

Give

with a

Thanks

GRATEFUL

heart

Praise

God

from whom

all

blessings

FLOW

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

Prayers of God's People

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

Sermon Title: Thanksgiving

Passage: Colossians 1:3-8

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S BLESSINGS

Offering

Praise Songs

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

Benediction

Today's Flowers were given Wishing a Happy 18th Birthday to Andrew Yong.



FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH of SAN FRANCISCO

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 FCBC’s pastoral staff to experience good health and high energy as we enter this busy holiday season.

Give thanks for what we have and ask God to help us be generous in helping those in need.

2017 CHURCH THEMES: Evangelism & Fellowship

2017 CHURCH SLOGAN: Proclaim & Present

2017 CHURCH THEME VERSE:

“It is he [Jesus] whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.” Colossians 1.28



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.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS:

Thank you for your generosity! We have collected:

WMO – World Mission Offering: \$3,210.00

OGHS – Puerto Rico: \$2244

OGHS – No. Bay Fire: \$2201

“LIVE GENEROUSLY”—2018 Canvass

On October 2nd, the congregation heard about the upcoming ministries in our church. Canvass materials were sent to your homes inviting you to support the work of FCBC.

Our pledge goal is \$635,000 which is the same as 2017. Please prayerfully consider making your pledge commitment by bringing in your pledges on Sundays, or scan the QR code to [pledge online](#). Canvass chairs are Nelson Wong & Charles Yong.



Pledges to Date: 80 pledges totaling \$329,762 (51.9%)

2018 FLOWER CHART – The 2018 flower chart is posted in the vestibule for you to donate flowers in memory/honor/celebration of loved ones and friends. Flower donations are \$28. After worship, you are welcome to take the flowers home leaving the vase for the florist. Please sign up today.

REPORT ON THE OCT. 29TH FORUM – The Deacons and Pastors want to thank all of you who attended the forum to discuss the possibility of our conducting a six-week trial period during which the two English services would combine. It was not the Board’s intent to make this a permanent arrangement, but to reevaluate after the trial period about what aspects people liked and didn’t like about it, with the two services then resuming their regular schedules after that trial period.

The intent of the forum was to gain input from you all and to listen to your concerns and feelings about a possible future blended service. We listened and in doing so realized that there were a number of misunderstandings about our rationale for exploring a blended service. As a result, we will hold off on conducting this six-week trial with plans to revisit the idea in the future once our new senior pastor is installed, and certainly after soliciting additional feedback from the entire congregation.

ADVENT AT FCBC – Our Advent schedule, beginning on December 3rd and ends on December 24th will be a special time as we celebrate baptisms on December 17th, have an All Church service at the YMCA on Sunday, December 24th which will include music by the 10C Praise Team, the 11:20 Adult Choir, a Children’s Choir, and our Bell Choir. A Christmas luncheon will immediately follow worship. Please plan to attend and consider inviting family and friends to this special Christmas celebration. See the insert for a complete December schedule.

TODAY!
Starting at 12:30 -Thanksgiving/Senior Appreciation Luncheon

Operation Christmas Child

Please bring your completed shoeboxes to church by 12:30PM TODAY.

NEXT WEEK Nov. 26

Missionaries Emerson and Ivy Wu will be bringing news of their ministry. The Wu's have served in Asia since 2013 and recently began preparing to embark on a new assignment as the directors of Global Chinese Mission for International Ministries. Emerson will be preaching at the 10C worship service and Ivy will preach at both the 10E and 11:20E worship services.

FCBC Christmas Faire come join the fun! Visit a craft booth to purchase or make a unique Christmas gift. Stop at the cookie table to buy and decorate your very own cookies. Enjoy a cup of Lana coffee while you browse. There is something for everyone.

NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH – Advent Series

A four-session advent series, written by best-selling author Walter Brueggeman, is available for Bible Study Groups, Fellowship Groups or individuals who want to deepen their appreciation for and understanding of the Advent season. The study is based on Isaiah 9:6 where the coming Messiah is given four royal titles - Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

If you are interested in obtaining a hard copy, please contact the office. For those who prefer an E-book edition, it is available at christianbook.com. Reimbursement for the purchase of an E-book is available by turning your receipt in to the office.

CHRISTMAS OPERA – AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS – 7 pm Dec. 16 here at FCBC a free performance of this one-act, one-scene play that runs for one hour is set near Bethlehem and is about Amahl, a disabled boy who can walk only with a crutch, and his encounter with the three Kings who are on their way to see Jesus. Chinese supertitles will be provided.

CHINESE MISSIONS CONVENTION (CMC) – Dec. 26-29, Ontario, CA. CMC is a 4-day event with over 30 years of history. CMC provides a space to listen to God. Come to reflect and pray; to get away and to hear from God. Take time to discern the next steps in your faith journey and be inspired by those who are following God's call on their life. Speakers this year include well-known preacher and author Francis Chan. For more information visit their website at: cmcwest.org.

Upcoming Events

11/23

Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed

11/26

Christmas Faire, 12:30, Fellowship Hall

12/2

Women's Fellowship

12/10

Membership Meeting

12/16

7 pm – Christmas Opera, Amal and the Night Visitors

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WORSHIP

Sundays at 10:00

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