us first, it helps us to love God and love those around us even those who might be different than us.

This month let’s focus on the Love of God and on what God has done for us through his Son, Jesus Christ, teaching us how to receive God’s love, how to share His love and how to drive out fear in our lives.

Rev. Peter Choi

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:18-19

Lectionary Scriptures for February

Sunday, February 5

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Isaiah 63:7–9; Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10–18; Matthew 2:13–23

Sunday, February 12

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1–9; Psalm 29

Acts 10:34–43; Matthew 3:13–17

Sunday, February 19

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1–7; Psalm 40:1–11

1 Corinthians 1:1–9; John 1:29–42

Sunday, February 26

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1–4; Psalm 27:1, 4–9

1 Corinthians 1:10–18; Matthew 4:12–23

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New Session Members / Committee Chairs

Susan Hom: Membership/Finance

Joy Wu: Christian Education/Discipleship

New Elder Introduction

Dear Congregation and Friends of the Chinese Presbyterian Church,

Some of you have known me since I was a 4th grader attending Lafayette School. My parents first visited the Chinese Presbyterian Church after mom and I arrived from Taiwan in 1962. I was three years old. There is a picture of me standing on the glass covered table that was in the first room on Bienville Street. Perhaps I was the one who cracked it. In high school, a group of us were very active in many church activities. Rev. Castleman baptized me in 1976 along with Billy Wang. Then I left the church in 1983, moved to Los Angeles, eventually married, raised three daughters, divorced and then moved back “home” on February 1, 2015.

Today, I praise God for his deep and abiding love and infinite patience with me. My parents were both atheists, but both passed away as Christians. My faith over these last 40 years has had highs, very lows, even “disappeared” for years. I can say without a doubt, the years when I was living and walking with God close at hand, seeking his will on a daily basis, were the years where I found the most joy, peace and the ability to navigate through my extremely hectic life without over worrying or excess anxiety. Because of God’s grace, I’ve been blessed more than I deserve and had countless prayers answered. Some answers took a few years to recognize and understand, and often the answers were “better” than what I’d hoped for or imagined. God has taught me that my life in the moment is but a pixel in a much, much larger picture. My faith in His plan will eventually reveal parts of this larger picture. I must be patient. I must live by faith, pray and trust His timetable. Romans 12:12 is my anchor verse.

I am thankful for the opportunity to humbly serve with the other session members. As the incoming Chair of Christian Education and Discipleship, I ask for your prayers and we seek God’s will for this church, His church, moving forward into 2017.

Joy Wu.

Stewardship Letters & Pledge Cards

The Stewardship Letters and Pledge cards are mailed out for our Pledge Sunday, February 5th.

Please prayerfully consider what you can give to God in time, talents, and money.



Session News

A Stated Session Meeting on January 17, 2016. Here are the highlights:

- A new retractable movie screen has been purchased and hung in the fellowship hall by Pastor Peter from money collected from church rentals.
- A new sound mixer and Sunday School equipment have been purchased and already in use.
- The Stewardship Letters and Pledge cards will be mailed out by the end of January for our Pledge Sunday, February 5th.
- The next PSL meeting will be held at Lakeview Presbyterian on Tuesday, February 21, 9am-2pm. All available elders are required to attend.
- Pastor Peter attended the Asian Leaders Conference in Houston, Jan. 19-22.
- David Watson, Chaplain for the NOPD was our guest pulpit speaker on Sunday, January 22.
- The selection of Committee Chairs to fill open slots were: Susan Hom for Membership/Finance and Joy Wu for Christian Education/Discipleship.
- The Officer Training will be held on Saturday, February 4th. All officers are required to attend.
- Fall Fest/Worship Service will be on Sunday, October 15 at Lafreniere Park.
- Next Stated Session Meeting is on Wednesday, February 15, 7pm at church.

Youth Pastor Needed

We are in need of Youth Pastor for our youth and college students. We need someone who can work with them so that they may learn about Christ and come to know Christ who will lead them throughout their lives.

Let us pray continuously for the young people and help them to grow in faith in Christ.



Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 7 @ 10:30am

The ladies are studying 2016-2017 Horizon's Bible Study: "Who is Jesus?"

Each of the study's nine lessons asks the question "Who is Jesus?" through a particular theological lens. The author explores the answer to the question through the lenses of Mark, Matthew, Luke, John,

Paul, Hebrews, the non-canonical gospels, the Abrahamic Faiths, and contemporary cultural interpretations.

Come and join us as we explore and learn who Jesus is! It is amazing what God brings to people's hearts through the Holy Spirit and the blessings that He pours out as we study God's Word.

It's time to
pray

Every Saturday 8:30am

We pray every Saturday morning.
It is open to everyone so come and join us.
Let us pray together.

Installation of Officers



Rev. Peter Choi presided over the Installation service on Sunday, January 8th.

Elders Nellie Underwood, Jenni Hew, Mark Lee, and May Wong participated as Susan Hom was installed as elder for 1 yr and Joy Wu was ordained and installed as Elder. Lindsay Bahra and Linda Lew participated as Michelle Lee, Anna Chin Lai, and May Lee was installed as Deacons for 1 yr and Jackie Joe was ordained and installed as Deacon.



Chinese New Year Potluck





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 English Class 9:45 Adult Sun. School 11:00 Adult Worship	11:00 Children's Worship 12:00 Coffee/Fellowship 12:30 Choir Practice		1	2	3	4 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am Officer Training 1pm
5 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Annual Congregational Meeting	6	7 Circle #3 Bible Study 10:30am	8	9	10	11 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
12 Adult Sunday School 9:45am	13	14	15 Stated Session Meeting 7pm	16	17	18 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
19 Adult Sunday School 9:45am	20	21	22	23	24 Pizza & Games Night 6:30-9pm	25 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
26 Adult Sunday School 9:45am	27	28	29	30		

Volunteers for FEBRUARY

DATE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SCRIPTURE READERS		USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS
		English	Chinese		
FEB 5	Ed Lee	Will Ellzey	Mrs. Yook Sim Yee	Chuck Mengel, Debbie Mengel Remy Mengel, Kelsie Mengel	Sonny & Mayling Hew
FEB 12	Jenni Hew	Lila Crotty	Theobald Wan	Carolyn Chin, Margaret Chin Alex Chan	Peter & Angela Choi
FEB 19	Lindsay Bahra	Ming Joe	LeiPin He	Jenni Hew, Mark Lee, Ming Joe	Mrs. Yook Sim Yee
FEB 26	Pat Ellzey	May Wong	Frank Yam	Robert Hew, Brandy Hew Nellie Underwood	Dennis & Debbie Jee

Senior Gathering



The seniors had a gathering on Thursday, January 19. They watched the movie "My Life in China", had devotion with Pastor Peter, played games, and ate lunch together. The seniors will gather every third Thursday of the month. All seniors are more than welcome to join~ Many thanks to Mayling Hew for planning and leading the program~!

Pizza & Games Night

Friday, February 24
6:30pm - 9pm

Come and join us In fellowship~!



Stained Glass Project

The Stained Glass Project is on hold due to funding. Debbie Mengel is gathering 5 yrs of data on memorial funds to determine the available amount for the stained glass project. Once that is determined then a decision will be made.

根據詞典網站2016年的字是『仇外心理』。也許你沒有聽過這個詞，但過去一年來這詞是被分發最廣大的。『仇外心理』被定義為恐懼或仇恨外國人，來自不同文化或陌生的人。這恐懼一直是在我們心中，但在2016年，這種恐懼成為我們一個龐大的主題，由此產生國家作出決定影響到世界周圍的難民與從一個地方移民到另一個地方的人。

上星期有一個來自密西西比州的人想探訪我們教堂。顯然100年前，他的父親是我們教會的一部分。他想探訪並感謝，當他父親初初搬到這城市時，教會幫助了他。很高興能知道這教堂能夠幫助這社團，教導在基督裡的新生命。他們不僅得到幫助，在過程中更接受到上帝。

聖經告訴我們，愛裡是沒有懼怕而既完美的愛能把懼怕除去。當我們理解這份愛，承認事實上帝首先愛了我們，幫助我們愛上帝，甚至愛雖然與我們不同周圍的人。

本月讓我們專注于上帝的愛和他透過他的兒子，耶穌基督，為我們已經所做了的一切，教我們如何接受，分享他的愛和如何除去我們生命中的恐懼，因為上帝首先愛了我們。 崔牧師

愛裡沒有懼怕，愛既完全，就把懼怕除去，因為懼怕裡含著刑罰，懼怕的人在愛裡未得完全。

我們愛、因為 神先愛我們。 約翰一書 4:18-19

新會議會成員/委員會主席...譚碧霞:會員 / 財務； 烏一欣:基督教教育 / 紀律

介紹新任長老...親愛的會眾和華人長老會教堂的朋友，

自從我在拉斐特小學4年級上學時，你們之中有些人就認識了我。當我和母親在1962年從臺灣到這裡後，父母帶我來到這教堂崇拜。當時我才是3歲。在比恩維爾街舊堂第一個房間有我站在房內玻璃覆蓋的桌子上的一幅相片。也許那玻璃覆蓋的裂痕是我的作為。當我在高中的時候，我們一群人在教會很多活動都非常活躍。在1976年我和比利王一起被嘉素文牧師受洗禮。我在1983年離開教會遷移到洛杉磯，結了婚和養大了三個女兒，離了婚後在2015年2月1日再遷回到新奧爾良市。

現今，我讚美上帝給我深深的愛和無限的耐心。我父母都是無神論者，但他們去世前都接受了基督為救主。我過去40年的信念有高點和非常的低點，甚至『消失』了多年。我可以毫無疑問地說，當我生活與神近在咫尺，與他同行，每日尋求他的旨意時，那些年代是我找到最多的快樂，平安和能夠流覽我非常繁忙的生活，沒有擔憂或多餘的焦慮。因上帝的恩惠，我被祝福比我更值得的，並且得到無數禱告的應答。一些應答需要多年的時間我才能認識和理解，在通常情況下，應答是比我希望的或想像是更好。上帝對我的教訓是我目前的生命只是一小時刻，是一個更大的圖片中的一個圖元。我在他計畫的信念最終將會揭示這大圖片的某些部分。我必須有耐心。我必須因信得生，祈禱和信任他的時程表。羅馬書12章12節是我經文的錨。

我謙卑地感謝這個機會與其他會議會成員一起事奉。作為基督教教育 / 紀律委員主席，我祈求你們的代禱，尋求上帝為他教會的旨意，一起邁進2017年。 烏一欣。

教會管家信件和認捐卡...教會管家信件和認捐卡將會在1月底郵寄出。今年的認捐日是星期日，2月5日。請忠誠地祈禱考慮什麼時間，天才和金錢你能給予上帝。

會議會新訊...2017年1月17日會議會舉行陳述會議。以下是討論要點:1) 本堂購買了一個新的伸縮式電影螢幕，崔牧師已經把它懸掛在交誼廳裡。購買資金是從教堂所收到的租金。2) 購買了新混音機給主日學校使用。3) 教會管家信件和認捐卡將會在1月底郵寄出。認捐日是星期日，2月5日。4) 下次南路州長老會會議將於2月21日，星期二，上午9時至下午2時在湖景長老會教堂舉行。所有能參加的長老都要求出席。5) 1月19至22日，崔牧師出席在德州休士頓市的亞洲教會領導人會議。6) 1月22日，大衛·沃森，新奧爾良市警局的現任牧師是本堂的探訪講員。7) 會議委員會主席空缺填補的選擇是：譚碧霞:會員 / 財務； 烏一欣:基督教教育 / 紀律。8) 長老和執事訓練定于2月4日，星期六舉行，所有人員均須參加。8) 秋季游樂 / 崇拜將於星期日，10月15日在峰公園舉行。

下次會議會會議將在星期三，2月15日晚上7時在教會舉行。

需要年青人的牧師...本堂的青年人和大學生需要一個領導牧師。他們需要一位能與他們一起工作，以便他們瞭解和來認識基督來引領他們的一生。讓我們為他們不斷祈禱並幫助他們在基督裡的信仰成長。讓我們繼續為我們的年青人不斷祈禱並幫助他們在基督裡的信仰成長。若任何人有提意，請與烏一欣長老聯絡。

婦女會聖經研究...星期二，12月6日上午10時半我們正在研究2016至2017年地平線聖經研究:『耶穌是誰?』聖經研究班透過馬可，馬太，路加，約翰，保羅，希伯來書非權威福音書，亞伯拉罕信仰和當代的文化闡釋問題的答案。請來和我們一起去探索和學習耶穌是誰!當我們學習神的話語時，通過聖靈和祝福上帝倒出給人們的心靈，真是令人驚奇的。

是祈禱的時間...每週六上午8時半聚集祈禱。歡迎各位來和我們一起祈禱。

按任按立禮...星期日，1月8日崇拜時間，崔牧師主持長老執事按任按立禮。葉月蓮，邱桂芝，李貴財，和陳美坤按任為長老；譚碧霞和烏一欣按立為長老。祺愛儀，薛奇芳，陳蓮馨，李玉彩，林冬美和Jackie Joe按任為執事。

中國農曆新年聚餐...本堂于1月29日崇拜後舉行聚餐慶祝農曆新年『雞年』。各出席者都享受到各自帶來的美好食物和甜品。

年長者聚會...星期四，1月19日年長者聚集在交誼廳看電影『我在中國大陸的生活』。跟隨由崔牧師引領靈修，玩遊戲和一起吃的午飯。他們計劃在每月的第三個星期四一起聚集。歡迎所有年長者來參加，感謝朱美蓮的引導和計劃的各種活動。

意大利薄餅和遊戲晚...星期五，2月24日下午6時半至9時。歡迎各年歲會友一起享受遊戲，吃薄餅和交通!

彩色玻璃視窗專案...由於資金問題，彩色玻璃視窗專案暫時被擱置。本堂財務員Debbie Mengel將收集過去五年紀念基金的資料，來確定是否有足夠基金來支付這彩色玻璃視窗專案。一旦確定後我們將會作出決定。



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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