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Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 73:25

*Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.*

Songs of Praise

Corporate Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading – Exodus 20:1-3; Jeremiah 17:5-13; Proverbs 14:26-27

Sermon – Know the LORD and look no further

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

Speaker:	Rev. Philip Chow	Chairperson :	Moses Chen
Praise Leader :	Moses Chen & Team	Scripture Reader :	Vincy Ng
Pianist:	Stephanie Poon	PowerPoint:	Shayne Descartin
Welcome Team:	Veronica Tamondong, Faith Trinh, Celia Wong		
Offering Counters:	Beatrice Wong, Wilson Lam		
Sound System:	Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok		

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Discerning God's Works in Your Daily Life

By Rev Arnold Chow

This year, the direction of spiritual growth for the NPAC family is this:

Discerning God's works in your daily life and share the stories...

Having experienced God's guidance, grace and love in our daily life, will we give thanks to God?

After giving thanks, we also need to properly "file" the experience. The best way to "file" this would be to share it with others. Have you ever had the experience that every time you are to give a testimony, you could only recall your conversion testimony years ago but not how you have experienced God recently? It is quite likely that it is not because you do not have recent experiences. It is just that you have not "filed" them properly. Unrecounted experiences fade as time goes by. It would also not be easy for you to remember how God has walked with you as He always does.

In life's stormy seasons, God certainly has His will and works. If we can clearly discern God's guidance and how He steps into our situations, it will help us face what is before us. 2 Corinthians 2:14 says: *"But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere."* We need to discern the guidance and works of God and "file" them – to share His grace and love with others more.

We "discern" so we know we are experiencing God's works. Of course, we cannot be too far-fetched and attribute all our experiences to the works of God. To "discern" means to distinguish with wisdom which are the works of God's hands. What are the instances in which God is revealing His will? One yardstick for "discernment" is to ask: What did God say? Fundamentally, we need to know God's character and standards through His revelation of Himself and the early commandments He proclaimed. After the Israelites were rescued from Egypt and had experienced God's mighty deeds, God proclaimed the Ten Commandments to them at Mount Sinai. Through the commandments, the people of God were able to know God, how to fear Him and get wisdom for daily life.

Talking about the "Ten Commandments," people usually think of a series of "you shall not do this; you shall not do that" kind of prohibitions.

The literal translation of the "Ten Commandments" from the original language is really "Ten Words." These ten words or statements are filled with the will of God and represent the wisdom that the people of God need in life and in their daily encounters. It is like parents saying to a child: "Do not go into the kitchen." Is this a harsh prohibition that restricts the child's freedom of exploration? Certainly not! It is love. In the parents' hearts, they do not want the child to trespass and get an accident. It is because a serious injury will affect the child's freedom in life and activity in the rest of his life.

Proverbs says: *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding"* (9:10). In this first quarter, we will review these "Ten Words," to know the commands from God Himself and discern His guidance for us in our daily life. This will help us further understand His heart and experience His enduring grace and love.

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20230108/>

Family News

1. Regular meetings

- **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:30pm, Rm 219
Jan 13 Special: Archery Day 20 Topical: Money Money
27 Treasure Room: Leaders Feb 3 Bible Study: Jesus Christ's Death
- **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-9:45pm, Rms 217-8
Jan 13 Fellowship Night 20 No meeting
27 Prayer Meeting Feb 3 Topical: Discipleship
- **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 Feb 5, after worship service
- **Men's Group Meeting**: Sat Jan 14, 12:30-2:30pm

3. **2023 Covenant Day for Ministry Leaders (Sun Jan 8 TODAY)**: EM ministry leaders are invited to join the meeting. There will be worship, message, experience sharing, prayer time, etc. Together with other NPAC ministry leaders, EM ministry leaders will make their pledge to serve the Lord and pray for one another for building up the church family. *Time*: 2:30-4:30pm. *Venue*: Main Church.

4. **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.

5. **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).

6. **Chinese New Year couplets**: Couplets from the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong are available for collection from the info. racks at the Main Church and Truth Centre.

7. **Share the gospel with our community in the Chinese New Year:** We will write and give out gospel packs (with Spring couplets (Fai Chun), gospel tracts, five-color beads, etc.) to our neighbors. You are welcome to come to our booth and pick up a set for your unbelieving friends and relatives. *Date & time:* Sat Jan 14, 10am-12nn, 2-4pm; Sun Jan 15, 2-4pm; *Venue:* Living Stone, G/F, Truth Centre; *Enquiries:* Ms. Resanda Lai (2909-9700).
 8. **CNY Visitations by Community Witness Department:** 1) **Home Visits:** Sun Jan 15, 2-4:30pm; *Visiting:* Families of students being served by NPAC Community Witness Department. 2) **Community Visit:** Mon Jan 16 (TBC), 8-10pm; *Visiting:* The homeless and neighbours from North Point to Tin Hau; *Enquiries:* Pastor Clement Siu (2807-5200).
 9. **Main Church Worship Hall booking for wedding ceremony:** Application starts from Sat Jan 14 for the booking for Mar-Dec 2023 (Sat & Sun), Jan-Mar 2024 (Sat & 1st & 3rd Sun). *Requirements:* Both must be baptized Christians, and at least one is an NPAC member (baptized at NPAC or membership transferred to NPAC). *Application:* Get and submit the completed form at the Main Church Reception. *Enquiries:* Anita Yuen (2979-3600).
- ★ **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. **China:** Starting from Sat Jan 7, there will be a long Chinese New Year holiday for 40 days. Because of the lifting of pandemic restrictions starting from Sun Jan 8, wide-spreading of infection and pressure on the health-care system are anticipated. *Pray* for God's mercy in limiting the spreading. *Pray* that infection can be minimised. *Pray* for the Chinese government to have adequate measures. *Pray* that the Christians in China can make use of this holiday to share the hope and joy of the Lord.
2. **NPAC:** The theme of 2023 is "Discern & Proclaim God's Grace. Pass on Legacy & Spread the Aroma." *Pray* that we will pay attention and know God by experiencing Him. *Pray* that our relationship with the Lord will be closer. *Pray* for our hearts to be humble and obedient. *Pray* that we will always testify the Lord to each other and to non-believers.
3. **Tentmakers:** They will seek God's guidance in the coming two months. *Pray* for their direction and *ask* God to lead them individually and as a group in pursuing the next step of spiritual growth.

Next Sun Jan 15: Speaker: Rev. Stera Chan ("Worship the LORD, rely not on your own understanding" Exodus 20:4-6; 1 Kings 12:25-33; Proverbs 3:5-8); Chairperson: Joshua Kan; Praise Leader: Joshua Kan & Team; Pianist: Lilian Chow; Scripture Reader: Timothy Ng; Welcome Team: Couples Fellowship – Josephine Kam, Fenny Wong, Roland Bruce; Offering Counter: Jasmin Delos Reyes, Stanley Kam; PowerPoint: Claire Liao.