

# 11:20 English Worship

## January 21, 2018

### Welcome & Family News

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

Wendy Quan

One: Because he came to bring good news to the poor;

**People: Let us be bearers of the Good News.**

One: Because he came to proclaim release to the captives;

**People: Let us break the chains of injustice.**

One: Because he came to give vision to those who could not see;

**People: Let us see the world through the lens of compassion and mercy.**

One: Because he came to let the oppressed go free;

**People: Let us overcome systems of intolerance and inequality.**

One: Because he came to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor;

**People: Let us sing the praises of Christ our Lord!**

#### \*Opening Hymn #30 All Things Bright And Beautiful

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

Wendy Quan

**In you, O Lord our God, we find our joy, for through your law and your prophets you formed a people in mercy and freedom, in justice and righteousness. Pour your Spirit on us today, that we who are Christ's body may bear the good news of your ancient promises to all who seek you. Amen.**

#### Offertory Prayer

Wendy Quan

\*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

#### He Leadeth Me

Bradbury/Averre

*FCBC choir | Accompanist - Shirlene Leong Nakano | Director- Nelson Wong*

He leadeth me, O blessed thought

O words with heavenly comfort fraught

Whate'er I do, what e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

Some times 'mid scenes of deepest gloom

Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom

By waters still, o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

He leadeth me, He leadeth me. By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful follower I would be. For by His hand He leadeth me

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine, Nor ever murmur nor repline  
Content whate'er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me  
And when my task on earth is done. When by Thy grace the victory's won  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me

**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**

**Kindness Matters**

**Pastor Linda**

**Scripture**

**Various**

**\* Closing Hymn**

**#121 We Are Called to be God's People**

**\*Postlude**

Today's Flowers were given by Wendy Quan in Loving Memory of Howard Quan. Lay Reader: Wendy Quan   Ushers: Lester Hom, Sharon Fong, Sheryl & Wes Chan Accompanist: Joyce Moy
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**RETIRED MINISTERS & MISSIONARIES OFFERING** Many Baptist pastors and missionaries who have served a lifetime in ministry discover that they have not earned enough during their years of service to retire with grace and dignity. The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) assists these faithful servants by providing necessary subsidies and care. In January we receive the MMBB "Thank You" offering, which is used to give a "Thank You" check to retired Baptist servants at Christmas time. The offering will be collected throughout January, as of last Sunday, we collected \$848, our goal is \$3800. Thank you!

**2018 CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING** on **Sunday, February 4**, 1:00, we'll have our 2018 Annual Meeting to celebrate God's activity in the world through FCBC! In a Baptist church, this is a time of church fellowship and remembrance. We'll receive the annual reports from the various groups and ministries in our church and the new church directory; hear the State of the Church Report, dedicate new officers, board, and committee members and remember loved ones who have returned to the Lord. Make plans to join us for this special church gathering!

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** - Think about friends, daughters, mothers, students, neighbors you might want to invite this year! Scholarships are available. Brochures are available on the table in the entry.

**Friday, March 9, 2018 through Sunday, March 11, 2018**  
**San Damiano Retreat, Danville, CA**

## Instant Church Directory Mobile App

You can view the directory from your iPhone, iPad, Android or Kindle Fire by downloading the free Instant Church Directory Members App. Please search for “Instant Church Directory” in the Apple App Store, Google Play, or Amazon Appstore.

Scan the QR code on the left to send a photo. Snap a quick 'selfie' now and upload. Can't wait to 'see' you!



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## Directory and Annual Report

I(We) would like to receive the new church directory via  
email \_\_\_\_\_ mail \_\_\_\_\_ pick up \_\_\_\_\_ no need \_\_\_\_\_

Please remove my (our) address from your directory.

I(We) would like to receive the church Annual Report via  
email \_\_\_\_\_ mail \_\_\_\_\_ pick up \_\_\_\_\_ no need \_\_\_\_\_

I(We) would like to receive the monthly CBC Newsletter via  
email \_\_\_\_\_ mail \_\_\_\_\_ pick up \_\_\_\_\_ no need \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign me up to the church announcement email list. (Doesn't work for AOL addresses)

My email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Today at FCBC

8-10:00 Joe's Café

10:00 SS Classes for All Ages

10:00 Cantonese Worship – Pastor Lydia Yeung preaching, Sanctuary

10:00 English – Pastor Visal Sok preaching, YMCA

11:20 English Worship – Pastor Linda Bergeon preaching, Sanctuary

## Next Sunday

8-10:00 Joe's Café

9:00 Mission Committee, Library

10:00 SS Classes for All Ages

10:00 Cantonese Worship – Pastor Peter Lee preaching, Sanctuary

10:00 English Worship – Pastor Visal Sok preaching, YMCA

11:20 English Worship – Pastor Linda Bergeon preaching, Sanctuary

12:45 Music Committee, Library

## Upcoming Events

2/4 Annual Meeting

2/14 Ash Wednesday

Staff Meeting, 10-12

Senior Center, 12-3

2/16 Chinese New Year, (H)- Office closed

2/17-19 Jr. High Retreat

2/19 President's Day, (H)- Office Closed

3/9-11 FCBC Women's Retreat

4/21-23 FCBC Yosemite Trip



Retired  
Ministers &  
Missionaries  
Offering  
2017

## Your Generosity Inspires Others



**“When you become more immersed in your faith you come to understand that we can’t do anything without God and that God is in control and that God is the one who gives us everything that we have. Then you begin to understand that God is the original giver, and we are the original receivers. As we have received, then we can pass it to the next person and to the next person. And that’s all part of how your faith can be and should be lived. I think that by understanding how God is the source of everything, we are better able to understand why we are generous. We’re generous because God is generous to us.”**

— Rev. Beverly Lowell, United Baptist Church, Saco, ME

Your congregation’s offering makes it possible to continue to provide emergency assistance and a *Thank You* check to all who are eligible. The offering supports those who have devoted 15 or more years of their lives to God’s service.

It is a privilege to report that in 2016, we raised **\$1,059,444** and distributed a total of **3,443** checks to American Baptist ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. Our goal for 2017 is **\$1.1 million**.

Recipients have used these checks in a variety of ways; see the reverse side to read first-hand accounts of how your gift touches the lives of so many.

We will receive RMMO on \_\_\_\_\_.

Please help us reach this year’s goal of \_\_\_\_\_.

# Your Generosity Inspires Others



**“You do so much for us throughout the year that we are surprised when this check comes, too. We really do appreciate it because it means we can do something for our six grandchildren for Christmas and that makes us happy even if we can’t be there with them.”**

— Retired Couple in Claremont, CA

**“I am 87 years old and used it to get a call button around my neck because I live alone. Thank you for my Christmas gift.”**

— Retired Widow in Bradenton, FL

**“MMBB has been our financial life line for the last 12 years. We are so grateful for any extra that you send especially at this time of year.”**

— Retired Couple in Lititz, PA

**“My wife and I appreciate the check and the expression of thanks it represents. We have used it to keep up with our living expenses and some needed car repairs.”**

— Retired Couple in Abilene, KS

These heartfelt wishes of appreciation for the Retired Minister and Missionaries Offering reiterates the importance of sustaining this mission.

# 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

### JANUARY PRAYER FOCUS

- That the Good News will continue to be heard in Chinatown and around the world.
- That the Lord will guide the ministries of FCBC in the New Year.

## 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.

## 2018 Church Theme: Living Sacrifice

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

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