

THE WEEKLY RAG

For the United Ministries
of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown and Donaldina Cameron House

September 22, 2024

This Sunday at PCC

The PC(USA) has designated September 22 as Gifts of New Immigrants Sunday. While we have often had a guest preacher, this year Pastor Don will give a sermon on Mark 9:30-37 centered on the topic of the migration of peoples. Both the Old and New Testaments are replete with the narratives about the movement of people and about the concept of "homeland". Join us this Sunday as reflect on the justice and the fairness of refugee and immigration policies. We also reflect on the duty to serve immigrant communities touching on our own beloved Chinatown. Join us in-person or via our YouTube channel.

Upcoming dates:

The Consistory meets on September 29th.

The Cantonese and English worshipping communities will be celebrating World Communion Sunday together in a bilingual worship service at 12 noon on Sunday, October 6th. Worship will be followed with lunch hosted by both communities.

The English Worshipping Community will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 27 during Teatime in the Fellowship Hall.

The Cantonese and English Communities will worship together in a bilingual service to mark PCC's Anniversary Sunday on November 3rd at 11:30 am. The Annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation will follow in the sanctuary at 1:00 pm. After the Annual meetings a lunch will be served.

Prayer List

Former commission/classmate of Kimball's - **Ralph Bautista** - is completing four rounds of chemo treatment in Hawaii.

Prayers for Kimball's son **Ryan and his family** who are fostering a 14-year old and her baby... and pray for Foster Care systems who aren't always caring.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the support of **Lam Hong Le** who will remain free until next appointment in October in spite of ICE's repeated intimidation

Thanks to all who advocated against the closure of the **Cameron House Food Pantry** and for the impending resolution so that 250 residents of Chinatown can continue to receive their weekly food.

Prayers of thanksgiving for **Peggy Kam's** successful surgery and she can now walk up 12 stairs !

Today's Hymns and Scripture Passages

Opening

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!
839 in Glory to God Hymnal

Meditation

O Word of God Incarnate
459 in Glory to God Hymnal


Closing

God of the Fertile Fields
714 in Glory to God Hymnal

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Psalm 54 / Mark 9: 30-37

For prayer concerns and joys you approve to be printed in the *Ragsheet* and shared during worship, email prayers@pccsf.org.
Please note this new email address!

Sign Up for hosting TEATIME

To sign up for a date in 2024, click **TEATIME SIGN UP**. If you have questions contact Mary Wong Leong: mwongleong@gmail.com. 

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Confronting hopelessness. Thwarting division.
Empowering Congregations and Individuals to Become Peacemakers

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2024. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world. Please click onto this [link](#) to view stories of impact and engagement through the support of your donation to PCUSA Peace and Global Witness offering.

Peace begins with each of us. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering which is being received between September 22 through October 6, 2024.

We have participated in this offering for about 40+ years since the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking was established in 1980. We have recently donated funds in support of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, Women Workers Fellowship in their project to support pastors and church workers arrested and/or imprisoned on false, trumped-up charges under anti-terrorism laws.

Please give generously online at, www.pccsf.org/donate or by writing a check to PCC-English with an annotation in remarks showing “Peace and Global Witness Offering.” Donation envelopes and bulletins are available at church if you attend in person.



An Evening with Dr. Bradley Onishi at CUPC Tuesday, September 24 Christ United Presbyterian Church 1700 Sutter Street, SF 5:00-8:30pm (dinner included)

Sign up today to meet Dr. Brad Onishi, Professor of Religion at UCSF and author of *Preparing for War: the Extremist History of White Christian Nationalism - and What Comes Next*.

From 5-6pm he will talk about Project 2025, a 900+ page conservative blueprint for the next Trump administration.

A light dinner will be served at 6pm followed by Brad's presentation and discussion on the history of Christian Nationalism.

Sign up through this [link](#). You are welcomed to attend any part of the event. This will be a hybrid event if you prefer to watch remotely.

Sponsored by CUPC. Donations accepted to help defray costs. If you have questions, contact Clinton Huey, Ivy Yee or Jeanette Huie. You can also sign up with Clinton, Ivy or Jeanette.