

# 11:20 English Worship

## October 22, 2017

### Welcome & Family News

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

Robert Mah

L: Let us worship God today, for God is great.

P: **God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**

L: Let us worship God today, for God is good.

P: **God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.**

L: Let us worship God today,

**ALL: Because we are God's people.**

#### \*Opening Hymn # 9 Come Let Us Praise the Lord

#### \*Opening Prayer (*in unison*)

Robert Mah

**O gracious God, who generously lavishes our lives with goodness, create in our hearts a deep center of gratitude, a center that grows so strong in its thanksgiving that sharing freely of our treasures becomes the pattern of our existence.**

**Remind us often of how much you cherish us, of how abundantly you have offered gifts to us, especially in the hours of our greatest need. May we always be grateful for your reaching into our lives with surprises of joy, growth and unconditional love. Amen**

#### Offertory Prayer

Robert Mah

\*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### Choir

#### Grace

Mark Hayes

*FCBC choir | Accompanist - Joyce Moy | Director - Nelson Wong*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now am found

I once was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already safely come

This grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the glorious sun

We've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun

**Prayer of God's People** (*We invite your prayer concerns and celebrations.*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Message**

**Adding Value**

**Scripture**

**Romans 7.14-25**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**# 492 Spirit of the Living God**

**\*Postlude**

Today's Flowers are given in Wishing a Happy Birthday to Wally Poon.  
Lay Reader: Robert Mah | Ushers: Keith and Evelyn Louie, Sheu Au, Bonnie Lim  
Accompanist: Lisa Chau

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRE DISASTER AID** – In response to wildfires that have been raging throughout Northern California since Oct. 8, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, has released a \$5,000 One Great Hour of Sharing Emergency Disaster Relief Grant to the Growing Healthy Churches region.

The region office will distribute funds to these California churches: CrossWalk Community Church, Napa; New Vintage Church, Santa Rosa; and First Baptist Church, Ukiah. Two of the churches are housing evacuees, while the third is partnering with a community evacuation center. Donations can be made via the enclosed envelope. Please designate "OGHS-No. CA Fires" in the memo line.

**THE ONE THING TO GET RIGHT** – if you are a leader, are interested in being a leader, or simply want to know what the one thing to get right is, plan to attend the **Leadership Development** workshop on Nov. 4 from 1-3 p.m. in Room 350A. A light lunch will be served at 12:45. Please RSVP to the office by Oct. 30.

**"LIVE GENEROUSLY"—2018 Canvass**

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Oct. 29, at the 10:00 All-Church Worship at the YMCA, or scan the QR code to pledge online. Canvass chairs are Nelson Wong & Charles Yong.



**WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO)** – To date we have collected \$1730. If you have not already given, please consider a cheerful and generous gift to the WMO offering.

## **GET YOUR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES NOW!**



Operation Christmas Child partners with churches worldwide to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After receiving a shoebox gift, children can enroll in a Bible student course, *The Greatest Journey*, where they learn to become faithful followers of Christ and share their faith with others.

A \$9 donation per shoebox gift is critical to cover shipping and other ministry expenses, please make a check payable to **Samaritans Purse** for the total of your boxes or give online by scanning the QR code to [Follow Your Box](#). Boxes are available in the entryway. Please note that toothpaste and candy are **NO** longer allowed in shoeboxes due to customs regulations. Please bring your completed shoeboxes to church on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. Latest collection time at FCBC is 12:30PM on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON & SENIORS APPRECIATION** Plan now to attend the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon of turkey, sticky rice, and dessert on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. Seniors 65 and older are our guests and we'll celebrate their contributions as sages and guides for the next generations. Tickets are available from the Social Committee. Adults and Youth--\$5; Children 5-12--\$3; and Seniors and Children 4 and younger--Free.

**HEATH SEMINAR** will be held at 2 pm in the fellowship hall on Nov. 5th. Rev. Dr. Timothy Tin will be the speaker and he is keen on Chinese medicine. He will also teach physical exercises to improve our health. Limited health consultation quotas are available before and after the semester. Details please refer to flyers/posters. You may contact Pastor Lydia for questions.

### **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. In addition, an adult Sunday school class in which this study will be used will be offered at 10:00 starting on Dec. 3.

The study is based on Isaiah 9:6 where a divine utterance is given using four royal titles - Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Names for the Messiah ponders each royal designation and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. In this study, Brueggemann tackles the questions: "What were these expectations?" and "Did Jesus fulfill them?"

If you are interested in obtaining a hard copy, please contact the office. An E-book edition is available at [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com). Reimbursement for the purchase of an E-book is available by turning your receipt in to the office.

### **BAPTISM/MEMBERSHIP CLASSES**

Pastors Linda (adult) and Visal (youth) will be offering a class for those who are prayerfully thinking about Baptism and/or church membership beginning on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 10:00a.m. Believers Baptism is on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in exploring this decision, please contact your pastor.

## Today at FCBC

- 8-10:00 Joe's Café
- 10:00 SS Classes for All Ages
- 10:00 English Worship – Pastor Visal Sok preaching, YMCA gym
- 10:00 Cantonese Worship – Pastor Lydia Yeung preaching, Sanctuary
- 11:20 English Worship – Pastor Linda Bergeon preaching, Sanctuary

## Next Sunday

- 8-10:00 Joe's Café
- 10:00 SS Classes (No adult classes)
- 10:00 Pledge Sunday, Bilingual All Church Worship YMCA gym – Pastor Linda Bergeon preaching, Pastor Peter Lee translating

## Upcoming Events

- 11/05 Leadership Development – 1:00 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Health Seminar – 2:00 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- 11/08 Senior Center, medical issues relating to the heart
- 11/12 Jingle Bells, Jingles Bells caroling event – 1:15 Sanctuary
- 11/19 Thanksgiving/Senior Appreciation Luncheon – 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
- 11/26 Christmas Faire, 12:30, Fellowship Hall

## Adding Value – Romans 7.14-25

### Notes

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# Welcome to Sunday Worship!

We are glad you're here! Our Deacons and Pastors would like to meet you. The ushers are ready to answer any questions that you may have. Join us for youth, young adult and adult Sunday school classes after worship! We hope you are enjoying the warm fellowship of First Chinese Baptist and pray that the good news of the Risen Christ is in your life!

All **parking meters** including yellow truck loading ones are free on Sundays. If you need to park in a garage, parking stickers for 2 hours are available to all visitors and members at **St. Mary's Garage** on the corner of California (entrance) and Kearny Streets. Bring your ticket to one of our ushers for a sticker when you leave the service. The sticker has a \$6.00 value. The hourly fee is: \$2.50/hr. before noon and \$3/hr. noon to 3:00 PM. If you stay after 3:00 PM, the hourly rate is lower. **Golden Gateway Garage** at 250 Clay St. is \$3 all day on Sundays by using a stamp in our vestibule. It's still easy to worship at FCBC in the heart of Chinatown where new friendships are developed with Jesus Christ and with each other!

## Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

### OCTOBER PRAYER FOCUS – please pray for:

- God has invited us to accomplish His works through the power of prayer. We want to continue to pray for our pastoral search committee as we continue to seek our new senior pastor.
- FCBC's budget process and the World Mission Offering.
- All the folks impacted by the hurricanes and earthquakes.
- Our government leaders.

## Vision/Mission Statement

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

## 2017 Church Theme: Proclaim & Present

“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



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