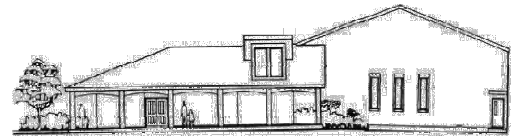


Chinese Presbyterian Church

NEWSLETTER

華人長老會 簡訊



(中文翻譯在第十和第十一頁)

DECEMBER 2017

As we come to the end of another year, we thank God for His unconditional love and we praise God for his unending mercy revealed through His Son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate Christmas, we invite you to come and join in our worship of Emmanuel, (God with us) and Jesus the Son who came to save us.

During the month of December, on each Sunday, we will explore the meaning of the Advent wreath along with the meaning of each candle when it's lit. Come and listen to words that teach about Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that come from God.

Our children's ministry is putting on a Christmas play enacting the Nativity scene and our choir will bring the same message through song, music and words during Christmas Cantata.

May you hear the message of Jesus Christ and know the work that God has done through his Son. May you receive the Son, Jesus Christ into your life and remain in Him. Once again, come and let's all celebrate the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Peter Choi

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

Lectionary Scriptures

Sunday, December 3
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Sunday, December 10
Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Sunday, December 17
Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday, December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm
89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 31
First Sunday after Christmas Day

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

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Invitation to Serve God

Serving children is one way to find out what "faith like a child" really means. We have many opportunities utilizing a variety of our gifts, skills, and talents to serve the children of our church. Please pray about this invitation to serve God, impact the life of a child and catch the spirit of childlike faith.

Our Children's Ministry mission is to:

- Minister to families with children
- Help children to learn that they are special to God
- Provide an exciting Christian atmosphere with love, acceptance, and respect for learning God's word
- Recognize that children learn through a variety of experiences

We believe that children learn best by doing, actively thinking, and experimenting to learn firsthand about the world God has created for us. Our dedicated and loyal Children's Sunday School teachers are here every Sunday to serve our children. Won't you come aboard and travel with us on this exciting and wonderful jour-

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17

The children will present the play about the birth of Jesus Christ.



Youth Ministry



Youth Worship

Every Sunday @ 11:00am

Youth 7-week bible study has started!

We are studying the basic essentials of Christian faith. These are very important fundamental tenets to know and understand.

Come and join us~! Let us together come to know, understand, and experience God's immeasurable, wonderful, and amazing love~!

Please contact Angela Choi for more information. (408-718-3379/cpcyouth03@gmail.com)

Youth Pastor Search

We are in need of Youth Pastor for our youth and college students. We need someone who can work with the heart and passion of Jesus Christ for youth and college students 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.

Please contact Elder Joy Wu. (818-282-6821 or jywming@aol.com)

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TO BE USED BY JESUS



PANDAS SENIOR GROUP



December Gathering

Thursday, December 7 @ 10am

We hope all seniors can come out and have a wonderful and fun time of fellowship together in Christ.

There will be sign-up paper on the table in the fellowship hall, so please do sign up if you are coming or let Mayling Hew know.

Women of the Church Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 10

The Women of the Church Christmas Luncheon is on Sunday, December 10 at the East Buffet at 2750 Severn Ave. @ 1:30pm. Adult: \$15 / Child (age 4-10): \$7.50 / Child under age 4: Free. This includes your meal, soft drink or hot tea, tax, and tip. Everyone is invited to attend.

Ronald McDonald House Charities

We are collecting recycled beverage tabs to help support our local Ronald McDonald House program, a temporary "home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals. The collection box will be on the table in the fellowship hall.

We are also collecting the medicine bottles. Please bring to Linda Lew or on the table in the fellowship hall.



Adult Bible Study

We are studying the book of Romans.

We want to encourage everyone to join the Bible Study. Let us learn God's words together~!

Circle #3 Bible Study

Tuesday, December 12 @ 10:30am

We are studying with the book, "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews" by Melissa Bane Sevier. We will also have a Christmas lunch together after the bible study. So come and join us in learning about the community of Christ through the bible and have fellowship together.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 10

The Congregational Meeting will be held right after the worship service.

All members are encouraged to attend to participate in approving the budget and electing the officers for 2018.

Pizza & Games Night

Pizza & Games night is cancelled for the month of December.

Chinese New Year Celebration

We need volunteers to direct and help out for the Chinese New Year Celebration. If we don't find director for the Chinese New Year Celebration by December 30, then the event will be cancelled.

Please see Mark Lee if you are interested.





Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon

Sunday, December 24

We will have our Christmas pot luck luncheon right after the Christmas worship service.



Session News

Here are the highlights of the Stated Session Meeting on November 13, 2017:

- The Church Directories will be issued by the first week in December.
- It has been decided that the Church Insurance Policy to include flood insurance and that our policy will be with Eustis Insurance Co.
- The 2018 Budget was planned and will be voted

on at the Congregational Meeting on December 10.

- The Church Officer Slate was submitted and will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting on December 10.

The next Session Meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 7pm at Church

Church Painting

Every Saturday @ 9:30am-12:30pm

The soffit painting will be on-going every Saturday morning until the job is completed. It is open to anyone, so please come out and help us with painting~!



Volunteers for DECEMBER

DATE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SCRIPTURE READERS		USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS
		English	Chinese		
DEC 3	Ed Lee	Ed Lee	Frank Yam	Henry Hom, Susan Hom Linda Lew	Victor Lockarno
DEC 10	Lindsay Bahra	Pat Ellzey	Lena Chow	Maurice Hew, Jeanette Hew Alfred Yee	David & Nellie Underwood
DEC 17	Mark Lee	Maurice Hew	Mrs. Yook Sim Yee	Chuck Mengel, Debbie Mengel	Nging & Linda Lew
DEC 24	Pat Ellzey	Cantata	Cantata	Carolyn Chin, Margaret Chin Alex Chan	Christmas Potluck
DEC 31	Jeanette Hew	Lindsay Bahra	LeiPin He	Dennis Jee, Elizabeth Jee	Mrs. Lena Chow

Thanksgiving Breakfast



Chinese Presbyterian Church celebrated Thanksgiving on November 23, 2017. After a wonderful breakfast everyone joined in the sanctuary for Thanksgiving worship with the message from Pastor Peter Choi. We thank God for all His blessings and His grace and mercy in His great love!

Special thanks to Mark Lee, Mimi Lee, Pat Ellzey, Mayling Hew, Alfred Yee, Jimmy Chow, Chuck Mengel, and everyone else who cooked and helped setting for wonderful Thanksgiving breakfast!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 English Class 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Adult Worship	11:00 Youth Worship 11:00 Children's Worship 12:00 Coffee/Fellowship 12:30 Choir Practice				1 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am	2 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
3 Adult Sunday School 9:45 am	4	5	6	7 Pandas Senior Gathering 10am	8	9 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
10 Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Annual Congregational Meeting Women of the Church Christmas Luncheon 1:30pm	11	12 Circle #3 Bible Study 10:30am Stated Session Meeting 7pm	13	14	15	16 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
17 Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Children's Christmas Performance	18	19	20	21	22	23 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
24 Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Christmas Cantata	25 Christmas Vespers Service 5pm	26	27	28	29	30 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
31 Adult Sunday School 9:45 am						

我們再到另一年的結束，感謝上帝無條件的愛，通過他兒子耶穌基督的顯露，讚美他無盡的憐憫。當我們慶祝聖誕節時，教會邀請你來參加崇拜以馬內利(上帝與我們同在)，並敬拜來拯救我們上帝的兒子，耶穌基督。

12月每個星期日，透過點降臨節蠟燭花冠，我們將探索降臨節的意義。請來聽上帝所說關於希望，和平，喜樂和愛的話語。

教堂的兒童將表演頒佈聖誕場景的聖誕劇，詩班將通過歌曲，音樂和文字來傳達同樣的信息。

願你能聽到耶穌基督的信息，認識到上帝通過他兒子所行的事。願你們接納上帝的兒子，耶穌基督，在你的生命裡並常常留在他之中。讓我們再次一起慶祝上帝的兒子，耶穌基督的誕生。 崔牧師

因此、主自己要給你們一個兆頭、必有童女懷孕生子、給他起名叫以馬內利。

就是 神與我們同在的意思。 以賽亞書7:14

兒童事工

邀請事奉上帝...事奉兒童是一種方式去找出兒童對信仰是有什麼真正的含義。我們有很多機會使用我們的天賦，技能和才能為我們教會的兒童服務。請為這個事奉上帝之祈禱，去影響孩子的一生，與體驗到孩子般信心的心靈。

教會兒童事工是為有兒童的家庭工作。幫助兒童意識到上帝認為他們是特別的。提供一個令人振奮的基督教氛圍愛，接納和尊重地學習上帝的話語。認識到兒童的學習是通過各種經驗的。

我們相信兒童最好的學習包括親自工作，積極思考和親手瞭解上帝為我們創造的世界。我們熱忱，盡忠守職的主日學教師每個星期天都都在這裡等待你和你的兒童。希望你能加入我們這個令人興奮和美妙的旅程。葉月明長老

兒童聖誕節節目...兒童將於12月17日星期日，演出耶穌誕生的故事。同時包樺姐妹，愛莉和愛萍將演唱『平安夜』。

青年人事工

青年人崇拜...青年人七個星期的聖經研究已開始了。每星期日上午11時舉行。他們現在研究基督徒的基本信仰。這是很重要要明白的基本信條。請來參加研究，讓我們一起來認識，明白和體驗上帝不能測量，美好和奇妙的愛。請與Angela師母聯絡(408-718-3379或cpcyouth03@gmail.com)

需要年青人牧師...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。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(818-282-6821或電郵jywming@aol.com)聯絡。

熊貓高年人組...12月的聚會是在12月7日，星期四上午10時。希望所有的高年人能出席，在基督中享受一個美好而有趣樂的交誼時間。若你想來參加，請在交誼廳的桌上簽名註冊或通知朱美蓮。

成年人聖經研究班...每星期三晚上7時半至9時舉行。我們現在學習羅馬書。鼓勵各位來參加研究。讓我們一起學習上帝的話語。

婦女會第3圈聖經研究...11月14日，星期二上午10時半，婦女會第3圈聖經班將研究由梅麗莎．貝恩維爾所作的書本『雲彩見證人，希伯來基督的社團』。歡迎各位加入小組，一起學習上帝的話語。

週年會眾會議...將在12月10日，星期日在崇拜後舉行。鼓勵所有會員參加，來投票批准2018年度財務預算，並選舉教會的長老和執事。

意大利薄餅和遊樂晚...取消12月的節目。

春節慶典...我們需要志願者來指導和幫助慶祝春節。如果我們在12月30日之前找不到慶典的負責人，那麼這個活動就會被取消。如果你有興趣，請與李貴財聯絡。

聖誕長歌...12月10日的崇拜是由詩班引領，他們將演唱由湯姆．法基和湯姆司．嘉思所寫作的『聖誕故事』。

聖誕晚禱會...將在12月25日晚上5時舉行。請來參加慶祝耶穌基督的誕生。聖餐聖禮將在24日崇拜時間舉行。

聖誕自助午餐...12月24日崇拜後本堂將舉行週年的自助午餐。請帶你們最歡喜的善菜來分享。

會議會簡訊...以下是在11月13日所舉行的會議重點:1) 教會的目錄將在12月初分派。2) 教會的保險現在包括洪水保險，政策將由尤斯提斯保險公司提供。3) 2018年的財務預算已訂好，將在12月10日的會眾會議會中推選。4) 2018年的長老和執事提名已完成，將在12月10日的會眾會議會中推選。

下次會議會將在12月12日，晚上7時在教會舉行。

教堂油漆...每星期六早上9時半至12時半繼續進行直至完成。請前來幫助盡快完成這項專案。

感恩節早餐...華人長老會在11月23日慶祝感恩節。我們享受了一頓邱任貴及家人和余建漢預備的豐盛早餐。早餐後，各人聚集在禮堂參加感恩崇拜，崔牧師提供信息，各會員分享我們對上帝的謝意。感謝上帝在他的偉大的愛賜予我們的所有祝福，恩典和憐憫!

特別感謝李貴財，李玉彩，邱玉英，朱美蓮，余建漢，周展明，Chuck Mengel和所有幫助煮感恩節早餐和設置桌椅的人!



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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