

Peace Evangelical Church

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Today's Service
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Oct 25, 2020

Next Sunday's Service
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Connect with us!

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

Avoiding Traps

"You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour." - Exodus 20:17

A fly was buzzing around one day when he saw a large crowd of flies dancing below him on a piece of brown paper. Intrigued, he flew in for a closer look. What fun they were having! He just had to be a part of it. But as he got ready to land, a bee suddenly stopped him.

"Don't land there... that's flypaper and it will kill you!" said the bee.

"Stop being silly," the fly retorted. "Look at how much fun they're all having!" And with that, the little fly landed and joined the 'party'.

Appearances can be deceiving, especially when it looks like things are working out so well for other people. They have nice cars, expensive clothes, and from the outside looking in, they seem to have it all together.

But what you don't see with so many people who 'have it together' are the mounds of debt they're drowning under, the self-image issues they're constantly battling, and the toxic, crumbling relationships they have with others. When it comes to coveting what others have, things are rarely what they seem.

No good ever comes from coveting what someone else has. So instead of wishing you had more of this or a better that, thank God for what you have today. Live free from coveting and you'll experience much more joy!

Prayer Challenge:

Pray and ask God to release you from the trap of want so you'll find satisfaction in His blessings today.

Questions for Thought:

Think of something you want but you don't have today. Is it possible that want may have more control over life than God would desire?

How might your life look differently if you were completely content with everything God has already given you?

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.
- English Ministry will be hosting a Bible-teaching Conference from October 23 to 25. Speaker :Brother Mark Robinson. The 4 sessions are Friday 8 pm via Zoom, Saturday 10 am and 1 pm via Zoom, and Sunday 10 am via live-streaming. Please prepare your hearts to attend.
- On Nov 6, Cantonese fellowships will jointly host an evangelical meeting via Zoom. The topic is "Love's Exhortation" and the speaker is Brother LIU. Brothers and sisters are strongly encouraged to invite non-believing friends and family to attend.
- Our Church E&D meeting had been accepted the missionary fund budget in 2020 of Cad \$ 34,000. As of the current "Mission Fund" balance about \$26,136. Brothers & Sisters please make effort to support the missionary fund offerings.
- 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
112595	100.00	CA33ZTb2	300.00	CAG5fPnd	200.00	General	7,225.00
113168	50.00	CA3SQy8c	500.00	CAGNNRxt	100.00	Mission Fund	1,350.00
113198	1,500.00	CA4wdcwW	200.00	CAPZQRrv	400.00	Caring Fund	300.00
113260	500.00	CA9qz2Bm	75.00	CAsG2Y3E	1,550.00		
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			Total Amount				8,875.00

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 the Chinese Gospel meeting at Nov 6th, pray for the messages prepare by speaker and the coordinating work for the meeting.
- 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 pray for our church Sunday school (including Chinese/English/Children classes), all Bible Study groups, may the Holy Spirit through the sharing of Leaders, and attendees learn from each sharing, everyone can awareness bible and better understand God's mind, also have spiritual wisdom and the ability to distinguish, may brothers and sisters strengthen and bear witness for God.
- Please pray for the Government of Canada, pray God in charge each policy officials, called them by righteousness and fairness of justice, for the benefit of the whole people and love the national. Please pray for the provincial elections scheduled Oct 24 in BC. May the successful candidates truly have just and righteous hearts to serve the people.
- 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), 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.