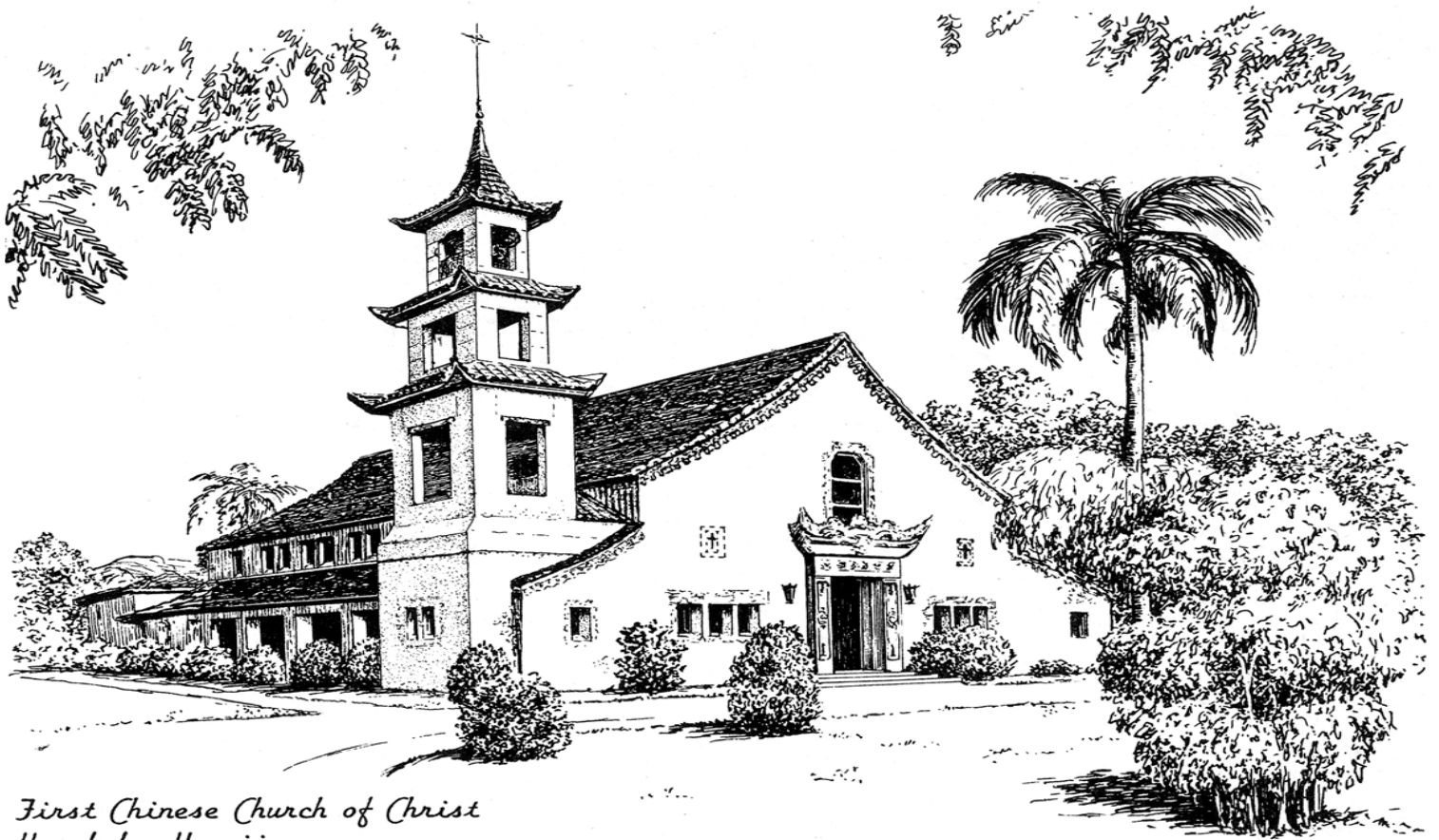


The First Chinese Church of Christ In Hawai'i



*First Chinese Church of Christ
Honolulu, Hawaii*

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

Lord's Day, March 9, 2025
10:30 AM

Worship Service

March 9, 2025 – 10:30 AM

(*Congregation, please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Partita on A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Karl Bachman, Organist

Cor Kee (1900-1997)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Kwock

Psalm 103:1-5

OPENING PRAYER

Dennis Kwock

***OPENING HYMN**

Congregation

Holy, Holy, Holy

#262 Red Hymnal

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dennis Kwock

SHARING ALOHA

Congregation

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

Praise Team

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone (Chris Tomlin)

Behold Our God (Sovereign Grace)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dennis Kwock

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Praise Team

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (Indelible Grace)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dennis Kwock

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

Faith Like A Centurion

Matthew 8:5–13

***RESPONSE HYMN**

Congregation

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#43 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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Karl Bachman, Organist

Jan Bender (1909-1994)

E Komo Mai

If you are a first-time visitor, we invite you to fill out a "Welcome Card" found in the foyer at the front of the church and place it in the nearby Koa Bowl. 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 Like A Centurion

Matthew 8:5–13

Big Idea: *The kingdom of God doesn't belong to those who think they've earned it — it belongs to those who know they haven't and trust in Jesus alone to welcome them in.*

1. Faith Begins with Humility
2. Faith rests in Christ alone
3. Faith secures a seat at God's Table

Questions for Reflection:

1. Do you come to God with a sense of humility and dependence or thinking you've earned His favor? What would it look like to approach God empty-handed this week?
2. Jesus welcomes outsiders into His kingdom. Who in your life might feel like they are too far from God, and how can you reflect God's welcoming grace to them this week?

Discipleship Helpsheets

Heidelberg Catechism (On the Ten Commandments)

Question 108: *What is God's will for us in the seventh commandment?*

Answer: That God condemns all unchastity, and that therefore we should thoroughly detest it and live decent and chaste lives, within or outside of the holy state of marriage.

(Lev. 18:30; Matt. 5:27-32; 1 Cor. 6:18-20; Eph. 5:3-5)

Question 109: *Does God, in this commandment, forbid only adultery and similar shameful sins?*

Answer: Since we, body and soul, are temples of the Holy Spirit, it is God's will that we keep ourselves pure and holy. Therefore, God forbids all unchaste actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires, and whatever may incite someone to them.

(Matt. 5:27-30; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Eph. 5:3-4)

Memory Verse:

Ephesians 2:8-9 - *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

Upcoming Sermons:

3/16/25	The Book of Matthew	Healing in the House	Matthew 8:14–17
3/23/25	The Book of Matthew	The Cost of Following Jesus	Matthew 8:18–22

Missionary of the Month: This month, we are praying for Doug and Diane Campbell. Both serve with Cru at their headquarters in Orlando, Florida. If you'd like to support missionaries like Doug and Diane Campbell and our other mission partners, please mark "missions" on your tithing envelope.

This Week's Announcements - 3/9/25

- ❖ **Mahalo to Sharon Chun for this week's altar flowers in memory of Darrell Chun and Qin Yun Chen.**
- ❖ **Forever Young (Seniors):** Did you know that FCCC founded Hawaii's first Kindergarten, first Chinese Hospital, and the Mills Institute (later Mid-Pacific Institute)? Join us for a guided history walk in Chinatown led by Norman Chock on Friday, March 21, 2025. Meet in the Multipurpose Room at 10 AM for a brief orientation before explore together. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a friend! Sign up today on the Ewa Lanai.
- ❖ **Men's Breakfast:** Join us on Saturday, March 15, at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room! Donuts will be provided and you are invited to bring something to share! We meet every third Saturday of the month.
- ❖ **Kaiser Parking Garage:** Alternate, free parking is available next door at Kaiser on Sundays. If the parking 'arm' is down when you enter their garage, take a ticket to enter the garage. You will not have to pay. You can use either of the two exits (Pensacola Street exit or South King Street exit). The arm will be up.
- ❖ **Farewell for Pastor Lu:** Ps. Lu's last day preaching is March 23rd. He & Mrs. Lu will leave Hawaii on March 26th. Join us for a Farewell Potluck on Friday, March 21st at 6:30 PM in the Gym. Let's send them off with love and gratitude!
- ❖ **Adult Sunday School:** There will be no adult Sunday school on March 30. Class will resume the following week in the MPR Room at 9:00am.
- ❖ **2024 Annual Report:** Annual Reports are available in the foyer or at the office.
- ❖ **Feb. Financial Summary:** Total Receipts: \$59,615.62 | Total Expenses: \$44,668.02 | Difference: \$14,947.60

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 PMMidweek Evening Bible Study (Founder's Hall, Rm 303)

Sunday

8:45–10:00 AM.....Children and Youth Sunday School (Founder's Hall, Various Rooms)

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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“Not only does Christ take our sins, our debts, and our demerits, but he also gives us his obedience, his assets, and his merits.”

- R.C Sproul

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