

Peace Evangelical Church

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Today's Service
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Sept 6, 2020

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.

The Priceless Value of the Gospel

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. - Romans 1:16

One foggy night in London many years ago, a poor man shuffled into a quaint little music shop on the edge of town. Under his right arm, he held an old violin in terrible condition. "My good sir," the man said to the shopkeeper, "will you please buy this violin from me so I can get something to eat?"

The clerk took a quick look at the instrument and said, "I have many violins, so I can only give you 5 pounds for this one." The man agreed, and departed with the money into the foggy night.

As the shopkeeper examined the old beat-up violin, he could hardly believe what he saw carved into the wood: "Antonio Stradivari... 1704." He ran out into the street to find the man and give him a fair price. But he was gone.

Many Christians are a lot like that poor man. They carry with them something of unimaginable value, the gospel, yet have no idea how much it really is worth. But the truth is, for those who are spiritually dying, it's the most important thing you could ever share with them.

Don't go throughout your life concealing the power of God and keeping it to yourself. Understand the amazing power you have in the gospel and use it to rescue the lost from a Christless eternity!

Prayer Challenge

Pray that God would open your eyes anew to the gospel's amazing value so that you'd be more eager to share it with others.

Questions for Thought

If the good news of Jesus has the power to save people from a Christless eternity, why do you think so many people hesitate to share it with others?

How might your life look different if you really grasped the gospel's true value?

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.
- Due to the distancing restrictions of the COVID 19 pandemic, the 2020 AGM of the church will be conducted via ZOOM Meeting at 2:30 pm today(August 30). Those members who have previously registered for the meeting please check your email for the meeting ID and password and attend punctually.
- Please note that starting in September, the Cantonese Worship will live-stream beginning at 10:00 am.
- The church plans to resume Chinese Sunday School classes via ZOOM Meeting in September. Please pray for the preparations of the teachers and for the members' love of Truth and God.
- 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
110754	100.00	113078	290.00	CA8qefU9	900.00	General	10,410.00
111369	2,000.00	113102	1,000.00	CAbJ4WZe	20.00	Mission Fund	150.00
112182	300.00	113201	200.00	CAgwDbg4	3,000.00		
112989	300.00	CA67ZCZF	1,000.00	CApPnVeW	300.00		
113046	400.00	CA8HK3qa	550.00	CASRjG3X	200.00		
Total Amount					10,560.00		10,560.00

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.
- Please pray for Brother Mark You, Sisters Pauline Wang and Sherry Zhang who will begin taking courses at the Academy Of Christ on Sep 1. May they be well equipped with the Truth, gain maturity throughout their spiritual lives, and be able to serve God in His household, complemented by other brothers and sisters, so that the Lord is gratified.
- 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.
- Please remember the spiritual condition of all family in Christ. We pray that all parents will have a fearful heart to God, demonstrating love in unity. May all fathers become a faithful priest in Christ and live the sacrificial love. May all mothers have a gentle and patient character, care their children according to the desire of God. May all children be spiritually reborn and be saved, they are willing to be taught and have a fearful heart towards God.
- Please pray for the youths in their upcoming new semester. May everyone have a fearful heart and bear good testimonial for the Lord. May God grant them wisdom, intelligent and concentrate in their education. Especially pray for those who studying aboard for the new semester, wish them walking with our Lord every day and Glorifying God and Doing good to men in everything.
- 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.