

# Peace Evangelical Church

Nov 22, 2020

*Today's Communion Service*

*Chairperson* Jimmy Chow

*Today's Service*

*Speaker* Austin Milne

*Chairperson* Boaz Hung

*Pianist* Valerie Leung

Nov 29, 2020

*Next Sunday's Communion Service*

*Chairperson* David Jones

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*Pianist* James Fong

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## TOUGH QUESTIONS

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. - 1 Corinthians 13:12

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. was a doctor who became very interested in the use of ether to anesthetize patients who were having procedures done. So in order to better understand its effects, he decided to administer it to himself one day. He found himself in a dreamy state and awoke believing he had suddenly grasped the key to all the mysteries of the universe.

He was unable to recall what he had learned, however, and decided to put himself under again with a stenographer by his side to record whatever he said. Coming out of the daze, Holmes asked his stenographer if he'd said anything that might give insight to the mysteries of the universe.

The assistant looked down at her notebook and read, "The entire universe is permeated with a strong odor of turpentine."

It seems that more than ever today, people are asking deep questions about the universe. And if you're not looking in the right place for the answers, you might just come up with something quite silly.

Every answer we seek in life will ultimately be found in Jesus Christ, who gives us full access to God the Father. So instead of chasing the next spiritual fad, rest on the solid rock of Christ and trust that your deepest "whys" and "whats" will find their answers in Him.

### Prayer Challenge

Ask God to give you faith and patience that your deepest questions will eventually find their answers through Jesus Christ.

### Questions for Thought

If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

What do you think are the dangers of taking our deep questions anywhere else but to God through His Son, Jesus?

## 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.
- The church's communion services are now conducted online via Zoom every Sunday morning from 9:00-9:45 AM for each of our language groups. Therefore, communions previously held under household groups at home will cease. The church continues to encourage all baptized members to attend this meeting together in remembrance of our Lord. The Zoom meeting ID and password can be obtained from your fellowship leader or the pastoral team.
  - 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.
  - 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.
- It is now time for our annual casting of the vote of confidence for our serving Elders and Deacons. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are unable to call a meeting to cast ballots in person. Accordingly, we have chosen to conduct the voting online. Digital Voting Form will be email to all members, please carefully check your mail box (especially Junk box). Please follow the instructions on the form to fill in and submit the completed form. The deadline for submission is Nov 29.
- English Congregation will host an evangelical meeting on Dec 13, 2020, Speaker is Brother Kevin Sawatsky. Brothers and sisters are strongly encouraged to invite non-believing friends and family to attend.
- Please remember in your prayer for Brother Arthur WANG who are now attending theological Course. May the Lord give them wisdom, the resolve to offer oneself, and the strength to continue serving 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    |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| 105295              | 1,200.00 | CAAFPUw   | 75.00    | CArPR8eR  | 1,500.00  | General        | 9,725.00  |
| 110298              | 300.00   | CAbaAAxG  | 200.00   | CASyvNk   | 200.00    | Mission Fund   | 2,250.00  |
| 112647              | 200.00   | CAF3qUJT  | 2,000.00 | CAXs8KcP  | 200.00    | Caring Fund    | 400.00    |
| 113100              | 300.00   | CAGbN9Gm  | 1,000.00 | CAXZJgTQ  | 600.00    |                |           |
| 113224              | 900.00   | CAQ8KsdK  | 2,500.00 | CAZsTUca  | 1,000.00  |                |           |
| 113225              | 200.00   |           |          |           |           |                |           |
| <b>Total Amount</b> |          |           |          |           | 12,375.00 |                | 12,375.00 |

## 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.
- Thank God for leading Paul Fellowship last Thursday Gospel meeting, may God bring many people into His Grace and receive the precious salvation that is given by God.
- Please remember in your prayer for English Gospel Meeting at Dec 13, pray for the speaker and the coordination work for the meetings.
- May the Lord motivate us to take root in His Word at all times, learn to look up to God alone, rely on Him to overcome any storms in life, and stand firm in the Lord to learn deeper spiritual lessons; to accept the admonitions of the cross, and to live a heavenly life commensurate with the Son of God.
- Due to the pandemic, the church has temporarily suspended mall and park outreach activities and Gospel visitations. May the Lord ensure that the determination of brothers and sisters to evangelize will not be lost, but learn to pray ardently for friends and family not yet returned to Christ, and bear witness for the Gospel in their daily lives amongst these people. Although evangelical meetings are temporarily halted during this time, may the Lord guide the church to astutely preach the Gospel via the internet or other means.
- 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 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](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.