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Devotional Sunday - Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 96:1-3

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Songs of Praise

Corporate Prayer

The Apostles' Creed

Holy Communion

Scripture Reading – Genesis 3:8-11; Hebrews 10:19-22; James 4:7-10

Sermon – Where are you?

Response Song

Offertory Prayer

Welcome & Family News

Monthly Bible Verse – Proverbs 2:3-5

Indeed, if you call out for insight

and cry aloud for understanding,

and if you look for it as for silver

and search for it as for hidden treasure,

then you will understand the fear of the LORD

and find the knowledge of God.

Doxology & Benediction

Postlude

Speaker:	Pastor Lawrence Choy	Holy Communion:	Rev. Philip Chow
Chairperson:	Joseph Trinh	Praise Leader:	Marianna Yu & Fri Team
Scripture Reader:	Jeremy So	Pianist:	Sarah Chow
PowerPoint:	David Yeung	Communion Usher:	Josephine Kam
Welcome Team:	David Wong, Ailene Almodiente, Matthew Kam		
Offering Counters:	Heidi Kan, Jason Choi		
Sound System:	Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok		

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

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For worship service arrangements in extreme weather, [click here](#) for details.

Devotional is Christian Lifestyle

By Rev Patrick Wong

The NPAC family designates the first or last Saturday and Sunday of each year as Devotional Sunday. This is to encourage brothers and sisters to attach importance to and practice devotional on a regular basis.

Our difficulties: We all know the importance of devotional. We probably have tried hard to establish and keep the habit of devotional. But as Jesus said: *“The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak”* (Mark 14:38). Fatigue surely affects our devotional. Busy work and responding to family needs are often the main reasons that wear us out. Keeping watch, praying and quiet time – these we all know, but they are not easy to carry out or to do so regularly. What can we do if we do not wish to give up so readily?

Jesus’ devotional life: Since we believe in and follow Jesus, let us look at His example. Jesus was really busy when he was preaching. As portrayed by Mark, His itinerary for one of the days in Capernaum included the following: The Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue to teach and drove away an impure spirit. As soon as He left the synagogue, He went to His disciples’ home and healed Simon’s mother-in-law. In the evening, *“...the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed”* (Mark 1:32). Jesus healed many and drove out many demons. A day passed. *“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed”* (Mark 1:35). And when the disciples found Jesus, He led them to other villages to preach.

On another occasion, after Jesus had finished discipling, He intended to send the disciples off to take some rest in a quiet place when He was caught up by thousands who were waiting for them. Not only did Jesus continue teaching but He also performed the miracle of five loaves and two fish. He then asked His disciples and the crowd to leave and He alone went up on a mountainside to pray (Mark 6:30-46).

Work (ministry), prayer and communication with the Father (devotional) – these formed the daily life of Jesus.

Lifestyle of choice: A spiritual mentor has shared: People will find time to do what they seem important. If we attach importance to physical health, we will squeeze time from our busy schedule to go jogging or go to the gym. If we want or need coffee, we will find time to go to a favorite coffee shop to grab a cup to go or even sit down and enjoy one. In the midst of the fatigue and tight schedule of life, we somehow have time to check the mobile phone, leave messages on the social media and watch YouTube. Do we also value greatly devotional, Bible reading and prayer as part of our daily life? Are these our Christian lifestyle?

Devotional is a life offering: Devotion or devotional means pious worship and dedication to the Lord. At the start of the new year, let us choose devotional as our lifestyle and continually offer ourselves *“as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship”* (Romans 12:1).

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20230101/>

Family News

1. Regular meetings

- **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:30pm, Rm 219
Jan 6 Bible Study: Jesus Christ 13 Special: Archery Day
20 Topical: Money Money 27 Treasure Room: Leaders
- **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-9:45pm, Rms 217-8
Jan 6 Opening 13 Fellowship Night
20 No meeting 27 Prayer Meeting
- **Tentmakers** (young working adults): Praying and seeking God's direction for the fellowship. Jan 14, 28, Feb 11 & 25, 5-7pm, Truth Centre's Retreat Room.
- **Joint Adult Fellowship**: Topical: God's will, my plan; Sun Jan 15, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- **Couples Fellowship**: Book Study: Growing Old Gracefully (Chapters 7-9); Sun Jan 29, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- **Women's Fellowship**: Thanksgiving & New Year Resolution; Introduction of the study of "Gospel of John" using WordGo App; Sun Jan 29, 1:30-3:15pm, Rm 215
- **EM Prayer Meeting**: Sun morning, 8:30-9am, Rm 204
- **Sunday School** (Children, youth and adults): Sun from 9:15-10:20am
- **Children's Program**: For children aged 3-10 during English worship service
 - CP2: Rm 219, CP3: Rm 211

2. Other meetings

- **Sunday School Teachers Monthly Prayer Meetings**: Sun Jan 1 (TODAY), after worship service
- **Men's Group Meeting**: Sun Jan 14, 12:30-2:30pm

3. NPAC overall theme for 2021-2030: A decade of NPAC worshipers. 2023 Yearly theme: Discern & Proclaim God's Grace. Pass on Legacy & Spread the Aroma. Sermon theme (Jan-Mar): Fear, Know and Experience God in Everyday Life.

4. Dawn Prayer Meetings "Behold the LORD in all things" (「在一切事上「看見」上主」): God is closer than you think. Through the book by John Ortberg, we practice taking heed of God's footprints. *Date & Time*: Jan 9-13 (Mon-Fri) from 7-7:50am. *Venue*: Main Church (Onsite participation is encouraged; with live online broadcast. Recording will be kept until Tue Jan 31).

5. EM 19th Baptismal Service: *Date & Time*: Sun Jul 2, 2023, 3-5pm. *Venue*: Main Church. If you have received Jesus as Lord and Savior, are aged at least 14, and have been regularly attending onsite NPAC worship service for at least six months, you are welcome to join our baptismal class and get baptised. Submit your registration form by Sun Jan 15. The baptismal class will begin in Feb. *Enquiries*: Rev. Stera or Pastor Lawrence.

6. **Bible Reading Plans & Devotional materials:** Devote in the word of God to pursue godliness in 2023. [Click here](#) for EM's booklet with Bible reading plans, Bible study resources and devotional materials.
 7. **2023 Covenant Day for Ministry Leaders (Sun Jan 8):** During the worship service next Sun, EM ministry leaders will make their pledge to serve the Lord and pray for one another for building up the church family. You are also invited to join the meeting in Chinese with worship, message, experience sharing, prayer time, etc. with other NPAC ministry leaders. *Time:* 2:30-4:30pm. *Venue:* Main Church.
 8. **Public Holiday Office Hours: Mon Jan 2:** Offices in all NPAC locations will close.
- ★ **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. **All nations:** 'Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord' (Psalm 33:12). Pray for the people of all nations to come under the sovereign rule of God.
2. **NPAC's Mission Trips:** As we will resume short-term mission trips in 2023, pray that the preparation will be smooth. Ask God to raise up more brothers and sisters to join and care for missions. Pray that our passion for missions to the world will grow strong.
3. **EM:** (a) Pray for those who are considering **baptism** this year; (b) **Fellowship Groups** (GK, PM, TM, Women's Fellowship and Couples Fellowship): Pray for members' commitment to learning, growing and walking together. Pray for God to raise up more leaders to lead the fellowships. Pray that those not in any fellowships will join one.
4. **Our Walk with God:** (a) Thank God for the promise and hope of the new year; (b) Pray that we all draw near to God, and seek first His Kingdom and righteousness; (c) Ask the Spirit to help us to be devoted to His word and prayer and ask for wisdom and understanding to apply His truth in all situations; (d) Pray that we will be each other's support on the journey of faith and in building up the body of Christ.

Next Sun Jan 8: Speaker: Rev. Philip Chow ("Know the LORD and look no further" Exodus 20:1-3; Jeremiah 17:5-13; Proverbs 14:26-27); Chairperson: Moses Chen; Praise Leader: Moses Chen & Team; Pianist: Stephanie Poon; Scripture Reader: Vincy Ng; Welcome Team: Veronica Tamondong, Faith Trinh, Celia Wong; Offering Counter: Beatrice Wong, Wilson Lam; PowerPoint: Shayne Descartin.