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Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship – Ephesians 1:3-4

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy
and blameless in his sight.*

Songs of Praise

Corporate Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading – Exodus 20:13; Exodus 1:15-22; Proverbs 19:11

Sermon – Respect life, fear God and love man

Response Song

Offertory Prayer

Welcome & Family News

Monthly Bible Verse – Mark 12:29-31

*"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God,
the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with
all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
There is no commandment greater than these."*

Doxology & Benediction

Speaker:	Pastor Patrick Lo	Chairperson :	Moses Chen
Praise Leader :	Moses Chen & Team	Scripture Reader :	Howard Liu
Pianist:	Vincy Ng	PowerPoint:	Claudia Chan
Welcome Team:	Fenny Wong, Faith Trinh, Wilson Lam		
Offering Counters:	Beatrice Wong, David Wong, Jason Choi, Stanley Kam		
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).

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

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

Relaunching Evangelism, Our Steadfast Mission!

By Rev Maggie Tang

Under the influence of the pandemic in the past three years, our church life has continued by switching online. Nevertheless, some activities that are relatively more difficult to be conducted online had to be suspended, with evangelism ministry among the most affected. While online platforms can convey gospel messages, they cannot replace our in-person communication and expression of care for truth-seeking relatives and friends and for those we intend to share the gospel with. Finally, anti-pandemic measures are now relaxed and the scale and number of permitted participants for meetings have been restored. It is time for the community of believers to relaunch evangelism ministry and re-commit ourselves to the Great Commission of sharing the gospel and leading people to Christ.

Over the past few years, I have time and again heard directly or indirectly stories about unbelieving friends who are faced with life challenges such as joblessness or job change, reduction of working hours and wages, emigration of relatives, and COVID infection and getting sick. Somehow, they remembered hearing about Jesus some time ago. Their hearts were moved and wanted very much to know how Jesus could help them reorient their lives in the midst of chaos. Some of them clicked onto the church website to listen to sermons or attended online evangelistic meetings. Others asked Christians they knew about the faith. You and I must have met some of these people during the past few years. When we see them doubting or seeking, how can we not take the initiative to respond? Now is a good opportunity to tell truth seekers the life stories of our encounters with God or invite them to step into the spiritual family to experience the help from Jesus firsthand.

When the church begins to return to normal, I often hear brothers and sisters talk about resuming evangelism ministry. One group has summoned their original team to resume regular visits to correctional institutions. Other brothers and sisters take the opportunity of resuming office work to invite colleagues to chats over tea during which they also talk about their faith. Some others who are teachers in school fellowships have asked the church about forthcoming youth meetings that they can recommend to their students. In all of this, I can see that the Holy Spirit is still using NPAC as a community to share the gospel and testify for salvation. Indeed, to be able to receive, shoulder and pass on the mission of evangelism is itself proof of Jesus' keeping and grace for us!

From waterfront evangelistic efforts to the present, with 70 years of uninterrupted worship services, ministries and evangelism despite all ups and downs, from as near as Chun Yeung Street to as far as Wong Chuk Hang at the other end of a tunnel and even Ma Wan which is a ferry ride away, spreading the truth of eternal life has always been the grace that NPAC has received from above. By this grace, we grow, struggle, learn to trust in God, obey His commandments and fulfill the mission. As we relaunch evangelism, if we still need any motivation or exhortation, it will be what the Bible says: *"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction... But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."* (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20230226/>

Family News

1. Regular meetings

- **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:30pm, Rm 219
Mar 3 Bible Study: Jesus Christ's Resurrection 10 Special: Murder Mystery
17 Topical: Other Religions 24 Treasure Room: Disabilities
- **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-10pm, Rms 217-8
Mar 3 Topical: Sexuality Part 1 10 Bible Study: Lamentations
17 Group Night 24 Prayer Meeting
- **Tentmakers** (young working adults): Sat, 5-7pm, Rms 217-8
Mar 11 TBC 25 TBC
- **Couples Fellowship**: Book Study: Growing Old Gracefully (Chapters 7-9); Sun Feb 26 (TODAY), 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- **Women's Fellowship**: The Word Revealed; Sun Feb 26 (TODAY), 1:30-3pm, Rm 215
- **Joint Adult Fellowship**: Prayer Meeting; Sun Mar 12, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- **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 Mar 5, after worship service
- **Men's Group Meeting**: Lunch (place TBC), Sat Mar 18, 12:30-2:30pm

3. **2023 Congregational Survey**: An anonymous survey is conducted TODAY (Sun Feb 26). All NPAC worshippers aged 12 or above are invited to join. You can use the QR code on the screen for the online questionnaire. Wi-Fi will be provided. If you prefer a printed questionnaire, please let our staff know. Fill out the questionnaire once only. *Enquiries*: Pastor Venus Chan (2909-9700)

4. TODAY: **Charity Offering** will be collected in the green offering bags

5. **Serving opportunities at worship service**: Talk to Rev. Stera or Pastor Lawrence if you are interested in serving as: **(a)** Praise Team: Instrumentalists or vocalists; **(b)** Welcome Team; **(c)** PowerPoint operators; and/or **(d)** Resource Library assistants.

6. **February's NPAC Newsletter (in Chinese)** is published. It can be picked up at our Info Table or [click here](#) to download it from NPAC's website.

7. **"Behold the man! – Contemplate the passion and resurrection of Christ from traditional western paintings"**: *Organizer*: NPAC Sky of Men Ministry; *Date & Time*: Sun Mar 19, 2:30-4:30pm; *Venue*: Worship Hall (1/F), Truth Centre; *Speaker*: Rev. Raymond Chan. NPAC brothers and sisters are welcome to come with families and friends. The talk will be conducted in Chinese. No sign-up is needed. *Enquiries*: Ms. Ellen Wan, Adult Ministry (2909-9700)

8. **Lent devotional materials:** Lent (*Wed Feb 22-Thu Apr 6*) has started. In this 40-day period, you can commemorate our Lord Jesus' passion in preparation for His resurrection at Easter by using EM's Bible Reading Plans (<https://bit.ly/EM-BibleReadingPlans>) or other online devotional materials or reading plans at [Our Daily Bread](#), [YouVersion](#), [Bible Gateway](#), etc.
9. **Special Charity Offering:** From now until *Tue Feb 28*, NPAC will collect charity offerings for "Turkey and Syria Earthquake Emergency Response." The funds collected will be distributed through Operation Mobilisation (OM), CEDAR Fund, and Horizons International. Specify "**40 – Turkey & Syria Earthquake Emergency Response**" when offering. Offering can be made by (1) church offering envelope (Specify "40" under "Others"); (2) cheque or e-cheque (Specify "40 in remarks); or (3) bank transfer (Specify "40" on the bank-in slip).
10. **NPAC Evangelistic Meeting (microfilm):** 「疫有新恩路」: *Date & Time: Sat Mar 11, 8pm; Venue: Main Church (with live broadcast). Language: Cantonese, with Putonghua interpretation.*

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. **You Shall Not Murder:** "Father God, giver of all life, You gave and sustain our lives with your word. Your Son came to the world, saved us and showed us love. Help us to live not a life of murderers who kill and destroy but a life like Jesus', to love, care and lead people to You. Empower us to be grateful for life and to seek You with all our hearts. Help us to disciple people into followers of Jesus for Your glory. Amen."
2. **EM:** *Pray* for (a) the two students in the **baptismal class**; (b) clear direction and vision for **Tentmakers**; (c) more teachers for **Children's Program** and Sunday School; (d) more helpers for **EM's Resource Library**.
3. Remember those **suffering from illness, stressed over family, work or study**. *Ask* for God's healing, comfort, and strength. *Pray* for the elderly for spiritual, mental and physical health. *Pray* that our brothers and sisters will have strength and patience in taking care of the needs of their elderly members at home.

Next Sun Mar 5: Speaker: Rev. Stera Chan ("Decisions that overcome temptation and bring blessing", Exodus 20:14; Genesis 39:6-12; Proverbs 23:26-28); Holy Communion: Rev. Stera Chan; Chairperson: Christina Bruce; Praise Team: Sarah Chow & Peacemakers; Pianist: Carman Chan; Scripture Reader: Jason Choi; Communion Usher: Lily Cheung; Welcome Team: Peacemakers (Claudia Chan, Moses Chen, Yahoo Wong); Offering Counter: Imelda Choi, Josephine Kwan; PowerPoint: Kent Ang.