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WORSHIP

Sundays at 10:00
YMCA Gymnasium
855 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, CA 94108



FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH
of SAN FRANCISCO



5th
Sunday
in
Lent

WORSHIP ORDER

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

WE PRAISE OUR GREAT GOD

Praise Songs

WE EMBRACE CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

FCBC Life and Events

Dedication of Baby Aliza

Prayers of God's People

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

Sermon Title: Words To Remember In Transition

Passage: Joshua 1:1-9

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S BLESSINGS

Offering

Praise Songs

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

Benediction



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WHO WE ARE

"First Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco is a multigenerational bilingual bicultural church. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called to be a person so transformed by God's gracious love in Jesus Christ that we joyfully commit ourselves in worship, witness, discipleship, and ministry."

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL

We believe that the gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ—God's very wisdom. This good news is Christological, centering on the cross and resurrection. Consequently, the gospel is not proclaimed if Christ is not proclaimed, and the authentic Christ has not been proclaimed if His death and resurrection are not central. This good news is biblical (his death and resurrection are according to the Scriptures), theological and salvific (Christ died for our sins to reconcile us to God), historical (if the saving events did not happen our faith is worthless, we are still in our sins, and are to be pitied more than all others), apostolic (the message was entrusted to and transmitted by the apostles who were witnesses of these saving events), and personal (where it is received, believed, and held firmly, individual persons are saved).

WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us Sunday Mornings for our worship service.

Every Sunday

10:00am

Location: 855 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, CA 94108

MONTHLY PRAYER FOCUS

- **Please pray for:** This is Lenten season. Pray that the Lord open the doors of our hearts a little wider to understand Him a little deeper in order to experience His grace everyday.
- America for Christ Offering: Pray that ABC meet their offering goal of \$1,250,000 to support missions and ministry across the United States and Puerto Rico. God wants lives to be transformed and renewed. Pray that the monetary resource will help advance the gospel to the utter most parts of the world.

2018 CHURCH THEME: Living Sacrifice

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VERSE:

... present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
Romans 12:1b



Today's Flowers were given by Martin Lu in remembrance of Julia Lu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jr. High

10 am in Room 350A of the church.

Sr. High

11:30am on the 2nd floor in the classroom at the YMCA.

Young Adult

(college & post college)

Join us after service 11:30am for Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. Location: 3rd floor loft at the YMCA.

America for Christ Offering

You are invited to prayerfully consider making a donation to the annual America for Christ offering. Your gift will help provide life-changing ministries and resources that will have an impact on neighborhoods and communities across the United States and Puerto Rico, reaching them with the love and hope of Jesus Christ. The theme for the America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2018 is *Equipping Disciples*, based on Ephesians 4:11-13. Our 2018 annual goal is \$4,100, as of last Sunday we collected \$368. We invite you to help us achieve our goal by giving on Sundays in March at worship or by sending your donation to the office. Please mark your check for "AFC Offering." We thank you in advance for your generous gift!

Appreciation, Welcoming and Sending off Reception,

March 25, 1 pm After more than 5 years of dedicated service to our church, Pastor Visal will be completing his role as Associate Pastor of FCBC. His last Sunday with us is on March 25th. Please come and join us for his last Sunday to help send him and his family off with our love, thanks, and well wishes at the Appreciation Reception at 1:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This reception will also serve as an opportunity to welcome Pastor Sebastian and his family to FCBC; and to offer a blessing for Pastor Peter as he heads off to China for his sabbatical! A light lunch will be served.

Discussion about the Proposed Transitional Combined English Worship

The deacons want to hear from our 10E and 11E worshippers what help them worship God authentically and be very inclusive as we discern the most faithful way for the English-speaking community to worship. Today we are holding discussions at 10 for the 11E worshippers and at 11 for the 10E worshippers at the YMCA MP rm. Next Sunday, on March 25, 10 am, also at the YMCA MP rm, a joint discussion will be held to bring our ideas from both congregations before we join Pastor Visal for his last sermon at FCBC as pastor during a combined 11.20 worship service. We appreciate all who have participated in the discussion today and look forward to your presence next week.

Today

1:00, CE Meeting

Worship Forums

Spring Church Clean-Up Day

Every house needs scrubbing after heavy use. Every house needs things to be put back in their proper places. Every house needs all the family members who have enjoyed living in that house to roll up their sleeves and start cleaning. The House of God needs such tender, loving care too! It will be on Saturday, March 24, 2018 beginning at 8:30 with coffee and bows. We encourage all Fellowship Groups to participate in this event as part of their service project. Many of our Fellowship Groups have already adopted an area to clean, but we always welcome additional support. Please let us know that you will be helping so that we would have a free lunch for you!

Passion Week & Easter

Join us to experience God's love for us during Passion Week and the resurrection of the Lord on Easter!

+Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday

10:00 Cantonese Worship

10:00 Joint discussion on the proposed, transitional combined, English service at the YMCA MP rm

11:20 Joint English Worship

+Friday, March 30—CCU Bilingual Good Friday Service

7:00—FCBC sanctuary. Sisters and brothers from other Chinese Christian Union churches will join us to remember the suffering Servant who is our Lord and Savior.

+Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday

7:00—CCU Sunrise Service at the Chinese Congregational Church

10:00—Cantonese Worship

11:20—Joint English Worship

On Easter Sunday, the Chinatown YMCA will serve their Annual Pancake & Eggs Breakfast to the whole community. Come support our neighborhood partner by stopping in for breakfast. Tickets are available at the door.

Upcoming Events

3/17-22

Cru at the University of Washington staying at FCBC

3/24

Spring cleanup

3/25

Palm Sunday

Joint English @ 11:20

3/30

CCU Bilingual Good Friday Service

7:00—FCBC sanctuary.

4/1

Easter Sunday, Joint English @ 11:20

4/21-23

FCBC Yosemite Trip

(Registration form online & in FCBC vestibule)



CULTIVATING LEADERS
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES
 HEALING COMMUNITIES
 Ephesians 4:11-13



Miracles Continue After Training Ends

When First Baptist Church, Brazil, Ind., participated in American Baptist Home Mission Societies' missional training in 2011, they couldn't imagine the future their increased understanding would bring forth. Exploring needs in the community, they learned of a neighborhood child badly burned in a home accident. The church rallied the community to assist the child and her family.

That experience provided a new awareness of neighborhood children. Members witnessed children dumpster diving for food. A church group sprang into action to offer snacks both before and after school.

Because volunteers noticed children without shoes or clean clothes, vacation Bible school focused on reaching neighborhood kids, and the idea of hosting a back-to-school fair was born. More than 200 children came. The next year, a partnership with YMCA brought more than 400 children.



Since that time, this church of approximately 100 members with an annual operating budget of \$100,000 has worked with community partners to consistently raise more than \$300,000 yearly to improve the lives of

neighborhood children. Efforts have included free daycare for the children of single mothers who want to stay in school. A summer lunch program serves more than 27,500 meals to 600 children daily.

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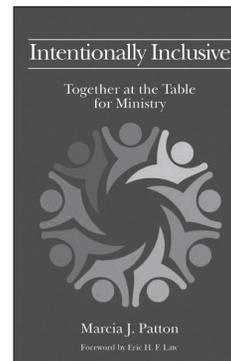
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