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ORDER OF WORSHIP January 3, 2020

Welcome

Call To Worship: John 14:1-3

Worship through Song

Worship through Offering
cccnc.org/give

Worship through Prayer

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-4

Worship through Preaching
The Story of God with Us:
"God is Preparing a Place for Us"

Communion

Song of Response

Announcements

Benediction

CONNECT WITH US

Find community where you can 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 join God in His work within the communities we are a part of.

JOY (Middle & HS Students)

Wednesday Night Bible Study at 8:30PM

Sundays at 11AM

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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HAPPENINGS

ASPIRE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SAT • JAN 9 • 10 AM • ZOOM

The brothers will gather for fellowship.
Come join us!

Meeting ID: 868 8187 2953

Passcode: 616692



MORNING DEVOTIONALS • MON & FRI • 8AM

If you don't have a practice of daily devotions or if you want to just pick up the habit again, join me Mondays and Fridays at 8am on Zoom for 15-20mins.

Meeting ID: 822 4095 8133

Password: 471607



MIDDAY PRAYER • WED • 12PM

Take a 20 min break and join us for Midday Prayer! Find us live on [instagram](#) or [zoom](#).

CCCNC.ORG/GIVE

In this unprecedented time, it's important to remember that God is still at work. We encourage you to continue giving and tithing during this time as an act of your personal worship. Just as He has been generous with us, we are reminded to reflect generous His nature in our offerings and tithes. As you are able, consider giving to join God in His work here at CCCNC and 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://cccncorg.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

Dear Church,

First, I'm so proud of how our church has faced the many challenges of this past year. Here are some of the ways you've stepped up:

- We committed to times of focused prayer for the frontline health workers among us
- We've supported individuals, families as well as communities that were in financial need through the Good Neighbor Fund
- We wrestled through difficult conversations around faith, politics and race
- We pivoted quickly to stay engaged online and helped others to make that transition
- We have felt the pain of this moment but still found ways to shine and love by checking up on members of our community and taking on new opportunities to serve

How do we sum up 2020? What single word would you use? Loss? Disruption? Unprecedented? Lonely?

We can acknowledge that it's been a turbulent year and there have been parts of our lives that feel broken and stretched. We have had to sit with our feelings and our pain. We also learned a lot about ourselves. Perhaps, areas of our lives that desperately needed attention could no longer be avoided? Things we found comfort in, things we placed our identity in were shaken, tested and for some stripped away. We had to change. We had to learn to do new things. All in all, it was fitting for us to end the year with the story of God with us. The good news is that a very weary world can rejoice because God has chosen to come and make His dwelling with us in Jesus.

As we looked into God's word and studied the book of Revelation this past year, we can see that the entire story of Scripture shows that God has always and will always desire to dwell with us despite our rejection of Him. Our saving hope is in Christ Immanuel.

Where do we find hope besides Jesus? A flip of a calendar day cannot save us. Though it may spare countless lives, a vaccine cannot save us. Though it may help many struggling to make ends meet, an economic stimulus package cannot save us. We can be grateful for these things but the only one who saves is Christ who has come and will come again. Our hope must rest in the person and work of Jesus Christ. It was not enough that God came to dwell with us in Christ, He now dwells in us to move us towards the final chapter of His story. The Apostle Paul says that our suffering is "light and momentary" (2 Corinthians 4:17) compared to eternity. We can be confident that this is not the end and greater things are to come.

May our hearts keep longing for Jesus to come again to dwell with us. May we meditate on the promise of eternity more and more each day like children who can't sleep the night before Christmas hoping to receive the presents on their list the next morning. May our weary world rejoice because God has chosen to come and make His dwelling with us in Jesus.

Reflection for 2021

1. What is something that the Spirit has been convicting you of that needs to be addressed in your life? Can you reach out to the body of Christ and share that with vulnerability?
2. How can you be a better steward of what God has given you — resources, time, and gifts in this new year?
3. Can you meditate more and more on the promises of God with us and how you can continue to BLESS your Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors, Coworkers/Classmates, Enemies?



Olivia

From an early age, I thought I understood God: His grace, His love, His power; His son Jesus, who sacrificed His own life so that we may find eternal life. His ultimate plan for every one of us. However, as I began to grow out of my childhood, I also began to ask questions. These questions started with small things such as why I wasn't allowed to go trick or treating with my friends, or why I couldn't go to sleep overs on Saturday nights. To my disappointment, the same answer I always received was either "you'll understand when you're older" or "because we are Christians", which of course, at the time was no reasonable answer to me. Frustrated with what I believed was a compromise of my "freedom," I began to resent this aspect of Christianity, where I didn't understand why I couldn't do the things my parents disproved of. By this point, I was wondering what it meant to be a Christian, and who Jesus actually was, aside from being God's son and someone who felt so far from me, physically and emotionally. I didn't know how to talk to God, much less Jesus. I had alienated Jesus because all throughout Sunday school, I was taught of His righteous forgiveness and His sinless virtue. Therefore, how could I, an ordinary girl who complained too much--the opposite of righteous--confide in him? I told myself that I was definitely not worthy of His attention and there were others who needed it more.

Approaching middle school, there continued to be a distance in my relationship with Christ, but now my struggles also included a period of social awkwardness, homework and drama at home and at school. Sundays grew to be periods of relief, as I could take a break from schoolwork and spend a day in the city, visiting Chinatown and revealing the food. I would also look forward to listening to sermons and songs of praise. Additionally, I wanted to better understand who God was beyond being our creator, and explore Jesus' role in our individual lives. Around this time, I also attended my first retreat, and there, through the engaging sermons, emotional share outs, but especially, times of praise, did I begin to deepen my relationship with Christ. In those moments, I learned what it meant to be a follower of Christ and the things that encompassed that name.

Christ is the definition of unconditional love, unfailing mercy and ultimate forgiveness. To me, Christ is the true meaning of comfort. The friend that knows everything; a bastion of eternal emotional support that never falters. Because of him, I know that there is nothing on Earth that I can ever truly fear. His presence and strength is perfectly captured in Deuteronomy 31:6, where God says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." Although my journey with Christ is not linear, after accepting His role in my life, I've learned to be more compassionate and try my best to turn away from judgement. Even though I still, and will, continue to struggle with my sins, I know that with Jesus Christ, I have the opportunity to be forgiven and find salvation in him. Because Jesus is perfect and I am not, through accepting him, I will be guided by the Holy Spirit to help me grow and become a better sister, friend and Christian.

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