



Give

with a

*Thanks*

GRATEFUL

*heart*

*Praise*

*God*

from whom all

blessings

FLOW

**11:20 English Worship**  
**Nov. 19, 2017**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Welcome & Family News**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Alan Fong**

L: Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shines,

**P: Let's praise God together!**

L: For listening when we call, answering our prayers, forgiving our mistakes,  
and providing what we need:

**P: Let's praise God together!**

L: Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shines,

**ALL: Let's praise God together!**

**\*Opening Hymn #721 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

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

**Alan Fong**

**Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and  
praise, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and  
were created.**

**Accept our heart-felt thanksgiving to You for everything that You  
have performed in our lives, and for the people You have placed on  
our daily path. Show us how to express gratitude for all things. To  
You we give praise and adoration, now and forever. All: Amen.**

**Offertory Prayer Alan Fong**

**\*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**

**I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

David Pote and Alan Pote

*FCBC Choir | Director: Wendy Quan | Accompanist: Shirlene Leong Nakano*

I'm gonna live, so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.

**Blessing of OCC Boxes**

**Pastor Linda**

**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**  
**Scripture**

**Grumblers Anonymous**  
**Psalm 103.1-5**

**\*Closing Hymn # 722, Praise and Thanksgiving**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

Today's Flowers are given Wishing a Happy 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthday to Andrew Yong. Lay Reader: Alan Fong   Ushers: Bonnie Lim, Sheu Au, Don Lam Accompanist: Joyce Moy
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**TODAY!**

**Starting at 12:30 -Thanksgiving/Senior Appreciation Luncheon**

**NEXT WEEK**

**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.

**RETROSPECT IS COMING...RETROSPECT IS COMING** – Saturday, Nov. 25 at 6pm campers and counselors will have an opportunity to reconnect, to share what life has been like since camp, and to talk about how God has been active in their lives.

**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.

**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.

**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 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 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%)**

**REPORT ON THE OCT. 29<sup>TH</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends on December 24<sup>th</sup> will be a special time as we celebrate baptisms on December 17<sup>th</sup>, have an All Church service at the YMCA on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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](http://cmcwest.org).

### **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 Peter Lee preaching, Sanctuary
- 11:20 English Worship – Pastor Linda Bergeon preaching, Sanctuary

### **Next Sunday**

- 8-10:00 Joe's Café
- 10:00 SS Classes for All Ages
- 10:00 English Worship – Pastor Ivy Wu preaching, YMCA gym
- 10:00 Cantonese Worship – Missionary Emerson Wu preaching, Sanctuary
- 11:20 English Worship – Pastor Ivy Wu preaching, Sanctuary
- 1:00 Christmas Faire, 4<sup>th</sup> floor

### **Upcoming Events**

- 11/23 Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
- 11/25 Retrospect
- 11/26 Christmas Faire, 12:30, Fellowship Hall
- 12/2 Women's Fellowship
- 12/3 First Sunday in Advent
- 12/10 Membership Meeting
- 12/16 7 pm – Christmas Opera, Amal and the Night Visitors

### **Grumblers Anonymous – Ps. 103.1-5**

- The length of the Psalm was determined by the number of letters in the Hebrew alphabet (22).
  - Celebrates God's love and compassion toward His people.
  - The Psalm is framed by the phrase "Praise the Lord, my soul" which sets the tone for the whole Psalm.
  - Verse 3-5 celebrate personal benefits received.
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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

### NOVEMBER 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.

## 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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