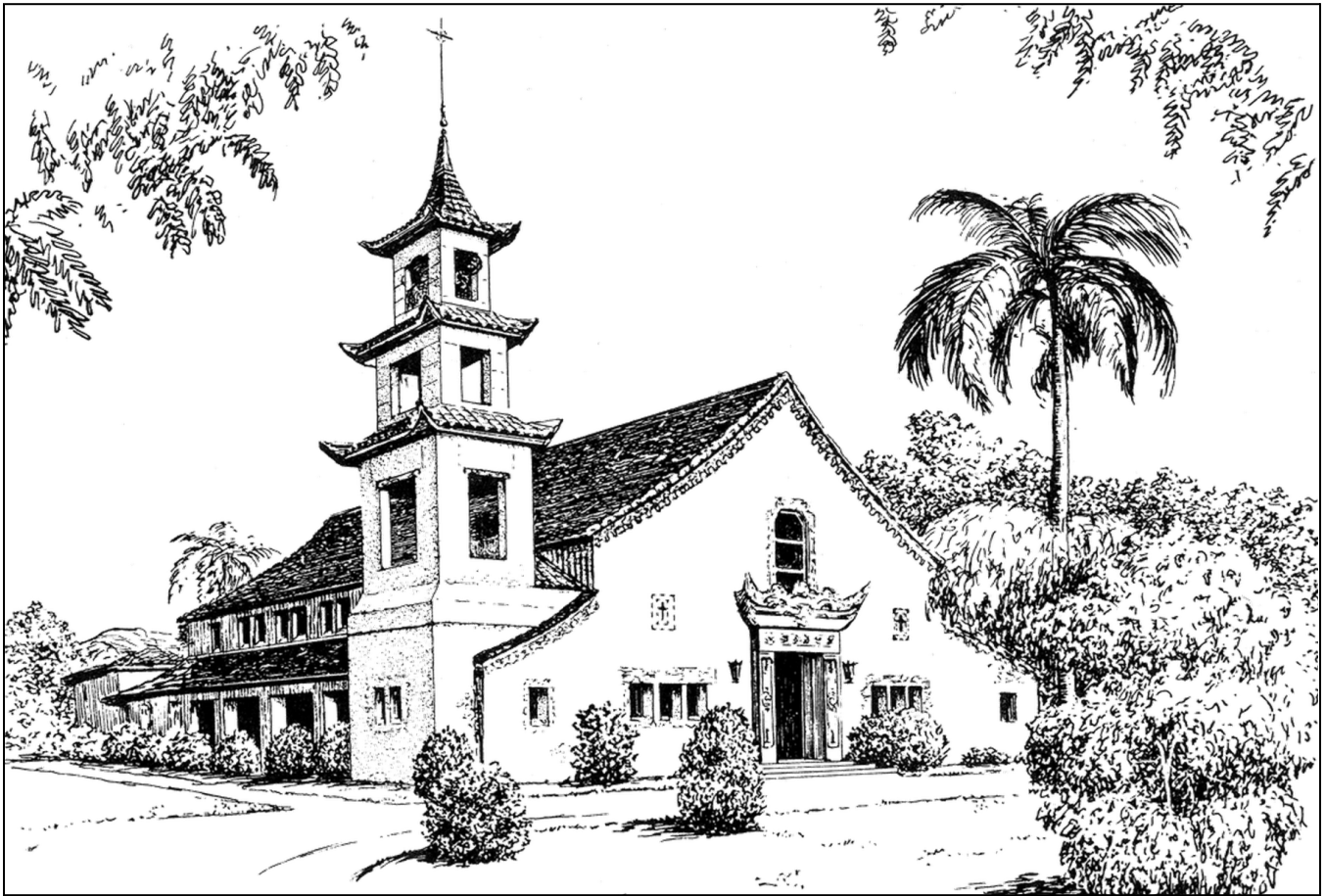


THE FIRST CHINESE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HAWAI'I



*Loving God, loving people,
and sharing the Good News*

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
November 23, 2025

1054 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

WORSHIP SERVICE

November 23, 2025 – 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Lord God, Heavenly King

Karl Bachman, Organist
François Couperin (1668-1733)

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Huang

Psalms 67:1-7

PRAYER OF ADORATION

David Huang

SHARING ALOHA

Congregation

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise Team

As We Gather/The Steadfast Love of the Lord
(Mike Fay & Tom Coomes/Edith McNeil)

What A Beautiful Name (Brook Ligertwood)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 121:1-8

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

PRAYER OF PETITION

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

HYMN

Congregation

To God Be the Glory (#66 Red Hymnal)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

David Huang

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Praise Team

There Is None Like You (Lenny LeBlanc)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

David Huang

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

"Faith in the Storm"
Matthew 14:22–36

RESPONSE HYMN

Congregation

I Surrender All (#366 Red Hymnal)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Karl Bachman, Organist
Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

E Komo Mai

If you are a first-time visitor, we invite you to fill out a "Welcome Card" found in the foyer and place it in the Koa Bowl at the front of the church. We would love to connect with you and share more about our church and the various ministries and opportunities available to you.

We look forward to getting to know you and helping you feel at home!

SERMON NOTES

"Faith in the Storm"

Matthew 14:22–36

Rev. Jon Lilley

Senior Pastor

Big Idea: *Because Jesus is Lord over every storm, we can trust Him in ours.*

1. *Jesus Reveals His Presence in Our Storms (vs. 22–27)*

2. *Jesus Rescues Us When Our Faith Falters (vs. 28–33)*

Reflection Questions:

- When have you faced a “storm” in your life and felt alone or afraid? What did your fear tell you?
- What are the “winds” or “waves” you’re currently looking at instead of the Savior?
- How can you practice and remember the truth that His presence does not depend on your feelings or circumstances?

DISCIPLESHIP HELPSHEET

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 48: *But are the two natures in Christ not separated from each other if His human nature is not present wherever His divinity is?*

Answer: Not at all, for His divinity has no limits and is present everywhere.^[1] So it must follow that His divinity is indeed beyond the human nature which He has taken on and nevertheless is within this human nature and remains personally united with it.^[2] [1] Jer. 23:23, 24; Acts 7:48, 49. [2] John 1:14; 3:13; Col. 2:9.

Question 49: *How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?*

Answer: *First, He is our Advocate in heaven before His Father.^[1] Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that He, our Head, will also take us, His members, up to Himself.^[2] Third, He sends us His Spirit as a counter-pledge,^[3] by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.^[4] [1] Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1. [2] John 14:2; 17:24; Eph. 2:4-6. [3] John 14:16; Acts 2:33; 11 Cor. 1:21, 22; 5:5. [4] Col. 3:1-4.*

Memory Verse:

Psalms 34:18 - The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Upcoming Sermon:

11/30/2025	The Book of Matthew	What Defiles a Person	Matthew 15:1-20
12/7/2025	The Christmas Story	The Promise of Christmas	Isaiah 9:2-7

Missionary of the Month: This month, we are praying for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Hawaii, which is committed to the vision that every child on every island can hear the Gospel by the age of twelve. To support mission-partners like CEF of Hawaii, please mark "missions" on your tithing envelope.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - 11/23/25

- ❖ **Mahalo for the Altar Flowers** from Phoebe and Jack Zhou and from James and Xiuling Zhao.
- ❖ **Board Election Today:** Church members are invited to vote in today's Board Election to determine the Terms of Office for the 2026 Church Board candidates. Voting will take place in the Gym from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- ❖ **Thanksgiving Potluck:** The Chinese congregation will host a Thanksgiving potluck on 11/27 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- ❖ **Decorating the Sanctuary:** Join us as we decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas on 11/28 at 9:00 a.m. Thank you in advance for your help.
- ❖ **Poinsettias:** Christmas poinsettias (8" pots) are available to order for \$20 each. Please sign up at the church office. Supplies are limited.
- ❖ **Thanksgiving Day Holiday:** The church office will be closed on 11/27 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.
- ❖ **In Memoriam:** A Celebration of Life for Owen Chock will be held at FCCC on Saturday, November 29. Visitation is at 10:00 a.m., followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow in the Master's Hall Gym.
- ❖ **Forever Young:** Our Senior Ministry will meet on Friday, 12/5 for breakfast at Nice Day Restaurant at 9:00 a.m., followed by decorating mini Christmas trees for our shut-ins at 10:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Please sign up on the Ewa lanai by November 30 if you plan to join us!
- ❖ **UCC Christmas Fund:** We will receive this offering on Sunday, December 7, but gifts may be made starting today. The fund supports ministers and church staff through emergency assistance, supplemental pensions, and health premium support for retired clergy. Please make checks payable to FCC and write "UCC Christmas Fund" on the memo line.
- ❖ **Christmas Lunch:** Join us for our Christmas Lunch on Sunday, 12/14 at 11:45 a.m. in the Gym. Cost is \$2 per person. Please sign up on the Ewa lanai.
- ❖ **Scholarship Fund:** Thank you for supporting the David and May Liu Scholarship. Last year, \$27,000 was awarded to seven students, and our goal this year is \$30,000. To give, please mark "Scholarship" on your offering envelope or the memo line of your check.

- ❖ **Monetary** donations for the Missions Food and Craft Fair will continue to be accepted through the month of November. Please make checks payable to: Women's Fellowship-PTF.

STUDYING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

Tuesday

9:00–10:00 AM.....Midweek Morning Bible Study (Master's Hall, MPR Rm)

Friday (except the last Friday of the month)

6:45 PM.....Dinner (w/Mandarin congregation)

7:30–8:30 PM.....Midweek Evening Bible Study (Founder's Hall, Rm 303)

Sunday

9:00–10:00 AM.....Children & Youth Sunday School (Founder's Hall)

9:00–10:00 AM.....Adult Sunday School (Master's Hall, MPR Rm)

ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to give online, scan the QR code or you may visit
<https://www.firstchinese.org/go/>.



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“Storms help to make the sailors sturdy, and trials help to make Christians strong in faith.” — Charles Haddon Spurgeon



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