

Welcome to our Sunday Service.

We are learning to be a multicultural church in the heart of the city. No matter where you are in your journey of faith we are glad you have joined us for worship today.

Our worship service is designed especially for teens and adults. We do have a children's program that runs at the same time and a nursery for infants. The ushers will be happy to show you where these happen. But feel free to keep them with you.

Coming to a new church, especially one that calls itself a Chinese church, can be overwhelming and confusing. We see ourselves as more than a Chinese church. We have prepared a welcome package that will help you understand us and our various ministries.

If you want to know more about the Christian Faith or Toronto Chinese Baptist Church visit our website at www.tcbc.on.ca

To help us get to know you better please fill out the friendship card and place it in the offering. We will be glad to contact you.

Sermon Notes:

"Christmas Changes"

I. We Cling to the Hope That We Can Change

II. God Comes With Change to Give Us Hope

III. The Changes That Christmas Brings to Give Us Hope

Thought for the week: "It is here, in the thing that happened at the first Christmas that the most profound unfathomable depths of the Christian revelation lie. God became man; the Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, unable to do more than lie and stare and wriggle and make noises, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the incarnation. (James I. Packer)

NEWS FROM MISSIONARIES

Greetings, letters & Christmas cards have been sent to us from our missionaries: Mei Ngo, Rev. Johnny & Karen Loh, Leona Gowanlock, Rev. Ted & Cecilia Paschke, Grace & Joy Wang, Graham & Jen Watt.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

B Baptism

We rejoice with those brothers and sisters baptized today
Newly baptized brothers & sisters, deacons and pastors please stay for a group picture after the Noon Service (12:30 p.m.)

X Child Dedication

Δ New Member

We welcome the following new members:
11:00 a.m. Yuk Mak

E Family Picture on Christmas Sunday

Photographer will be available to take a family picture on Christmas Sunday in sanctuary after the Noon Service (1:00 p.m.). All are welcome.

Φ Advent Season Nov. 27 to Dec. 25, 2011

The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus is on the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is more than marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is also a celebration of his second coming when all of creation will be reconciled to God. But more than that, it is also the anticipation that God would come into our lives today, wash us clean of our sins and refresh us with the hope and joy of his salvation. The Scripture readings for Advent will reflect this threefold emphasis and call upon us as a congregation "to love the Lord your God with all your heart and to love your neighbour as yourself."

Γ 2012 Church Calendar

2012 church calendar will be distributed after service. **ONE** for each family.

H 2012 Membership Directory

We are updating our membership directory. If you have moved, changed your phone number or if a correction is needed, please notify the church office (416)596-8376.

I The 2012 Flower Offering Chart is posted on the bulletin board at the front entrance. You are invited to sign up, \$ 15/person.



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Equip Disciples – Expand God's Kingdom

ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, DEC. 25, 2011 9:30AM
CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

CALL

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel". (Isaiah 7:14)

MESSAGE

"Christmas Changes"

Scripture reading: Titus 3:1-19

Verse for the week: "when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior (Titus 3:4-7)

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRAISE to show devotion through music and prayer

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

OFFERING a presentation as an act of worship

SCRIPTURE an oral reading from the Bible

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

PRAYER - voicing the needs of the congregation

ANTHEM "There Is a Child " a musical presentation

SERMON a discourse for the purpose of instruction

RESPONSE a reply involving words or action

DOXOLOGY an expression of praise to God

BENEDICTION an invocation of divine blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS church family news


Senior Pastor: **Rev. Timothy Tam** Cantonese Ministry: **Rev. Perry Lee**
Founding Pastor: **Rev. Andrew Wong** Cantonese Ministry: **Pastor Jocelyn Fok**
Interim Pastor: **Rev. Frank Byrne** Mandarin Ministry: **Pastor Joseph Chan**
Pastoral Intern: **Janice Wilson** Mandarin Ministry: **Pastor Esther Wang**

SERVICE INFORMATION

PREACHING SCHEDULE DECEMBER □ JANUARY	
Dec. 25	Rev. Frank Byrne - Christmas
Jan. 1	Rev. Frank Byrne - New Years Day
Jan. 8	Rev. Frank Byrne
Jan. 15	Rev. Dr. Dennis Ngien
Jan 22	Rev. Timothy Tam

PEOPLE IN MINISTRY	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Praise Team Leader	Cedric Tai	Sear Ho
Head Usher	Ron Eng	Ron Eng
Anthem	Morning Choir	Morning Choir
Sound Room	Hing Tsang	Hing Tsang
PowerPoint	Bobby Lau	Bobby Lau
Children's Church	Simon So	Simon So
Nursery	Carrie Kan, MeiRong Guo	Sylvia Wong, Ruth Ko
English Worship Speaker	Rev. Frank Byrne	Rev. Frank Byrne
Cantonese Worship Speaker	Rev. Perry Lee	Rev. Perry Lee
Mandarin Worship Speaker	Rev. Perry Lee	Pastor Joseph Chan
Mon Sheong Speaker	Ms. Daisy Mui	Toronto Chinese Presbyterian Church
Mon Sheong Music	Ms. Grace Chan	

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE	
English Worship	167
Cantonese Worship	222
Mandarin Worship	92
Children Worship	27
Christmas Celebration	330

FLOWERS	Today's Flowers Dedicated By	
	☼ Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Hong, Helen Chau	
	☼ Tack Ming Leung, Joe Zhou & family	
	☼ Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hung	
	☼ Mr. & Mrs. Sui Sang Hwang, Shiu Mai Hui	

PRAYER MINISTRY

SUNDAY	Merry Christmas! As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace-Jesus Christ let us give a prayer of thanksgiving for all the people in our armed forces that are truly home for the first time in eight years. Pray also for our missionaries still on the front lines proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pray for their financial support in the New Year, for their health, and that their message of hope will bear fruit.
MONDAY	Pray for our church in the New Year: there will be changes to our executive board, pastoral staff, personal committee and the English pastor search committee. Pray for unity and understanding as we make these changes. Pray for the new members of the executive board, of the personal and search committee and for all of our pastors.
TUESDAY	Pray for the New Years resolutions you are planning to make .Pray that god will lead you to ministry at TCBC and that you will be able to serve in that ministry.
WEDNESDAY	Pray for the personnel committee as they continue to search for an English Pastor, for the Search committee and deacons who are involved in the process. Give thanks that there have been responses to our web postings. Pray that 2012 will be the year that God reveals to us the new shepherd to lead the English congregation.
THURSDAY	Pray for those that were baptized this Christmas. Pray that there faith will grow stronger and there love for God will grow deeper. Pray that as they become members of TCBC they will find ministries where they can serve.
FRIDAY	Pray for Rev So and his work in the Harbourfront district. Pray for the team that he has started, that it will double in size (to 30), that more people will join and as they train they will become a team filled with grace & a love for the city of Toronto. Pray for his plans to rent the Second City theatre for Sunday morning worship. Pray that they will be able to rent it at a lower then normal rent. Pray also for a follow-up community gathering in January.
SATURDAY	Pray for the Barnabas Fellowship as they prepare for there winter retreats Avalanche in January and Blizzard in February. Pray that many will attend and that God will use these retreats to touch the heart of our teens. Pray for there safety as they travel to the retreat and pray for the councillors as they minister to the youth during the retreat.

MINISTRY INFORMATION

ADULT	<p>Adult Class Sept 2011 – Apr 2012 Old Testament Reading - Instructor: Simon Pan "Old Testament Reading" is a continuation of the "New Testament Reading" class. Through scheduled reading and in class discussion we'll read through the Pentateuch and most of the Prophets. We'll try to understand the readings carefully and diligently. This class meets in 78 Beverley on the second floor.</p>
SPORTS MINISTRY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Train Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu with us every Sunday from 2-4pm, at the University Settlement. ➤ BJJ is a martial art system that focuses on close-quarter and ground and stand-up scenarios <p>→ Contact Davin Yu for more info at: bjj.tcbc@gmail.com</p>
	<p><u>New Year's Eve Ministry</u> New Year's Eve Thanksgiving/Testimony Sharing will be held on Saturday, December 31st at 7pm. Please bring snacks to share with others following the meeting.</p>

ENGLISH MEETINGS SCHEDULE

English Worship	Sun. 9:30am
Sunday School	Sun. 11:30am
Morning Choir Practice	Sun. 1:45pm
Worship Team Practice	Sat. 10am
Prayer Meeting (Conference Call)	Tues. 9pm
Barnabas Fellowship (grades 7-12)	Fri. 6pm
Young Adult Group "YAG"	Thurs. 7pm
Crossroads Fellowship	Fri. 8pm

Along with praying individually for the needs of the congregation, we invite you to join the weekly English Teleconference Prayer Meeting. This is held every Tuesday at 9PM. Please contact Sam Wong for details []