



CHINESE
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DEC

ORDER OF WORSHIP December 6, 2020

Welcome

Call To Worship: John 1:14

Worship through Song

Worship through Offering
cccnc.org/give

Worship through Prayer

Scripture Reading: Exodus 25:1-9

Worship through Preaching
"God Tabernacles With Us"
THE STORY OF GOD WITH US, AN ADVENT SERIES

Communion

Song of Response

Announcements

Benediction

CONNECT WITH US

We have different life stage groups where you can find deeper community to be known, loved, and stay committed to God's call in your life. It's being together that we can wrestle with the story of God and be shaped by His love. Furthermore, we'll discover how we can serve the communities we are a part of and join God in His work there

JOY (Middle & HS Students)

Wednesdays at 8:30PM

Contact: Wayne Lee (wayne.lee@cccnc.org)

Living Water (College)

Fridays at 8:30PM

Contact: Wayne Lee (wayne.lee@cccnc.org)

Aspire (MEN)

First Saturday of the Month at 10AM

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FLOURISH (Women)

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HAPPENINGS

ASPIRE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

SAT • DEC 12 • 10 AM • ZOOM

The brothers will gather for fellowship. Come join us!

FLOURISH: LADIES NIGHT IN TUES

TUES • DEC 8 • 8-9PM • ZOOM

Last Ladies Night In of 2020. In addition to our usual sharing, connecting and encouraging one another, we will also be doing "Secret Sisters." [Click here](#) to find out more about Secret Sister. If you would like to participate (even if you can't make it next week), please fill out the form by Sunday, Dec 6.

Meeting ID: 827 0746 0889

Passcode: ESMwomen

ORDINATION CEREMONY FOR PASTOR WAYNE

SUN • DEC 13 • 2PM



With great joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we request the honor of your presence for the Ordination Service of Pastor Wayne Lee. This will be an important milestone for our church as much as it will be for Pastor Wayne and his family.

All members and friends are welcome.

SECOND HOUR CLASS

THE BOOK OF REVELATION TAUGHT BY REV TIMOTHY HUI

Meeting ID: 840 8299 0655

Password: 140880

CCCNC.ORG/GIVE

We encourage you to continue giving and tithing during this time. It is an act of worship. It is also critical for us to be generous to help us respond to those in need both near and far.

Here are some giving options:

1. Digital Giving (preferred during this time)

Visit <https://cccnc.org.churchcenter.com/giving>

You may select the usage of donation and can add more than one designated giving. ACH Bank transfer is preferred, as credit card payment will deduct roughly 2.5% from your contribution.

Please review the following instructions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBxfSTsuc78>

2. Bank Payment

Instruct online payment via bank, same as paying a bill.

Billor Payee: Chinese Christian Church & Center

Address: 225 N. 10th St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Payment Amount: Your offering amount. This could be set up as one time or recurring payments.

Memo: Please specify desired use of donation, if other than General Fund (default)

3. Mail Checks (DON'T mail cash; its illegal)

Place your check in your regular offering envelope, fill out the donation amount and usage, and then in another envelope and mail to:

Chinese Christian Church & Center

Attention: GO2020

225 N.10th St

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

The congregation passed all items on the ballot, with over 95% affirmative votes to ordain Wayne Lee as pastor; over 94% affirmative votes for all Council candidates; and over 92% affirmative votes for the 2021 church budget. Praise the Lord and thanks to brothers and sisters' participation!

KIDS MINISTRY UPDATE

Kids ministry continues to run smoothly. Big thanks to Warden and Eleanor for managing the Zoom logistics! Reminder to fill out the feedback survey if you haven't already and also there is no class on 12/27 and 1/3 for Christmas and New Year.

For Joy we are starting our Advent series. For the next month, we will be sharing about the themes of Peace, Hope, Love and Joy. Similarly there will also be no Joy on 12/27 and 1/3.

Dear Church,

In anticipation of the Advent season, I was listening to some Christmas music and I was deeply struck by this one phrase in the classic song, "O Holy Night",
— A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices

What struck me was the words, weary world. Many of us are lonely, overwhelmed, and exhausted. I am more than I realize. Advent is meant to be a time of hope, love, joy, and peace. But this year with all that has happened, these themes can sound hollow. 'Weary' truly captures where we are, however, the word 'rejoices' that follows likely does not. For myself, I do struggle to be joyful and rejoice. I know that many of us have experienced an intensity of other emotions rather than joy.

You may be doing your best to trust God and perhaps you're hoping for some kind of miracle or for His peace to flood your heart. Whatever our struggle may be, we long for God to help us. We long to feel his presence. Yet, we're met with silence. In this unusual season of life, we're all wrestling with questions. Like me, you're probably searching for meaning and you've asked, why? Why does it have to be this way? Why are we going through this?

Looking back at my darkest times, I can see that God was there and indeed He was at work. I can see that my faith was and is still being made more real, more robust. But in that moment, I wrestled with questions. While I didn't question His existence or His love for me, I wanted to know why He does what He does. Advent reminds me that God is ever present seeking to restore and transform our weary world. He's been doing this from the very beginning and He fulfills that in Christ. Jesus didn't come to shield us from trouble or the spectrum of emotions that we feel like grief or loss but to dignify them. He came to experience all these things so that He can say, He is truly God with us. He gets it.

O Holy Night is not one of my favorite Christmas songs but this year it has helped me have a thrill of hope and more reason to rejoice. Even though the answer is obvious and it doesn't exactly change our circumstances, it has helped to turn my weary heart to the one who I can cast my cares on and know He does cares for me. He cares for my sanctification and He's not yet done.

Let our weary souls rejoice because God has come to dwell with sinful humanity. It has always been God's desire to be with His people. I pray that in this Advent season in quarantine our weary souls would be refreshed with richer hope, love, joy and peace than before.
— With you, Pastor LT

Sara Law



I started going to church when I was 9 or 10 years old, but before that, I was tremendously reluctant to go, so instead, I would sit at my aunt's house that was three buildings away from the church and wait until my mom was finished. Then, there was one miraculous day, when I finally conceded in going to church, and since then, I have been routinely attending Sunday School, Joy, the Northeast fellowship, and numerous retreats and missions programs in between.

Despite being reminded of God's gracious sacrifice and learning about Jesus and the Gospel year after year, it wasn't until I started serving at PUMP, which is the summer camp our church holds annually. I know it's not about the work I do and only faith alone in Jesus saves me; however, I was extremely satisfied with the immediate impact I had made on the community along with God's guidance over the camp and over me, when I stayed up late planning my lesson for the next day. I realized I very much enjoy giving back to my community and spending my time to provide services for the people in need.

I stalled a long time to get baptized. Before, I always thought I needed a specific moment that would miraculously solidify the existence of God and secure my faith into place. I worried that I didn't know enough Bible content or even worse, I would regret this decision in the future. Before this pandemic took off, my relationship with God was generally positive, and I was positively growing in my faith. But upon seeing all the tragedies and brokenness around the world in the last year, I was frustrated with people and bewildered with God for literally plaguing the world with all these awful events. Thankfully, throughout all the years of Bible studies and learning, I learned that God has His own timing, one that I will never understand. I have grown to have a lot of patience for the Lord as he did for me when he waited for me to confidently accept Christ today. What brought me to accept Christ was simply perseverance and patience from God, who slowly worked in me and matured me for the past 7 years.

With Christ, I have grown a lot in confidence in Him and myself. He met me as a timid girl and gave me a community and opportunities to grow and lead. I am slowly figuring myself out through Christ and what He has planned for me. Even in all my fears of the future and periods of doubt, I have a lot of hope for the world as Christ leads me throughout my spiritual journey.

CENTER MINISTRY UPDATES



Praise God! Good News, Everyone! The Mitzie Mackenzie Playground renovation started March 2020 is now almost complete!

Since 1954, the Playground has served the community and church well by providing a safe relaxing social and recreation respite from the busy demands of life. We have much to be thankful for! We were able to have most of the work professionally and safely done by church members and friends!

The Playground's last major overhaul was in 1989, and various additions with a floor tiles (2001), new play structure (2002), concrete slab on court (2010). As for this renovation, most of the gates were replaced and we added 8-feet of safety netting to keep balls from going over the fences. There are now two children's play areas with poured in place rubber safety flooring. On the court are new basketball systems and new picnic benches and additional seating.

Although we lose our swing-set there is more open space. We have three major areas left to work on: a contemporary gate entrance, state of art lights, and freshly painted/lined court. These areas should be completed in Spring 2021. For the rock climbing enthusiasts, we are working on a Woody (rock climbing wall), that will suit various climbing levels. We hope to have a Grand Re-Opening in June 2021 at our 66th Annual Carnival!

Thank you for your support and encouragement! **If you are available and interested to do some Saturday cleaning on December 12th, please contact Harry at harry.leong@cccnc.org**

SUPPORTING OUR MISSIONARIES

Our church support many missionaries in cities and countries like China, Brazil, Nicaragua, Thailand, England, and even here in Philadelphia. There are many ways we can support our missionaries this holiday season.

- 1. Pray** for their
 - Physical and spiritual health
 - Walk with God
 - Ministries and opportunities for fellowship
- 2. Missions Fund**
 - Financially support our missionaries.
- 3. Send Greetings and Encouragements**
 - We've recently been hearing updates from the missionaries our church supports. We would like to reciprocate by encouraging them and sending Christmas greetings to them. The E & M committee will be compiling pictures & messages and/or short video greetings into a video to share with them. **Please consider participating by emailing me a picture of you, your family or your church zoom meeting and add a greeting or words of encouragement or by recording a brief (under 30 sec) greeting.** Please email Ingrid at heyingrid@gmail.com by Sunday, Dec 13. Please note: it will be the same video to all missionaries, so keep it "general" (but if you would like to send a personal greeting to a specific missionary, please let us know and we can pass along their contact info).

AMAZON SMILE

CCC+C is registered as an eligible charity at AmazonSmile, whereby it will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to our church. Login to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1381008> using your existing Amazon.com account. Once you accept "Chinese Christian Church" as your charity of choice, your selection will be saved for future purchases. To take advantage of this, you must make your purchases on smile.amazon.com site rather than the usual www.amazon.com. Please note that you will not receive a tax receipt for donations made via this program, as such donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation.

ADVENT ACTIVITY

This is something you can do for each week of Advent and on Christmas day. Do it with your family and friends. Share your reflections in this Advent season with one another. Don't forget to take pictures of what you make to share with all of us!

<https://cccnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AdventCraft2020-Final.pdf>



JOIN US IN THE ZOOM LOUNGE +SECOND HOUR
Meeting ID: 840 8299 0655
Password: 140880

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5PM EVERY MONDAY

PUSH PAUSE + PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY



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