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## Worship Order

### Prelude

**Call to Worship – Psalm 104:24, 33**

*How many are your works, LORD!*

*In wisdom you made them all;*

*the earth is full of your creatures.*

*I will sing to the LORD all my life;*

*I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.*

**Songs of Praise**

**Corporate Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Reading – 1 John 2:28-3:10**

**Sermon – We are now the children of God**

**Response Song**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Welcome & Family News**

**Monthly Bible Verse – 1 John 2:5**

*But if anyone obeys his word,*

*love for God is truly made complete in them.*

*This is how we know we are in him.*

**Doxology & Benediction**

**Postlude**

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<b>Speaker:</b>	Rev. Sylvia Kwok	<b>Chairperson :</b>	Christina Bruce
<b>Praise Leader :</b>	Christina Bruce and Team	<b>Scripture Reader :</b>	Jason Choi
<b>Pianist :</b>	Stephanie Poon	<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Claire Liao
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	David Wong, Faith Trinh, Matthew Kam		
<b>Offering Counters:</b>	Veronica Tamondong, Roland Bruce		
<b>Sound System:</b>	Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok		

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Worship service arrangements for extreme weather, [click here](#) for details.

## Control Yourself “More and More”

By Rev Arnold Chow

I remember once when I played Pictionary (a drawing riddle game) with my family, I picked an answer which says “Pay TV.” So I drew a dollar sign and a TV set. My wife quickly came up with the correct answer for the riddle. But my kids asked: “What is that?” It turned out that the board game we had was the version 20 years ago. Pay TV similar to Cable TV were there but now such services have been replaced by video streaming services.

Video streaming audio-visual platforms have a lot to offer. Not only are there new productions but many old drama series are also on offer. When you look back at the old drama series after watching the new ones, do you notice that other than the differences in video resolution, plot and costume, the inter-personal relationships exhibited in contemporary drama series are more complicated? Even messy male-female and marital relationships are treated as normal. The truth is that contemporary productions reflect the reality of society to a certain extent: when people are getting increasingly confused about love and lust, unfaithfulness and improper behavior are treated as normal.

In the Greco-Roman culture which the early church was situated in, marriage was regarded as a means to retain wealth and power. People were also accustomed to “passionate lust” (1 Thessalonians 4:5), which was seldom criticized by public opinion. But the Bible exhorts believers: *“In this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins...”* (4:6). Improper behavior disregards oneself and the family of the other person. It is selfish and greedy. *“The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins!”* On the negative side, this is a stern warning for believers. The “punishment” points to both the final judgment as well as the terrible consequences in this life arising from such behavior. We must be careful.

On the other hand, the Scripture reminds believers: *“... we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more”* (4:1). That is to say, believers need all the more to take the initiative to actively *“learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable”* (4:4).

I have a friend who is a fan of fantasy fiction of the Middle Ages. When he learned that a large video streaming platform is making a film version of a famous novel, he was filled with expectations. He watched the first episode and saw how grand the film version was. Yet, he also found that many unnecessary scenes of lust were added to the film. His conclusion was: I had better go back to the clean, original novel.

For sure, the Holy Spirit will work in the lives of believers, but we must also strive to control ourselves. These two aspects are not mutually exclusive. Rather, they complement each other. The Holy Spirit had reminded this friend of mine, and he had also controlled himself “more and more.” May we admonish one another: Keep and maintain our relationship boundaries and work hard to keep watch over our own body and heart, and “further” protect the family and relationships God has blessed us with.

## Family News

### 1. Regular meetings

- a. **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:30pm, Rm 219  
Nov 18 Topical: Pirating                      25 Treasure Room: Poverty
- b. **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-9:45pm, Rms 217-8  
Nov 18 Thanksgiving Dinner (not at church)    25 Words from the Senior Pastor  
Dec 2 Bible Study: Jeremiah                      9 Prayer Meeting
- c. **Tentmakers** (young working adults): 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat, 5-6:45pm, Rms 217-8  
Nov 26 Bible Study: Joshua                      Dec 10 Topical
- d. **Joint Adult Fellowship**: Games Day; Sun Nov 13 (TODAY), 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218;  
Children's Room: Rm 219
- e. **Women's Fellowship**: OT Character: Moses; Sun Nov 27, 1:30-3:15pm, Rm 215
- f. **Couples Fellowship**: Book Study: Growing Old Gracefully; Sun Nov 27, 1:30-3pm, Rms  
217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- g. **EM Prayer Meeting**: Sun morning, 8:30-9am, Rm 204
- h. **Sunday School** (Children, youth and adults): Sun from 9:15-10:20am
- i. **Children's Program**: For children aged 3-10 during English worship service
  - CP2: Rm 219, CP3: Rm 211

### 2. Other meetings

- a. **Sunday School Teachers Monthly Prayer Meetings**: Sun Dec 4, after worship service
- b. **Men's Group**: Sat Nov 19, 12:30pm

### 3. NPAC Annual Church Members Conference "Take Up His Yoke & Walk Together" 「結伴同行負主軛」 : TODAY from 2:30-4:30pm. *Venue*: Main Church. *Program*: Praise singing, annual review, financial report, next year's direction, company registration, etc. *Target participants*: NPAC members (baptized at NPAC or membership transferred to NPAC) and regular attendees of NPAC meetings. *Language*: Chinese.

### 4. NPAC Retreat Corner 「靜修閣」 is well furnished for group meditation and prayer. It is located on 1/F of Truth Centre. Fellowships and ministry groups are encouraged to use this facility to practice spiritual disciplines. To book the venue, download the application form from <https://npacem.org/retreatcorner>. Details of application and the use of the venue are printed on the form.

### 5. **Pastor's Devotional Sharing**: Five days a week, NPAC's pastors are sharing with us their devotions. To read the devotional sharing (in Chinese), [click here](#). For English Bible reading plans, we have a booklet with Bible study resources and devotional materials from Zondervan, ODB Ministries, YouVersion, Scripture Union, etc. Please [click here](#) or visit: <http://bit.ly/EMBibleReadingPlans>.

6. **Sharing God's Provision – Neighbour Families Support Scheme:** Community Witness Department is donating supermarket cash vouchers to underprivileged families with financial difficulties. Application requirements: **A)** The applicant must be aged 18 or above and apply as a family unit (with at least one student under 18 living in the family). **B)** Household income does not exceed the specified level (average monthly income for three consecutive months before the application). **C)** Applicants should be living in the Eastern District or have been served by the NPAC Community Witness Department. **D)** Not receiving subsidies from the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme.

You are welcome to apply or refer those in need and eligible. [Click here](#) for details (in Chinese) and application (Online application only, on a first-come, first-served basis). *Apply by: Wed Nov 30. Enquiries: Mr. Edmond Choi (2807-5200).*

- ★ **What's at our Info Table?** NPAC newsletter, Barnabasaid, Bible reading plans, devotional materials, gospel tracts, evangelism resources, and much more!

### Prayer Corner

We pray for your personal needs, your unbelieving friends, and families. Please find and join our prayer meeting outside the A/V Room after the worship service.

### Tithe & Offering

Tithe & offering will be collected in the red offering bags at the end of the worship service at the entrance of the worship hall. Charity offering (every 4<sup>th</sup> Sun) will be collected in the green bag. Please prayerfully prepare beforehand. For other collection channels, please [click here](#).

## Prayer Items

1. *"Heavenly Father, praise Your name for our Lord Jesus Christ. How wonderful that You have sent Your Son to be with us, who experienced the pain of humanity, sympathize with our weaknesses and atone for our sins. Help us remember Your grace and live a life worthy of Your love. Amen."*
2. **Worship Service:** Pray that we will worship God in spirit and truth, giving the reverence and glory that He deserves. Pray for all who serve in the worship service for their preparation, attitude, serving heart, and spiritual growth. Pray for the newcomers to be encouraged by the service and have fellowship with us.
3. **Parents:** Pray for our parents to have wisdom in nurturing their small kids and teenagers in God's way. Pray for their patience and perseverance when they encounter difficult parenting situations. Pray for their time to be well managed for work, family matters, church life, and personal relationship with God. Pray that husbands and wives will be humble and gentle with each other, bearing with each other in love. Pray that all parents who are heavily laden with all the burdens of this present time would rest in God. Pray that they all experience God's grace more in their parenting experience and can share with others, pointing people to the grace of God.

**Next Sun Nov 20 (Theological Education Sunday):** Guest Speaker: Dr. Barry Cheung ("To be a preacher of foreign divinities," Acts 17:16-20); Chairperson: Rev. Stera Chan; Praise Team: Dawn Yiu and Peacemakers; Pianist: Lilian Chow; Scripture Reader: Beverly Inao; Welcome Team: Peacemakers (Beatrice Wong, Uno Tai, Yahoo Wong); Offering Counter: Imelda Choi, Josephine Kwan; PowerPoint: Claudia Chan.