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NEWSLETTER

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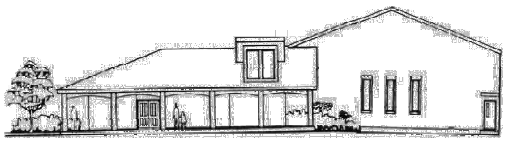

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November 2017

As believers, we must focus on God each day. We were created to worship God and to be with God. God created us to love us and bless us, and to be with us. The more we focus on God, the more we get to know about how high, how wide, and how deep God's love is.

We see and hear only the things we can see and hear. We do only the things that we can do. But God is higher than all powers and far beyond who we are. God can do far more than we can ever do. Whether you think you are in the time of happiness or the time of sadness or hardship, God is there as He always has been and God only plans to give you the best. We just need to be still and wait for God until we can see God leading because God is always at work.

Through the time of Thanksgiving, I hope we can look back and be able to see where God has been and where God is today in our life, and the work that He has been doing in our hearts. More than anything, I hope we come to know and understand more of God's love and truly be thankful because God is love and everything comes from His love.

Rev. Peter Choi

Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

Lectionary Scriptures

Sunday, November 5 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday, November 12 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7 1Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Sunday, November 19 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123 1Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday, November 26 Reign of Christ / Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 or 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

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Children's Ministry

Invitation to Serve God

Serving children is one way to find out what faith like a child really means. We have many opportunities utilizing a variety of our gifts, skills, and talents to serve the children of our church. Please pray about this invitation to serve God, impact a life of a child and catch the spirit of childlike faith.

Our Children's Ministry mission is to:

- Minister to families with children
- Help children to learn that they are special to God
- Provide an exciting Christian atmosphere with love, acceptance, and respect for learning God's word
- Recognize that children learn through a variety of experiences

We believe that children learn best by doing, actively thinking, and experimenting to learn firsthand about the world God has created for us. Our dedicated and loyal Children's Sunday School teachers are here every Sunday to serve our children. Won't you come aboard and travel with us on this exciting and wonderful journey?

Jeanette Hew

Children's Ministry Open House

Sunday, November 5 @ 12:15

Parents & Grandparents are welcome!

- Come visit with the teachers
- See what the children are learning
- Hear about classroom expectations
- Learn about future events
- Ask questions

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17

The children will have a presentation in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

Practice will begin on Sunday, November 5. We will be practicing every Sunday until the performance day. Please help our children to participate in practices for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Youth Ministry

Youth Worship

Every Sunday @ 11:00am

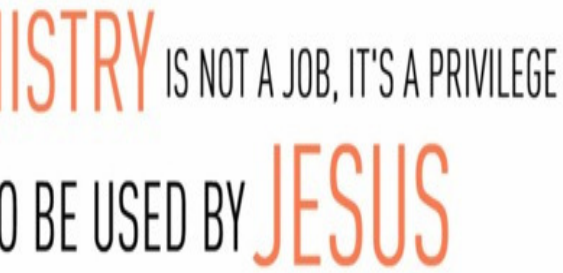
Youth 7-week bible study has started!
We are studying the basic essentials of Christian faith. These are very important fundamental tenets to know and understand.
Come and join us~! Let us together come to know, understand, and experience God's immeasurable, wonderful, and amazing love~!
Please contact Angela Choi for more information. (408-718-3379/cpcyouth03@gmail.com)

Youth Pastor Search

We are in need of Youth Pastor for our youth and college students. We need someone who can work with the heart and passion of Jesus Christ for youth and college students that they may learn about Christ and come to know Christ who will lead them throughout their lives.

Let us pray continuously for the young people and help them to grow in faith in Christ.

Please contact Elder Joy Wu. (818-282-6821 or jywming@aol.com)



PANDAS SENIOR GROUP

November Gathering

Thursday, November 16 @ 10am

We hope all seniors can come out and have a wonderful and fun time of fellowship together in Christ. There will be sign-up paper on the table in the fellowship hall, so please do sign up if you are coming or let Mayling Hew know.

Swamp Tour & Lunch

On Tuesday, October 31, the Pandas Senior Group had outing to swamp tour and had wonderful lunch and fellowship at the Panda King. We thank the sheriff's department for providing the transportation.

Special Thanks

We want to give a special thanks to Dennis Jee for taking time and effort for repairing the church kitchen wok.

Adult Bible Study

Every Wednesday
@ 7:30pm - 9pm

We are studying the book of Romans.
We want to encourage everyone to join the Bible Study. Let us learn God's words together~!

Circle #3 Bible Study

Tuesday, November 14 @ 10:30am

We are studying with the book, "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews" by Melissa Bane Sevier. Everyone is welcome to join the group and study the word of God together.

OCAW Presentation

Sunday, November 5 @ 1pm

OCAW will have a presentation and demonstration on Skin Care given by Cuilan Li. The presentation will begin after the fellowship on Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend.

Pledge Sunday

Sunday, November 26

Pledge Sunday is coming up at the end of November. Please be prayerful in giving in supporting and doing God's work through Chinese Presbyterian Church.

Pizza & Games Night

Pizza & Games night is cancelled for the month of November.

Thanksgiving Breakfast

Thursday, November 23
8:30am @ Church

Thanksgiving is coming up this month!
Mark your calendar to come and join us with your families and friends for Thanksgiving Breakfast~

Let us gather together and lift our thanks to the Lord for His grace and mercy, and His never-ending love that God has poured out to every one of us and to our church through another year.

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 24

"The Christmas Story"

by Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi

Christmas Vespers

Monday, December 25 @ 5pm

Come join us in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and experience the joy and overflowing love of God. The communion service will take place on Sunday, December 24 during worship service.

Session News

Here are the highlights of the Stated Session Meeting on October 17, 2017:

- Pastor Peter will attend the Annual PSL meeting in Hammond on October 20 and 21st.
- Formation of a permanent financial committee with members Allan Lew, Lila Crotty, and Samantha Lee.
- Successful Fall Outdoor Worship Service with plans for next year.
- Approval for request for re-location of utility pole to green space next to church sign when drainage project begins in 2018.
- Waiting to receive final print of church directory to be mailed out by the end of November to members who participated with Life Touch photo session.
- Gathering potential Outreach/Mission projects for our church participation.
- Fall revival dates to be announced once speaker is secured.
- Church insurance policy review is on-going to seek flood policy and waiting for second bid.
- Kitchen drain has been repaired and installation will be done by Dennis Jee.
- Approval of OCAW meeting and presentation on November 5, 2017 @ 1pm
- Stewardship letters and pledge cards will be mailed out by the end of October.
- Private Property Signage to avoid outsiders from parking on our premises will go up by the end of the year.
- Quarterly financial report was received and does not look promising. We will be in a shortfall by the end of the year due to decrease in offerings.

Next Session Meeting is Monday, November 13, 7pm at Church

Church Painting

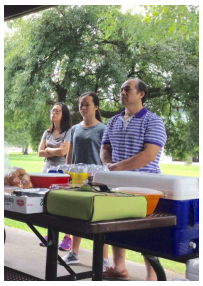
Every Saturday @ 9:30am-12:30pm

Soffit painting will be on-going every Saturday morning until the job is completed. It is open to anyone, so please come out and help us with painting~!

Volunteers for November

DATE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SCRIPTURE READERS English	SCRIPTURE READERS Chinese	USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS
NOV 5	Jeanette Hew	Susan Hom	Lena Chow (嚴若蓮)	Robert Hew, Brandy Hew Nellie Underwood	Allan & Melinda Lew
NOV 12	Pat Ellzey	Will Ellzey	Mrs. Yook Sim Yee (鄺肖琼)	Stanley & Inge Hamidjaja Anna Chin-Lai, Bob Hoy	Roger & Pat Gorman
NOV 19	Lila Crotty	Betty Wan	Theobald Wan (尹慶強)	Sonny Hew, Mayling Hew Jacob Lee	Peter & Angela Choi
NOV 26	Mayling Hew	Lindsay Bahra	LeiPin He (何雷斌)	Dennis Jee, Elizabeth Jee Hannah Jee	Chuck & Debbie Mengel

Fall Outdoor Worship



We had Fall Outdoor Worship on Sunday, October 15 at the Lafreniere Park. We had a wonderful time of worship and fellowship together. We had great potluck lunch and blast with riding carousel, and enjoyed Italian Ice. We want to give big thanks to everyone who put forth so much work for a wonderful outdoor worship and fellowship. We want to thank Rose Lee for providing delicious Italian Ice.

We thank God for allowing us to have the outdoor worship in safety and providing us to share much food together, and giving us wonderful weather all in His love and grace. All glory to God!

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 English Class 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Adult Worship 11:00 Youth Worship 11:00 Children's Worship 12:00 Coffee/Fellowship 12:30 Choir Practice			1 **Adult Weekly Bible Study** (Rom 9:10-15) 7:30pm - 9pm	2	3	4 **Prayer Meeting** 8:30am **Line Dance** 10am
5 **Adult Sunday School** 9:45 am Daylight Savings End	6	7	8 **Adult Weekly Bible Study** (Rom 9:16-29) 7:30pm - 9pm	9	10	11 **Prayer Meeting** 8:30am **Line Dance** 10am
12 **Adult Sunday School** 9:45 am	13 **Stated Session Meeting (Joint Finance Meeting)** 7pm	14 **Circle #3 Bible Study** 10:30am	15 **Adult Weekly Bible Study** (Rom 9:30-33) 7:30pm - 9pm	16 **Pandas Senior Gathering** 10am	17	18 **Prayer Meeting** 8:30am **Line Dance** 10am
19 **Adult Sunday School** 9:45 am	20	21	22	23 **Thanksgiving Breakfast** 8:30am	24	25 **Prayer Meeting** 8:30am **Line Dance** 10am
26 **Adult Sunday School** 9:45 am **Pledge Sunday**	27	28	29	30		

作為信徒，我們必須每天專注于上帝。上帝創造我們來敬拜他，與他同在。上帝創造我們來愛我們，祝福我們和與我們同在一起。若我們更專注于上帝，我們就越瞭解上帝的愛是多高大，廣寬和更深刻。

我們只看和聽到我們能看和聽到的。我們只做我們能做的事。但上帝比所有的力量更高，遠遠超越我們的力量。上帝能做超過我們所能的。無論你認為你是在幸福，悲傷或困苦的時候，上帝總是在附近，計畫給你最好的。我們只需要靜止，等待上帝，直到我們能感到上帝的帶領，因為上帝常常忙於為我們工作。

在感恩節的時間，我希望我們能夠回首過去，能夠看到上帝在我們的生命中所在的位置，以及在我們心中所做的工作。更重要的是，我希望我們能更多地瞭解上帝的愛，並真正地感恩，因為上帝是愛，一切都從他的愛所來的。 ***崔元德牧師***

應當稱謝耶和華．因他本為善．他的慈愛永遠長存。 歷代志上 16: 34

兒童事工

事奉上帝之邀請...事奉兒童是一種方式去找出兒童對信仰是有什麼真正的含義。我們有很多機會使用我們的天賦，技能和才能為我們教會的兒童服務。請為這個事奉上帝之邀請祈禱，去影響孩子的一生，與體驗到孩子般信心的心靈。

教會兒童事工是為有兒童的家庭工作。幫助兒童意識到上帝認為他們是特別的。提供一個令人振奮的基督教氛圍愛，接納和尊重地學習上帝的話語。認識到兒童的學習是通過各種經驗的。

我們相信兒童最好的學習包括親自做工，積極思考和嘗試親手瞭解上帝為我們創造的世界。我們熱忱，盡忠職守的主日學教師每個星期天都都在這裡等待你和你的兒童。希望你能加入我們這個令人興奮和美妙的旅程。 ***葉月明長老***

兒童家開放...11月5日下午12時15分，歡迎父母和祖父母參加。來與教師交談，看看兒童們所學習的，聽到關於課堂的期望，瞭解未來事件和問問題。

兒童聖誕節節目...將于12月17日星期日舉行。兒童們將會演出耶誕節的故事。我們將會在11月5日開始每星期日練習直到演出日。希望各家長合作帶兒童參加練習，以便他們能參加表演來慶祝耶穌基督的誕生。

青年人事工

青年崇拜...青年人七個星期的聖經研究已開始了。每星期日上午11時舉行。他們現在研究基督徒的基本信仰。這是很重要要明白的基本信條。請來參加研究，讓我們一起來認識，明白和體驗上帝不能測量，美好和奇妙的愛。請與崔師母
(408-718-3379或cpcyouth03@gmail.com) 聯絡。

需要年青人牧師...本堂的青年人和大學生需要一個領導牧師。他們需要一位能與他們一起工作，以便他們瞭解和來認識基督來引領他們的一生。讓我們為他們不斷祈禱並幫助他們在基督裡的信仰成長。讓我們繼續為我們的年青人不斷祈禱並幫助他們在基督裡的信仰成長。若任何人有提意，請與烏一欣長老(818-282-6821或電郵jywming@aol.com)聯絡。

你要專心仰賴耶和華，不可倚靠自己的聰明．在你一切所行的事上，
都要認定他，他必指引你的路。 (箴言3:5-6)

熊貓高年人組...熊貓高年人組11月將聚集兩次，在第一和第三個星期四上午10舉行（11月16日）。在10月31日，星期二，上午8時至下午3時將有一個特別『沼澤旅行』和熊貓皇午餐聚集。希望各位能夠參加，一起分享在基督裡的美妙和有趣的時間。

特別感謝...朱慕舜花時間來清理廚房的排水管。

成年人聖經研究班...每星期三晚上7時半至9時舉行。我們現在學習羅馬書。鼓勵各位來參加研究。讓我們一起學習上帝的話語。

婦女會第3圈聖經研究... 11月14日，星期二上午10時半，婦女會第3圈聖經班將研究由梅麗莎．貝恩維爾所作的書本『雲彩見證人，希伯來基督的社團』。歡迎各位加入小組，一起學習上帝的話語。

華美婦女會...將在11月4日中午在本堂由Cuilan Li陳述示範護膚。歡迎各位參加。

認捐主日...將在11月尾舉行。請各會友誠心地禱告祈求認捐數目，透過華人長老會來支持我們在地上行神的事工。

意大利薄餅和遊樂晚...取消11月的節目。

秋季室外崇拜...10月15日星期日本堂在本縣的『峰公園』舉行室外崇拜。崇拜後各人一起享受自帶來的午餐和遊樂，旋轉木馬。感謝所有幫助的會友。更感謝李露美贊助的清涼美味意大利甜彩雪。
感謝神賜給我們一個平安的室外崇拜和分享很多食物，美好的天氣，以及他的愛和恩典。光榮歸于主。

感恩節早餐...將在11月23日早上8時舉行。請各位不要忘記來分享食物和聖量。高舉我們對神賜給我們的恩賜，仁慈和他無盡的愛，繼續感謝他明年給我們的賞賜。

聖誕節長歌...12月24日本堂詩班將奉獻聖誕節長歌『聖誕故事』。

聖誕晚禱會...12月25日晚上5時舉行。請一起來慶祝主耶穌的誕生和經驗歡樂和神充滿的愛。聖餐聖禮將在24日崇拜時間分送。

會議會新詢...在10月17日會議會舉行會議，以下是會議的要點：**1)** 崔牧師將在10月20和21日參加在Hammond舉行的南路州長老會會議。**2)** 設立永久財務委員會來協助Debbie Mengel處理教會的財政狀況，會員是陳麗坤，劉德倫和李恩明。**3)** 戶外崇拜非常成功，開始籌備明年的崇拜。**4)** 批準電器公司(entergy)，因肯納市排水工程，移動電氣電力杆。工程開始于2018大約持續1年的時間。**5)** 正在等候教堂目錄印刷，將在11月尾寄出各參加的家庭。**6)** 收集有潛力的向外使命事項以便教堂能參加。**7)** 講員確定後，將會公報秋季複興會日子。**8)** 教會等待第二個教堂洪水保險政策費來決定添加教堂的保險。**9)** 感謝朱慕舜，廚房的排水管已修理好。**10)** 批準華美婦女會11月4日上午11時至下午2時在交誼廳舉行聚會和示範。**11)** 認捐書信和卡將在10月尾寄出。**12)** 私人物業的招牌來防止外人停泊車在我們的車場會在年底時按上。**13)** 由於奉獻減少，收到並不好的季度財務報告。今年年底之前將會出現短缺。

下次會議會會議將在11月21日，星期二晚上7時在教會舉行。

教堂油漆...每星期六早上9時半至12時半繼續進行直至完成。請前來幫助盡快完成這項專案。

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VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is that the Chinese Church is a growing church family. We are dedicated to worship, Christian education, active witnessing for Jesus Christ and community service.

The mission of the Chinese Presbyterian Church is to proclaim the Good News of God and His love while establishing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ by enhancing spiritual growth through worship, teaching the Bible, and fellowship. We desire to show God's compassion through caring and service to the community