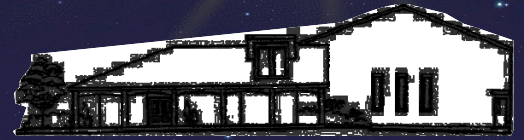


Chinese Presbyterian Church

NEWSLETTER

華人長老會 簡訊



(中文翻譯在第六和第七頁)

DECEMBER 2016

As we come to the close of another year, we want to thank you for all your support and prayers for our church and its ministry. We would like to ask you to continue to pray so that more people would experience a closer walk with the Lord each day.

As we celebrate the Christmas season, we are reminded of our Savior who came to bring comfort to those who are suffering in a sin stained, fallen world. Jesus came to suffer for us and to suffer with us. That is compassion and it comes from our God. Compassion means “to suffer with,” and God chose to do just that to suffer with His people so that we might know the God who came to draw near to us and be with us. This is what we celebrate during the Christmas season.

A Savior came to this earth over two thousand years ago to suffer and die for the sins of the world. So, as we prepare to close 2016, spend some time reflecting upon His goodness, His grace, His faithfulness and His compassion that comforted you this past year and give thanks for it all. But also, we encourage you to prepare for 2017 by asking the Lord for more of His heart of compassion for those who are suffering around you. May God use you today to be Christ to them.

- Rev. Peter Choi

“From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

Ephesians 4:16

Lectionary Scriptures for December

Sunday, December 4
Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday, December 11
Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55
James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday, December 18
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, December 25
Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day

Christmas Dawn
Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2: (1-7) 8-20

Christmas Day
Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

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Session News

**A Stated Session Meeting on November 15, 2016.
Here are the highlights:**

- Joint Budget Meeting of the Elders and Deacons to compile the 2017 Budget was successful and will be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- The Session has decided to hire a Youth Pastor for 2017. Elder Ed will be contacting several seminaries to get candidates for the position.
- The Slate of Candidates for Elder is complete but not for the office of deacon.
- The Church Directory will be completed by the

end of the year. Pastor Peter is in the process of compiling all the information to be submitted to Life Touch.

- Teamcomeback.org was very successful with a little over 1 million dollars worth of school/office/teachers supplies that were donated to the Baton Rouge flood victims. Thanks to Nellie Underwood and other members of CPC who donated their time and money to this worthy cause.
- Our General Mission funds will go toward our local PSL Great Flood of 2016 mission fund to help aid those affected in SE Louisiana.

Youth Pastor Needed

We are in need of Youth Pastor for our youth and college. We need someone who can work with them so that they may learn about 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.

The Session has decided to hire a part time Youth Pastor for 2017. Elder Ed Lee will be contacting several seminaries to get candidates for the position.



The Gideons International



The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. They will be visiting us with a presentation to our congregation in Spring, 2017.

THANKSGIVING Break-



Chinese Presbyterian Church celebrated Thanksgiving on November 24, 2016. This year we have invited Metairie Ridge Presbyterian Church to join us. Many CPC members and old friends, and the members of the Metairie Ridge Presbyterian Church gathered in the morning and shared breakfast together. After the breakfast everyone joined in the sanctuary for Thanksgiving worship with the message from Pastor Daniel Robertson, who is the head pastor of Metairie Ridge Presbyterian Church and we shared our thankfulness to God. We thank God for all His blessings and His grace and mercy in His great love!

Special thanks to Ming Joe, Mark Lee, Jimmy Chow, and Jennifer Hew who cooked and to everyone else who helped out!



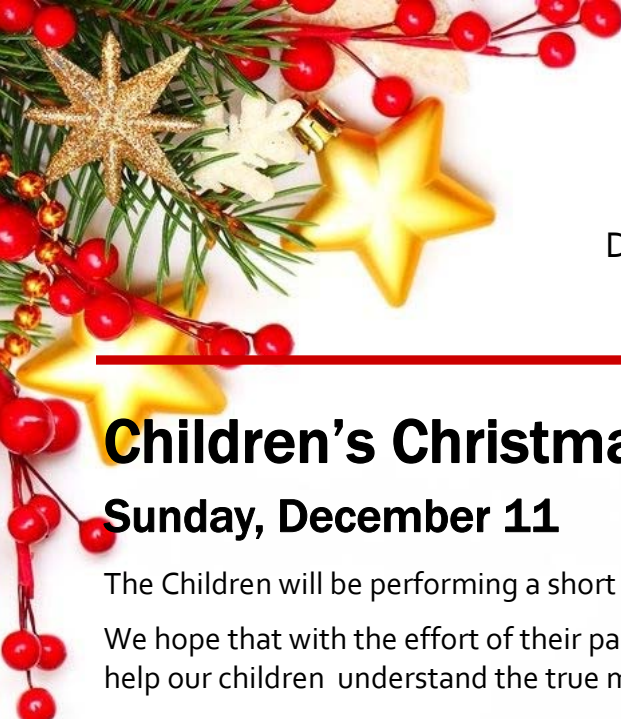
Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 11th

The Congregational Meeting will be held right after worship service.

All members are encouraged to attend to vote to approve the Budget and to elect Officers for 2017





No Christmas Vespers Service

There will be no Christmas Vesper Service this year since December 25th falls on a Sunday. Communion will be served the morning during Christmas Worship Service

Children’s Christmas Performance

Sunday, December 11

The Children will be performing a short play as well as playing hand bells. We hope that with the effort of their parents and families, we will be able to help our children understand the true meaning of Christmas in their lives.



Women of the Church Annual Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 11

@ East Buffet at 2750 Severn Ave. at 1:00pm

Adult: \$15 / Child (age4-10): \$7.50/Child under age 4: Free.

This includes your meal, soft drink or hot tea, tax, and tip. Everyone is invited to attend.

Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon

Sunday, December 18

After Christmas Cantata Worship Service

Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share with everyone to enjoy. Several children will be performing with song and music during this time.

**CHRISTMAS
CANTATA**

Sunday, December 18
“Comfort and Joy”
By Lloyd Larson & Pamela Martin



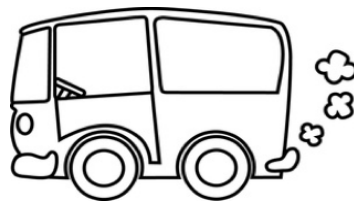
December



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 12:15 Coffee/Fellowship 12:30 Choir Practice			1	2	3 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
4 Adult Sunday School 10am	5	6 Circle #3 Bible Study 10:30am	7	8	9	10 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
11 Adult Sunday School 10am Children's Christmas Performance Annual Congregational Meeting Women of the Church Christmas Luncheon	12	13 Stated Session Meeting 7pm	14	15	16	17 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
18 Adult Sunday School 10am Christmas Cantata Christmas Potluck Lunch	19	20	21	22	23	24 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
25 Adult Sunday School 10am Christmas Worship & Communion	26	27	28	29	30	31

Volunteers for DECEMBER

DATE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SCRIPTURE READERS		USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS
		English	Chinese		
DEC 4	Mayling Hew	Jennifer Toy	Frank Yam	Ming Joe, Alex Chan Linda Lew, Mrs. Yook Sim Yee	Peter & Angela Choi
DEC 11	Lila Crotty	Pat Ellzey	Lena Chow	Henry Hom, Susan Hom	Chuck & Debbie Mengel
DEC 18	Ed Lee	Cantata	Cantata	Chuck & Debbie Mengel Remy & Kelsie Mengel	Christmas Potluck
DEC 25	Jenni Hew	Ming Joe	Mrs. Yook Sim Yee	Alfred Yee, Carolyn Chin Margaret Chin	Sonny & Mayling Hew



Donations

Monetary donations are being collected to help our janitor, Tyrone Jackson with the purchase of a vehicle for him to be able to get to work.

NO Pizza & Games Night in the month of December due to Christmas Holiday



Women's BIBLE STUDY

Circle 3 Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, December 6 @ 10:30am

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

親愛的華人長老會教堂家人和朋友...另一年的結束將近了，本堂感謝你們對教會的支援和為他的事工禱告。祈望你們能繼續禱告，以便更多的會友每一天再經歷與主更緊密的步行和同在。

當我們慶祝耶誕節時，在這罪染和墮落的世界，我們要自我提醒，注意到救主帶來安慰給我們。耶穌來臨為我們受苦並與我們一同受苦。這是來自上帝的憐憫。憐憫的意思是『同忍受』，上帝選擇要與他的人民一起忍受，使我們能知道上帝來親近我們並與我們同在一起。這就是我們慶祝耶誕節期間的意義。

在兩千多年前，一位救主來到世上，為世人的罪受苦和死亡。

因此，當我們準備2016年的結束，花點時間感謝一切和反思上帝的善良，恩惠，信實和憐憫來安慰你這過去的一年。同時，我們鼓勵你在2017年祈求上帝為我們周圍受苦的人能施行更多憐憫的心。願上帝今天能使用你如他們的基督。

崔牧師

**全身都靠他聯絡得合式，百節各按各職，照著各體的功用，
彼此相助，便叫身體漸漸增長，在愛中建立自己。** (以弗所書4:16)

會議會會議...會議會在10月17日舉行會議，以下是會議重點：1) 會議會與執事會聯合成功地編譯教會2017年的預算，明年的預算將在會眾年會中提交給會眾推選。2) 會議會決定于2017年為本堂的青年人雇用牧師。李顯權長老將引領這搜索，他會與多個神學院聯絡來尋求合適職位的候選人。3) 長老候選人名單已完成，但執事候選人名單還要更多提名。4) 教會新目錄將今年年底完成。崔牧師目前正在編制所有的資訊然後提交給『生命接觸』編印。5) 『兒童復回團隊』已非常成功地完結了，團隊捐贈了超過100萬美金的學校，辦公室，教師用品。6) 本堂的通用事命資金將提供給2016年長老會的大洪水基金來幫助路易斯安那州東南部受影響的地區。

需要青年人的牧師...本堂的青年人 and 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。

會議決定于2017年雇用一位青年人的牧師。李顯權長老將會聯絡幾個神學院來獲得職位的候選人。

國際基甸協會...國際基甸協會是一個基督教組織由業務和職業男性和他們的妻子，通過關聯在一起的服務講述耶穌，分享個人的見證，並提供聖經和新約聖經。協會將在明年1月前往本堂與會眾探訪和演說。

感恩節早餐...在11月24日本堂慶祝了感恩節早餐。今年我們邀請了梅泰裡嶺長老會教堂來一起享受和交通。當天早上多人聚集在交誼廳，本堂的會友，來訪的舊友和梅泰裡嶺長老會教堂的成員一起吃早飯。早餐後各人聚集參加感恩崇拜。梅泰裡嶺長老會教堂的丹尼爾·羅伯遜牧師帶給我們感恩節的信息，我們感謝上帝偉大的愛和他所有的祝福，恩惠和憐憫！

特別感謝廚師趙明儀，李貴財，周展明，邱桂芝和各人的幫助！

會眾會議...星期日，12月11日本堂舉行會眾會議。所有會眾都被鼓勵參加來表決2017年的教會財務預算和選舉長老和執事成員。

兒童聖誕表演節目...兒童聖誕表演節目將在星期日，12月11日崇拜時間舉行。當天兒童將表演手鈴和一場短劇和背誦聖經，約翰福音3:16。

我們希望由父母和家人的努力下，將能夠幫助我們的兒童，在他們的生命中認識聖誕節的真正含義。

婦女會年度聖誕午宴...婦女會年度聖誕午宴將在星期日，12月11日下午1時在『東方自助餐館』（2750塞文大道）舉行。收費成人：\$15，小孩（4至10歲）：\$7.50，兒童4歲以下：免費。收費包括午餐，凍飲料或熱茶，稅及小費。各位人都被應邀參加。

聖誕大合唱...本堂詩班將在星期日，12月18日在崇拜時間演唱長歌『安慰和歡迎』。

捐贈...本堂現在為我們教堂的打理工人，泰隆·傑克遜收集贈金給以便他能購買一輛二手汽車使用能夠工作。

耶誕節晚禱服務...將沒有耶誕節晚禱崇拜。聖餐將在12月25日上午聖誕崇拜期間送達。

意大利薄餅和游樂夜...由於聖誕節節假期，12月的意大利薄餅和游樂夜被取消。將于明年1月復常。

婦女會第3團契聖經研究...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。



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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