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Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship – Revelation 5:12b

*Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!*

Songs of Praise

Corporate Prayer

The Lord's prayer

Scripture Reading – 1 John 2:3-11

Sermon – Whoever says, "I know God"

Response Song

Offertory Prayer

Welcome & Family News

Monthly Bible Verse – 1 Corinthians 15:10a

*But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and his grace to me was not without effect.*

Doxology & Benediction

Postlude

Speaker:	<i>Pastor Lawrence Choy</i>	Chairperson:	<i>Samuel So</i>
Praise Leader:	<i>Samuel So & Team</i>	Scripture Reader:	<i>Wilson Lam</i>
Pianist:	<i>Vincy Ng</i>	PowerPoint:	<i>Shayne Descartin</i>
Welcome Team:	<i>Edna Sables, Ailene Almodiente, Lily Cheung</i>		
Offering Counters:	<i>Claire Liao, David Wong</i>		
Sound System:	<i>Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok</i>		

For Live broadcast, please [click here](#) or search "NPAC English Service" on YouTube (recording available until Tue).

For onsite meeting guidelines and prevention measures, [click here](#).

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

But the End is Still to Come

By Rev Arnold Chow

From time to time, people would ask me, “When will the church teach about ‘the end times’ again?” Their question has probably been triggered by what happened in the past few years: social movement, pandemic and war. At the time of writing, there are ongoing international conflicts. The world economy is on the verge of disarray. In times like these, people feel the pressing need to take faith seriously in the hope of knowing the way forward.

After entering Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, Jesus’ disciples asked Him: “...*what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?*” (Matthew 24:3) Jesus did not tell the disciples the exact date of His second coming, but He reminded His disciples to “*watch out*” (v.4 and v.6). In the original language, this word also means “see.” Jesus wants us to pay attention, to see clearly, not to be “*alarmed*” or deceived! This is because “*For many will come in my name...*” (v.5). They will claim to be the Savior, bringing false hope to the people.

As a matter of fact, the early church was faced with a lot of turbulence. According to literature, some Samaritans at that time attacked the Jews, and the Jews also fought among themselves. Meanwhile, the Roman Empire was actively expanding while at the same time eliminating revolutionary elements. Internally, governors, provincial heads, generals, kings, etc. who belonged to different parties were pointing fingers at each other. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. These things happen every so often. No surprise.

My teenage years are in the tempestuous times of the nineties. Within a few years, a number of major incidents took place in the international arena. With limited knowledge of the Bible then and seeing the many wars and woes, I thought to myself: Well, the end of the world may just not be that faraway. So, I seriously waited for the return of Christ. But the word of the Lord woke me up: “*But the end is still to come*” (v.6b)!

When then will the Lord return? There is an anecdote about Dr A B Simpson. Back then, he was quite famous in New York. Even the journalists of The New York Times were watching him closely to see if they could capture anything novel for them to write about in the paper. Once he preached about the return of Christ. He was asked by a journalist afterward: “Dr Simpson, can you tell us when exactly Christ will return?”

Dr Simpson replied: “Just give me your word that you will put my reply in full and in its exact words in your article, and I will tell you when Christ returns.” Immediately, the journalist agreed. Then, Dr Simpson replied: “Matthew 24:14 says ‘*And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*’ That will be when Christ comes back.” Since the reporter had made his promise, he put the reply, word for word, in the newspaper so that the truth about the Lord’s second coming was declared.

Today, even though the world is full of troubles, the command of the Lord still applies: Do not be alarmed; do not be deceived; do not spend energy chasing the signs. But put our effort into preaching the gospel at home and abroad. I think this is the most appropriate response to the end times.

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20221030/>

Family News

1. Regular meetings

a. **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:15pm, Rm 219

Nov 4 Bible Study: God's Attribute 11 Special: Minecraft Selfie

18 Topical: Pirating 25 Treasure Room: Poverty

b. **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-9:45pm, Rms 217-8

Nov 4 Evangelism Prayer Meeting 11 Bible Study: Jeremiah

18 Thanksgiving Dinner 25 Words from the Senior Pastor

c. **Tentmakers** (young working adults): 2nd & 4th Sat, 5-6:45pm, Rms 217-8

Nov 12 Outing 26 Bible Study: Joshua

d. **Women's Fellowship**: OT Character: David; Sun Oct 30 (TODAY), 1:30-3:15pm, Rm 219

e. **Couples Fellowship**: Book Study: Growing Old Gracefully; Sun Oct 30 (TODAY), 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 215

f. **Joint Adult Fellowship**: Games Day; Sun Nov 13, 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 Nov 6, after worship service

b. **Men's Group**: Sat Nov 19, 12:30pm

3. **Serving Leaders Talk "Our Serving Attitude and Ecology in This Changing World"**: *Date & Time*: Sat Nov 26, 2:30-4:30pm. *Venue*: Worship Hall, Education Centre. *Speaker*: Rev Arnold Chow. *Content*: Topical sharing, Q&A. *Target Audience*: Deacons, lay pastors, counselors, and fellowship committee members. *Language*: Chinese. *Enquiries*: Ms Ellen Wan (2909 9700).

4. **Interview with Rev Gordon Siu**: NPAC's former senior pastor was interviewed by GoodNews Communication 「真証傳播」, sharing God's grace in his life of becoming a pastor, his sickness and challenging experiences in the last three decades. The interview is divided into two videos and is streamed on YouTube: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#). The videos are in Chinese, but you can use its "Auto-translation" function for English subtitles.

5. **Faith Offering for Mission**: Our budget for Oct 1, 2022–Dec 31, 2023, is HK\$45,283,250. As of Sun Oct 16, we have received pledges totalling HK\$20,142,723 from 808 units. HK\$25,140,527 is needed to reach the target budget. Pledge Form: bit.ly/Mission-Pledge (Submit by: Wed Nov 30).

6. **NPAC Annual Church Members Conference “Take Up His Yoke & Walk Together” 「結伴同行負主軛」** : You are invited to join us and walk together as one body of Christ. *Date & Time:* Sun Nov 13, 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. Other brothers and sisters are also welcome. *Language:* Chinese.
7. **October’s NPAC Newsletter (in Chinese) is published.** It can be picked up from our Info Table, or you can [click here](#) to download it from NPAC’s website.
- ★ **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 4th Sun) will be collected in the green bag. Please prayerfully prepare beforehand. For other collection channels, please [click here](#).

Prayer Items

1. **Hong Kong:** Pray for the chief executive, the government and leaders to rule the city with justice, humility, and wisdom. Pray that the needs of the elderly and needy in our society will be covered under the new policy. Pray that the new housing plan will be effectively accomplished and give enough housing for the underprivileged groups. Pray for the Christians in Hong Kong to be salt and light and that our words and actions will be witnesses for Christ. Pray that the gospel will continue to be spread all over Hong Kong. Ask God to use this evangelized city to bless the world.
2. **NPAC:** Pray for God’s guidance and spiritual protection of all the members of the church to stand firm in the truth, faith and embrace our [spiritual legacy](#). Pray for the members’ spiritual growth and continuous practice of humility, kindness, and all kinds of good works to glorify God. To learn about NPAC’s spiritual legacy, [click here](#).
3. **EM:** Pray for the messages in Q4 to be our encouragement to love God, obey His word, walk with Jesus and love one another. Pray for our commitment to prayer meetings to be a fruitful experience in EM. Pray that our participation in the prayer meetings to be a fragrant offering to God and that our minds will be renewed. Pray for God’s guidance for the staff to serve and lead the congregation in knowing and living out the truth and building a strong assembly for God.

Next Sun Nov 6: Speaker: Rev. Stera Chan (“Because you do know the truth”, 1 John 2:12-27); Holy Communion: Rev. Stera Chan; Chairperson: Moses Chen; Praise Leader: Moses Chen & Team; Pianist: Carman Chan; Scripture Reader: Claudia Chan; Communion Usher: Josephine Kam; Welcome Team: Heidi Kan, Celia Wong, Abeline Quebatay; Offering Counter: Fenny Wong, Beatrice Wong; PowerPoint: David Yeung