

## **Belvedere Family Church: Seonghwa Ceremony for Former Manhattan Pastor, Rev. Chen Fong**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of one of our former Manhattan pastors, Rev. Chen Lawrence Fong. He was a very dedicated pastor/member who did so much for our Manhattan community and all of New York! We know that some of you have worked and had fond memories of him! We hope that he will have a smooth transition to the spirit world!

His Seonghwa Ceremony will take place this Saturday, November 5th at 10am St George's Episcopal Church (755 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604), viewing is at 9am. We are not sure if there will be a livestream, most likely it will be an in person gathering. However, cards and condolences can be sent to the family at:

224 Alsace Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

We have also posted a biography below detailing the life of Rev. Fong, which you can find below!

Let us continue to pray for Rev. Fong and his family during this difficult time!

Thank you and God Bless!

FFWPU NY Team

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Children: Justin, Soon-Jung, Ryan

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Blessing: July 1, 1982

Ascension: October 29, 2022

Seonghwa Ceremony: November 5, 2022

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Chen served in various leadership roles for 30 years such as pastor, CARP leader, regional minister and lecturer. He graduated from the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) in 1978. He has also won the CheonBo Award, the Heavenly Tribal Messiah's Award. He was active in outreach to the Chinese American community and also other communities of faith in his region. Chen was fortunate to travel the world doing mission work in the UK, Japan, Korea, Russia, and on both coasts of the United States.

He has always had great interest in the arts. Chen loved architecture, crafts, and origami. He was also an expert at calligraphy and was often asked to write the cards for various church holidays. His garden was full of flowers. In his later years, Chen sang tenor in various local choirs. He was involved in the senior center activities and small group activities of the church. He enjoyed playing with his grandchildren.

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His favorite song was The Impossible Dream

His favorite duet was A Million Dreams (from The Greatest Showman)

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Flower arrangements can be sent to: St George's Episcopal Church (755 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604)



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In Memory of Catherine Feraboli



In Memory of Antonio Betancourt



In Memory of Robert Duffy



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In Memory of Sam Huneycutt



In Memory of Johannes de Goeij



In Memory of Daniel Landreth