

Peace Evangelical Church

Aug 16, 2020

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

God's Love

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8

A man was commissioned by a rich art lover to paint a picture of the story of the Prodigal Son from Luke chapter 15. After months of work, the day came when the picture was complete, and he unveiled the finished painting.

The scene was set outside the father's house, and showed the open arms of each as they were just about to meet and embrace. But one thing stood out in the painting above everything else – the father was wearing one red shoe and one blue shoe.

The wealthy man was incredulous. How could the painter make such an error? He asked the painter, who simply smiled and nodded, assuring the man, "Yes, this is a beautiful representation of the love of God for His children."

"What do you mean?" he asked.

"The father in this picture was not interested in being colour-coordinated or fashion-conscious when he went out to meet his son. In fact, he was in such a hurry to show his love to his son, he simply reached and grabbed the nearest two shoes that he could find. He is the God of the unmatched shoes."

That's the kind of God we have – one who loves us with such abandonment, such fervor that He would stop at nothing to welcome us back to Him. Find peace and comfort in that truth today – that your Creator loves you so much that He'd do anything, even give up His own Son, to get you back!

Prayer Challenge:

Thank God for His incredible love for you. Ask Him to help you find peace and rest in His arms.

Church News

- Due to the rampant coronavirus pandemic, the church has halted all in-person gatherings. Sunday sermons have been changed to live webcasts through a link on www.pec.bc.ca until further notice. Please join in on schedule. Our various prayer meetings, fellowships, and Bible study classes are also being conducted online via Zoom video conferencing. With these arrangements, may God cause us to be connected and built up spiritually. In the interim, please pay close attention to the church news in our weekly digital bulletin.
- Since the church has to suspend all physical gatherings and can only provide live-streaming of sermons on Sundays because of the current situation, for the communion service that we have always highly-valued, the elders and co-workers are making the following proposals and recommendations after discussion:
 - We encourage baptized members to hold communion services at their homes each week, led by a brother in the household.
 - Prior to the meeting, prepare the bread and the cup. The bread is unleavened bread, baked with flour and a sprinkling of salt and oil. It signifies the body of Christ. The cup is grape juice, which symbolizes Christ shedding His blood in atonement for our sins.
 - In the event a family does not have a brother who can lead, please contact your fellowship leader or mentor. We can arrange to organize a small group communion service for you on Zoom, and members who are moved to do so will be able to participate in sharing at that time.
 - The communion service was established by the Lord and is a very somber gathering. It is necessary to prepare your heart and self-examine first before partaking in the Lord's bread and the Lord's cup. Whoever does not discern the body of Christ, eats and drinks judgment on himself.
 - Therefore, by remembering the Lord, we have a deeper understanding of His love, revitalize our own love for Him, meditate on our relationship with the Lord, and are cognizant of our own transgressions. May the love of Christ always inspire us and rekindle the fire in our hearts.
 - Please try to schedule these communion services for Sundays during the pandemic, whether at home or in online groups. As soon as the outbreak subsides and the church resumes physical gatherings, these online gatherings will immediately cease.
- The church plans to resume Chinese Sunday School classes via ZOOM Meeting in September. Cantonese Sunday School hours are from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Mandarin Sunday School will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Please pray for the preparations of the teachers and for the members' love of Truth and God.
- Due to distancing restrictions imposed by COVID19, the church's 2020 Annual General Meeting of members will be held on August 30th at 2:30 pm via ZOOM Meeting. The official Notice, Proxy Form, and Accountant's Report and Financial Statements for 2019 and related information have been emailed to all registered members. Please note:
 - If you have not received the email, please contact your Fellowship Leader or the church staff immediately, but **first carefully check your mail box, especially the Junk Mail folder. Since the church's email address (info@pec.bc.ca) is being used for the first time, there is a good chance the email may have been diverted to the Junk Mail folder.**
 - When filling in the Proxy Form, if you wish to appoint a person other than the Chair of the AGM to represent you, then **please first confirm with that person before writing his/her name in the space indicated. That person will have to attend the ZOOM Meeting to cast your ballot.** If no name is written, the Chair will automatically become your proxy. Send the filled-in and signed Proxy Form back to the church as soon as possible by the means noted.
 - You cannot both send back a Proxy Form and also attend the ZOOM Meeting on the day of the AGM.
 - For members wishing to participate in the ZOOM Meeting, please contact Brother Marco on or before August 25 to obtain the meeting ID number and password.
 - Please contact Brothers Marco Kam and Arthur Wang if you have any other questions.

- Please note that starting in September, the Cantonese Worship will live-stream beginning at 10:00 am .
- 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	Envelope#	Amount	Offering Items	Amount
CA8e7pPA	500.00	CAK3tZgX	110.00	CAqxYnbz	200.00	General	5,130.00
CA8hRqJ3	400.00	CAkHw3j6	1,000.00	CARWNK3n	100.00	Mission Fund	500.00
CAhPbUTj	100.00	CAkj2nkA	20.00	CAu4dRAs	500.00	give anonymously to another b/s	300.00
CAhR9aeP	200.00	CAPETPP6	2,000.00	CAWzfPaq	300.00		
CAjmwEvA	500.00						
Total Amount					5,930.00		5,930.00

Prayer Items

- 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.
- Please continue to intercede in prayer for those members who are weak in flesh or spirit, by the mentioning of their names. May God heal and give strength to them so that they can find peace in the Lord, and may their loved ones have the fortitude to care for and sustain them so that all will gain the comfort of the Lord.
- May the Lord help us to learn the lessons of glorious spiritual fellowship in Christ; to encourage, fortify, and watch over one another; to love the Lord and love all mankind, and to influence other lives with our lives so that God's household will be built up.
- Please remember in your prayer of the churches in danger, suffering and persecution, especially in the Islamic region (Iraq, Syria, Nigeria, Yemen India and Indonesia) and China home church, may God listen to those who fear Him, strength their faith and grant them safety.
- Please pray for the current political situations in Hong Kong and National Wide. May God continue to govern so that people will have peace. May He bestow wisdom, strength, unity and faith to the various churches in HK and the US, in order that they can hold fast to the truth of the Bible and bear outstanding witness for the Lord.
- Please pray for our church family adapt to the new life style during the epidemic prevention period, make adjustments so that couples can appreciate each other, the parents get the wisdom from God, communicate with their children with words of love and encouragement, and establish Christ is the Lord of my family.
- Please pray that the current novel coronavirus pandemic can be controlled quickly. Consider the difficult work of frontline medical staff and the leadership of various countries during this time, and pray to God for help in finding effective treatments and vaccines through the researchers as soon as possible. Let people recognize their own limitations with humility and turn back to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the church to be a witness for God during the pandemic and attract more people to the Lord. Pray that Christians locked-down in their homes can overcome the stress and demonstrate in their lives the faith, hope, love and peace of true disciples. And also pray that through the experience of online worships and prayer and fellowship meetings, the church can mature and evolve, focus more on the study and practice of Biblical truths, effectively preach the gospel, and love God and people in a different way.

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.