

Worship Service
December 11th, 2016

*Worship Song	Together with Band
Opening Prayer	Presider
Bible Reading	Isaiah 61:1-7 Haroon Wilson
Prayer	Kurt Schwartz
Announcement	Samuel Lebbie
Welcoming New Members	Together
Offering Prayer	Presider
Offering	Together
Special Song	Worship Band
Message	The Year of the Lord's Favor Timothy Hong
Closing prayer	Presider

Today's Sermon Outline

The Year of the Lord's Favor
Isaiah 61:1-7

The anointing of the Spirit

The year of the Lord's favor comes through the anointing of the Holy Spirit (verse 1). In the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, God anointed Jesus with His Spirit (Matthew 3:13-17). Then through the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, Jesus started the ministry of God's favor for all people. To be anointed by the Holy Spirit, there are two key prerequisites.

First, we must be cleansed from our sins.

The Spirit of God is the "Holy" Spirit. So the Spirit of God can fill us when we humbly confess our sins and receive the cleansing power from the Lord. We can't cleanse our sins by ourselves. We have to receive cleansing power from the blood of Jesus. To make the coming new year a year of God's favor through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we must receive the cleansing power for our sins from Jesus day by day. Make a resolution that in the new year you will seek the blood of Jesus every day and so cleanse your sins and make you holy and ready to receive the Holy Spirit.

Second, we must pray.

Jesus was anointed after He spent 40 days in a desert in fasting and praying. Jesus encourages us to pray to be anointed by the Spirit (Luke 11:11-13). When the Holy Spirit anointed the disciples, they were praying together (Acts 1:14, 2:1-4).

If we want to live our lives with the Lord's favor in the coming new year, we must keep praying individually and together to be anointed by the Spirit. Make a resolution that you will take time to pray more regularly, and more fervently.

The blessed ministries

Preaching good news to the poor

The poor are the people who are poor in spirit. They are the people who recognize themselves as hopeless sinners and humbly come to God and ask His forgiveness and mercy (Matthew 9:11-13). When we humble ourselves before God and seek His forgiveness and acceptance, Jesus brings the good news of unconditional forgiveness and acceptance. That is God's favor. Make a resolution for the New Year: "I will keep acknowledging that I am a hopeless sinner and I will keep seeking God's forgiveness."

Binding up the brokenhearted

With the anointing of the Holy Spirit, Jesus heals us. His healing is not only physical, but also emotional, mental and spiritual. If you give Him your broken heart, He will heal you. That is God's favor for you. Make this your New Year's resolution: "I will give Jesus my broken heart, sick body and spirit every day. I will let Jesus bind up all of my sickness."

Proclaiming freedom for the captives

The anointed servant proclaims freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. Before that event happened, God had already established an institution of freedom called "the Year of Jubilee" (Leviticus 25:8-55). Christ brings that liberation to its fullest realization through the gospel. The cross of Christ cancels all our debts. God says we're free to leave the past behind and move on with a joyful relief. That is God's favor for us through the ministry of Jesus. Make a New Year's resolution to enjoy the freedom and proclaim the freedom to many who do not have this freedom.

Application Questions

1. Prayer is the best way to receive the Lord's favor in your life. Even if your prayer is neither perfect nor consistent, the Lord is merciful to do His favor through your prayer. How does this truth encourage you to pray?
2. There are three blessed ministries of Jesus which bring God's favor to us. They are 1). Unconditional forgiveness of our sins 2). Healing of all our sickness 3). Liberation from the bondage of the devil. How can you receive these three ministries of God's favor?

Announcements

Welcome New Comers and Visitors

We welcome all new comers and visitors at our worship service today. Please join us in our lunch fellowship which will be held in the fellowship hall right after the service.

Christmas Special Services

Christmas praise service – Friday, December 23, at 8:00 PM

Christmas worship service – Sunday, December 25, at 11:30 AM

Brochures are available today. Please take ~~them~~ as many as you need to invite friends and neighbors.

Thanksgiving offering

This year's Thanksgiving and Christmas offering will be used for the Cuba mission project. The goal is \$10,000 to purchase a mission center in Havana. So far \$ 2,650 has been given. You may give an offering until the end of this year.

Lunch Preparation

This week – Filipino group

Next week – Family of Dieudonne Oussanguila

*Today's fellowship cleaning turn is Asian group (Leader- Lyle Atonson)

Calendar Sale

Calendars of the year 2017 are available for purchase. The price is \$10/each. The funds raised by this calendar sale will be used to help the needy and the poor among us. To purchase the calendar contact sister Analis (773-444-9185)

Groups for Fellowship Hall Cleaning on Sundays (December)

Date	Group	Leader
Dec 4	Spanish group	Analis Gomez Garcia
Dec11	Asian group	Lyle Atonson
Dec 18	African, American	Samuel Lebbie
Dec 25	College and Youth group	Moses Sanchez

Ushers of the Month of December

Offering Ushers	Bethseida Rodriguez, Angelina Barrera, Blanka Guerra, Lyle Atonson
Welcome Ushers	Haroon & Anayza Wilson

Last Week's Offering

Tithe	Lyle & Lynn Atonson//Erlyn Balano//Tony & Rosanna Bokhari//Eryn Corachea//Charles Gaines//Patricia Grass//Lydia Hong//Cathy Rose//Leiva Rolando Sanchez//Kiwang & Inok Ryu Song//Lina & Ender Carvajal//Ana Carvajal
Lord's Day	John & Branda Ayettey//Jovie Dumlao Sotelo//Timothy Hong//Ausra & Saulius Kasperiuaitis//Samuel Lebbie//Patricia Lopez//Andrea Martin//Andrea & Lucia Pascual//Bethsaida & Jada Rodriguez//Reyna Rosales//Luis & Karina Mendez
Thanksgiving	Erlyn Balano//Charles Gaines//Timothy Hong//Bok-Soon Kim
Mission	Rene & Lynn Corachea//Korean Presebyterian Church//Angelito P. Garcia
Special	Jennifer Song
Others	Rose & Nestor Dumlao

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Day/date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	Check
Mon 12-12-16	Amos 3-4		Revelation 8:6-13	
Tu 12-13-16	Amos 5-7		Revelation 9	
Wed 12-14-16	Amos 8-9		Revelation 10	
Thu 12-15-16	Obadiah 1		Revelation 11:1-14	
Fri 12-16-16	Jonah 1-2		Revelation 11:15-19	
Sat 12-17-16	Jonah 3-4		Revelation 12	
Sun 12-18-16	Micah 1-3		Revelation 13:1-10	

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Worship Services:

Sunday 11:30 AM

Prayer Services

Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 106

Friday 8:00 PM

Bible Study

Shepherd Group – Wednesday 8:00 PM
Saturday 10:30 AM

Cell Groups

Friday according to arrangement of each cell

College Student Ministry

Bible study – Church, Sunday 1:30 PM
Campus group- Truman, Friday 1:00 PM

Youth Ministry

Sunday – 1:30 PM

Children's Ministry

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

ESF Band Practice

Sunday 10:00 AM & 1:30 PM

Missionaries

Nancy Campos – Campus ministry in Peru
Miguelina Martinez- Campus ministry in Dominican Republic
Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India
Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in the Philippines
Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA
Paul Uzoma – Campus ministry in Benin, Africa
Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia
Chan Park – Church planting ministry in Croatia, Europe
Jung H. Suh – Campus ministry in Iowa, USA
Hae Taek Kown – Campus ministry in New York, USA

Ministers and Staff

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