

# Peace Evangelical Church

Aug 23, 2020

*Today's Service*  
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Aug 30, 2020

*Next Sunday's Service*  
*Speaker* Alistair Milne

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

## **What Splits History in Two?**

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? - 1 Corinthians 1:20

Just about every country in the world has adopted a calendar that uses Christ's birth as its base. World history is split into two not on the basis of the birth of great conquerors like Alexander the Great or Julius Caesar. Nor is it divided on the basis of great thinkers like Socrates or Aristotle.

Rather, history is split into two on the basis of the birth of a Man, who conquered not the lands but the hearts of the people for God, whose life-transforming message was so simple that even a simpleton could understand.

So the question we need to ask ourselves is, 'Do we have a B.C. and A.D. experience ourselves?' Is your life markedly different after Christ than before? Or, have you confessed Jesus with your lips while your heart has yet to be "all in"?

The birth of Christ is the most significant event in this history of the world – and in the history of us. Just as our epochs are divided into B.C. and A.D., so are our lives with respect to the moment we trust Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins.

This Christmas, take time to focus on the new life Christ gives to you. Recommit to Him and let him take you further from your B.C. and deeper into your A.D.!

### **Prayer Challenge:**

Ask God to help you move further from your B.C. and closer to Him through Jesus Christ!

### **Questions for Thought:**

Why do you think many people appear to trust Jesus, but never truly experience a changed heart?

What might God want to do in your heart this Christmas to bring you closer to Him?

## 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](http://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.
- Regarding attendance at the church's August 30 Annual General Meeting, please note further clarifications:
  - There are two methods to attend and vote. One is to join the Zoom meeting in person at 2:30 pm on the day of the meeting. The other is to use the Proxy Form attached to the AGM Notification email already sent to you and assign a proxy to attend and vote on your behalf. Please note that you can only choose one of these alternatives. You cannot send back the completed Proxy Form and also attend by Zoom in person.
  - When filling in the Proxy Form, you can choose either the Chair of the meeting or another person to represent you. If the latter, 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. The Chair will not be your proxy. However, if no name is written, the Chair will automatically become your proxy. Send the filled-in and signed Proxy Form back to the church on or before August 25 by the means indicated in the email.
  - If you choose to attend in person via Zoom, please register with Brother Marco Kam on or before August 25 to receive your meeting number and password in due course.
  - Whether you attend via Proxy or Zoom, you must complete the procedure as indicated above by August 25, failing which, your right to attend will be deemed forfeited.

- Please note that starting in September, the Cantonese Worship will live-stream beginning at 10:00 am .
- We thank God for the new born boy on Aug 18th of Titus fellowship Brother Samuel LAW couple. May God bless this new baby boy to grow up physically healthy and that he will come to love God and other people.
- 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
113006	400.00	113193	2,250.00	CAN657yA	200.00	General	10,919.00
113013	1,000.00	113199	1,000.00	CARPhP42	300.00	Mission Fund	1,350.00
113023	300.00	CAAM4hHg	20.00	CAu5wD3U	1,500.00	Caring Fund	200.00
113063	1,000.00	CAeb8qyn	799.00	CAVwCEfH	100.00	Summer Camp	100.00
113091	300.00	CAgeDSmH	200.00	CAvysrWe	2,500.00		
113098	200.00	CAn3U2B9	100.00	CAWBzeGw	400.00		
<b>Total Amount</b>							<b>12,569.00</b>

## 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.
- Please pray for the growth of the English Congregation, may God bless and use the congregation to bring glory back to God. Also pray that they can experience God's almighty power and live out the abundant life of Christ. May the next generation of this church have the burden of spreading the gospel, to care for the spirit of others and have a passion to witness for the Lord.
- 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 worship 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](mailto: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.