

Peace Evangelical Church

March 29, 2020

Today's Service
Speaker Stephen Fletcher

April 5, 2020

Next Sunday's Service
Speaker David Jones

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Note: English Sunday's sermon services at 10:00 am will be broadcast live online beginning at the corresponding times.

Growing through Adversity

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

The Lodgepole Pine trees covering large parts of Yellowstone National Park offer a powerful lesson in adversity.

The cones of the pine hang on the tree for years without falling to the ground and releasing their seed. In fact, even when the cone does fall, it often remains tightly closed.

So how have these reluctant trees grown to blanket the park with forests?

They've grown through adversity. When a forest fire rages, destroying all the trees in its path, the intense heat actually causes the Lodgepole Pine cones to burst open and finally release their seed. So out of devastation, these unique pines are often the first trees to produce new growth.

God never promises that we'll escape adversity in life. But He does promise that He will hold you in the midst of every storm – and that through your struggle He will bring about something beautiful for His glory and your greatest good.

So whether you're facing the dark clouds of tragedy or the struggles of everyday life, trust today that God loves you, He's with you, and He can cultivate new life through your adversity.

Prayer Challenge:

Ask God to help you trust in His plan for your life. Pray that you will stand strong through adversity, with your eyes on Christ.

Questions for Thought:

Can you think of some lessons God's taught you in the past through adversity?
What are some struggles you're facing today that you can entrust to God?

Church News

1. Special Notice of the Richmond Peace Evangelical Church

In view of the severity of the Novel Coronavirus pandemic, the government has banned all gatherings of more than 50 people. With the paramount objective of preventing the spread of the disease, the church is immediately halting all in-house gatherings, including Wednesday prayer meetings, fellowship meetings on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and small-group bible studies. Only live-streaming of Sunday sermons will be maintained at the corresponding times until further notice. Please continue to watch out for more church news in our weekly bulletin online on our website, thank you.

2. March has been assigned as the month of prayers. Brothers and sisters please pray according to the daily information provided by the church and we together pray earnestly for it.

3. March has been designated as fellowship month. You are encourage to have fellowship with brothers and sisters you are not acquainting with and pray for each other.

4. Brothers and sisters, please note that the church has adopted the following measures in view of the novel coronavirus pandemic:

- a) If brothers and sisters or newcomers have just returned to Canada from other countries (including the U.S.), please self-quarantine for 14 days in your home.
- b) If you have family members presenting symptoms during self-quarantine, please also temporarily remain at home yourself.
- c) If you suspect that you have been in contact with a confirmed infected person, please also isolate yourself at home for 14 days.
- d) If you are feeling any discomfort such as a cold, fever, cough, dyspnea etc., please rest at home and avoid crowded places where infections can occur. While at home, you can go to the church's website pec.bc.ca to listen to Sunday sermons.

5. Below is last week's offering records, a tax receipt will be issued on or before the end of February of next year.

Envelope#	Amount	Envelope#	Amount	Offering Items	Amount
112992	200.00	CAX8Kebk	600.00	General	750.00
CAZQYaKp	150.00			Mission Fund	100.00
				Silas Fellowship	100.00
Total Amount			950.00		950.00

Prayer Items

1. Please pray for our church's direction in 2020 and the theme of English Ministry for this year is "Next level with God". (Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverb 3:5-6 (NLT). May God use it and His name be glorified.
2. Please remember the development of various fellowships of our church. We hope that everyone can live out a caring and loving life, willing to learn to serve Him, grow spiritually and spread the gospel of God.
3. Please pray that the new coronavirus pandemic can be brought under control as soon as possible, and also for more Chinese compatriots to have the opportunity to know the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ at this particular time. Pray for the Church to be able to bear witness to the Lord as the epidemic draws near, to attract more people to the Lord, and to find peace in their hearts with the Lord.

New Offering Option: Interac e-Transfer

To provide another option for Brothers & Sisters with sending offerings to church, we have setup Interac e-Transfer to receive them electronically. Following are some guidelines:

1. Email to send offerings: offering@pec.bc.ca
2. We have setup Auto Deposit, so please ensure the amount on your instruction is correct before confirming the payment.
3. When adding the new Contact, you might be asked to create a security question and answer. Just do so arbitrarily as that will not be used eventually. Also please choose to notify Contact by email address (not mobile phone).
4. On the Message section, please indicate:
 - a) your legal name (for tax receipt)
 - b) your commonly known name
 - c) purpose of your offering:
 - i. General Offering
 - ii. Mission Fund
 - iii. Caring Fund
 - iv. Special Offering, please specify
 - d) If you'd like to offer different amounts for more than one purpose, please indicate in the message as well.

Example: TSO PO KI, Phyllis, \$50 General, \$60 Mission, \$70 Caring

5. The bank's transaction reference number (instead of the offering envelope number) will be used to track and record your offering, which you can check on the bulletin to confirm church has received it.
6. Church's bulletin will be posted on our website every Sunday, listing out offerings received during the previous week:
March 29 bulletin will post offerings received on Mar 16-22
April 5 bulletin will post offerings received on Mar 23-29, and so on.
7. In case further clarifications are required, we will contact the sender by email.

Reminders:

- i) This is an additional option but not the only option to make offerings. We are still accepting drop-offs at church (cash or cheque) and mail-ins (cheque only). For drop-offs, please call the church office (604) 231-9990 ahead of time before coming.
- ii) Some banks and/or account types might charge service fee to send e-Transfer.