

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ※ Anyone wants to get baptized, transfer membership to our church, please contact Rev. William Cheng.
- ※ Charge Conference: Wednesday, Dec 6, at 7 PM. SPRC meets at 6:30 PM.
- ※ Children ministries meeting: Next Sunday, Dec 10, at 1 PM.
- ※ Hotpot: Next Sunday, Dec 10, at 5 PM. Please sign up with Thomas Li.
- ※ Christmas Caroling: Saturday, Dec 16, at 1 PM.
- ※ Church Luncheon: Sunday, Dec 17, at 12:30 PM. Please sign up with James Huang.
- ※ Christmas Joint Worship: Sunday, Dec 24, at 10:30 AM.
- ※ Caroling: Sunday, Dec 24.



Edward & Christin Wong

Activities of the Church

Holy Communion Sunday	1 st Sunday of the month
English Worship Service	Sunday 9:30 am
Cantonese Worship Service	Sunday 11:00 am
Chinese Adult Bible Study Fellowship	Sunday 9:45 am
English Adult Sunday School / Fellowship	Sunday 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
College/Post– College Sunday School	Sunday 10:30 am – 12:30 pm (4/FI.)
Maranatha Fellowship	Sunday 10:30 am (4/FI.)
Elementary Sunday School	1 st and 3 rd Sunday 11:00 pm
Chinese Prayer Meeting & Bible Study (Online)	Thursday 8:15 pm – 10:00 pm
Post-College Fellowship / Prayer Meeting	Friday 7:30 pm
Chinese Young Adult Fellowship	Friday 7:30 pm
Chinese Praise Team Rehearsal	Friday 8:30 pm
Church Luncheon	3 rd Sunday of the month



Chinese United Methodist Church



12/3/2023 **Holy Communion**

English Sunday Service at 9:30 am

Cantonese Sunday Service at 11:00 am



Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.
(Luke 2:14)

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Service Program

Praise Time Praise Team

Scripture Reading Praise Team

Luke 1:5-25

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Prayer Rev. William Cheng

Message Rev. William Cheng

“Zechariah and Elizabeth”

Holy Communion Rev. William Cheng

Song of Response Praise Team

Benediction Rev. William Cheng

Luke 1:5-25

- ⁵ In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron.
- ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord’s commands and decrees blamelessly.
- ⁷ But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.
- ⁸ Once when Zechariah’s division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God,
- ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.
- ¹⁰ And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.
- ¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.
- ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.
- ¹³ But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.
- ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth,
- ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.
- ¹⁶ He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God.
- ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”
- ¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”
- ¹⁹ The angel said to him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.
- ²⁰ And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”
- ²¹ Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple.
- ²² When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.
- ²³ When his time of service was completed, he returned home.
- ²⁴ After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion.
- ²⁵ “The Lord has done this for me,” she said. “In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.”