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Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship - Revelation 5:13b

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

> Songs of Praise Corporate Prayer The Apostles' Creed Holy Communion

Scripture Reading – 1 John 2:12-27 Sermon – Because you do know the truth

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

Speaker:Rev. Stera ChanHoly Communion:Rev. Stera ChanChairperson:Moses ChenPraise Leader:Moses Chen & Team

Scripture Reader:Claudia ChanPianist:Carman ChanPowerPoint:David YeungCommunion Usher:Josephine Kam

Welcome Team: Heidi Kan, Celia Wong, Abelline Quebatay

Offering Counters: Fenny Wong, Beatrice Wong

Sound System: Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok

Pass On the Legacy and Bring Forth the New by the Word of Life

By Rev Maggie Tang

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete." (1 John 1:1-4)

The Apostle John had indeed lived a life inheriting the legacy and bringing forth the new. From his youth when he was called by Jesus beside the Sea of Tiberias to his old age when he wrote "The revelation from Jesus Christ" in the Book of Revelation (1:1), John has entered new horizons ever since he came to know Jesus. He turned from a professional fisherman to an apostle spreading the gospel of Christ. He began as an apprentice, acquiring a new perspective and receiving a new mandate from Jesus. Then he became a teacher, proclaiming to people "what we have seen and heard." Shouldering the task of passing on the legacy, he passed on to believers after him Jesus's teachings.

Though we are of a different background, time and space than the Apostle John, we share the same journey of faith that inherits the legacy and brings forth the new. This reminds me of the cartoons I watched when I was young: Ordinary boys would imagine themselves becoming superheroes who punish the wicked and the evil, and typical girls would imagine themselves turning into beautiful and good magical angels. They all think of themselves transforming into a brand-new identity totally different from their original one. Now transformation is not that impossible after all. It really is what believers would experience. They receive a new life with new power to live like Christ. Then, just like the Apostle John, we pass on the Word of life to others. As members of the community of believers, we shoulder the responsibility of passing on the legacy so new generations in the spiritual family can share in the fellowship we have with the Father and the Son Jesus Christ.

As a member of the big NPAC family, you and I have the bountiful grace that Christ our Lord has prepared for us for our passing on of His legacy and bringing forth the new. This is because the seven spiritual legacies of NPAC are our foundation to do so: 1) God gives grace to the humble; 2) Work together in harmony, respecting each other; 3) It is more blessed to give than to receive; 4) God is the centre of everything; 5) Teaching the truth is our basis; 6) Offering by faith; and 7) Love our church. These legacies drive NPAC people, be they here or overseas, online or offline, to insist on worshiping the LORD. Let us pray courageously to the LORD that He may give NPAC shrewdness and wisdom to explore evangelism and pastoring opportunities, and with the love of the Lord, nurture new generations of believers so that we would live out the likeness of Christ at home and in the workplace in this generation.

Read the article online: https://npacem.org/ps20221106/

Family News

1. Regular meetings

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

Nov 11 Special: Minecraft Selfie 18 Topical: Pirating

25 Treasure Room: Poverty Dec 2 TBC

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

Nov 11 Bible Study: Jeremiah 18 Thanksgiving Dinner

<u>25</u> Words from the Senior Pastor <u>Dec 2</u> Bible Study: Jeremiah

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

Nov 12 Outing <u>26</u> Bible Study: Joshua

d. **Joint Adult Fellowship**: Games Day; <u>Sun Nov 13</u>, 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; <u>Sun Nov 27</u>, 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: <u>Sun Nov 6 (TODAY)</u>, after worship service
- b. Men's Group: Sat Nov 19, 12:30pm
- 3. Tithe and offering can be put in NPAC offering envelopes and will be collected at the end of the worship service in offering bags at the entrance of the worship hall. Brothers and sisters may prayerfully prepare beforehand. Besides using the offering envelopes, offerings can also be collected through other channels.
- 4. 2023 Indonesian Diary: The diary is produced by the "Indonesian domestic helpers care group." It is a helpful tool to reach out to Indonesian non-believers. There is also a small number of masks printed with "God Bless You" in Indonesian for collection from the reception.
- 5. Serving opportunities in EM: If you are regularly attending the EM worship service and wish to serve, talk to Rev. Stera or Pastor Lawrence. We need more to serve as Praise Team, Welcome Team, and PPT Operators at the worship service. For the Children's Program and Sunday School, teachers must be baptized Christians.

- 6. NPAC Annual Church Members Conference "Take Up His Yoke & Walk Together" 「結伴同行負主軛」: 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. Language: Chinese.
- ★ 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. International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP): Today (the first Sunday of Nov) is the IDOP. Christians worldwide unite to pray for persecuted Christians, as prayer is the number one thing they ask for. <u>Pray</u> for them to be courageous in threats to their freedom, security and safety. <u>Pray</u> that the persecuted will experience contentment from God and joy in Christ. <u>Pray</u> that they will experience Jesus' love and presence in their suffering. To learn more about IDOP, visit the link here.
- 2. NPAC: "Father in heaven, thank You for calling us all together. Help us to love like Jesus, walk in the light, and be sensitive to our sins and Your guidance. Transform us and enable us to testify the Lord to one another for mutual edification. Use our leaders and ministries to equip every one of us with Your word, build Your church and glorify Your name by the Spirit. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen."
- 3. Worship Service: <u>Pray</u> that we will worship God in spirit and truth, giving the reverence and glory that He deserves. <u>Pray</u> for all who serve in the worship service for their preparation, attitude, serving heart, and spiritual growth. <u>Pray</u> for the newcomers to be encouraged by the service and have fellowship with us.

Next Sun Nov 13: Speaker: Rev. Sylvia Kwok ("We are now the children of God", 1 John 2:28-3:10); Chairperson: Christina Bruce; Praise Leader: Christina Bruce & Fri Team; Pianist: Stephanie Poon; Scripture Reader: Jason Choi; Welcome Team: David Wong, Faith Trinh, Matthew Kam; Offering Counter: Veronica Tamondong, Roland Bruce; PowerPoint: Claire Liao