

Peace Evangelical Church

Dec 6, 2020

Today's Communion Service

Chairperson Jeason Chan

Pianist Boaz Hung

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Speaker Stephen Fletcher

Chairperson Kelvin Leung

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Dec 13, 2020

Next Sunday's Communion Service

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Forgiveness Will Set You Free

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24

On a television magazine show not too long ago, there was an incredible story of forgiveness. A family of six was camping out, sleeping in tents in a public park. In the middle of the night, a man cut a hole in the tent and carried away their 7-year-old daughter.

Immediately, the mother began to pray for the kidnapper and made a commitment to forgive. A year later he called and the family learned what the mother knew in her heart all along—the child was dead.

The mother said, "Forgiveness is hard work, but it is the only thing that will set you free."

Unwillingness to forgive allows bitterness to creep in to our hearts and plant roots. Hebrews 12:15 says, "See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many."

Bitterness can spread to those around us, and if it is left to harden in the heart, it is almost seemingly impossible to remove. Scripture is clear about wiping away the offenses in our life, and doing it quickly.

If you feel like someone owes you something or if there is something standing in the way of you not thanking God every day for the blessings you have, bitterness can begin to set in. All you need is a few cleaning tools to scrub away the stains of bitterness—compassion and forgiveness.

If you harbor bitter feelings toward someone in your life—a family member, a church leader, or a friend—then immediately approach that person and learn to forgive them. Make a commitment, today, to begin the spring spiritual cleaning in your life.

PRAYER CHALLENGE: Ask the Lord to daily clean out the grime of bitterness in your heart in order that you may reflect an accurate image of Christ to those around you.

Church News

1. 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.
2. English Congregation will host an evangelical meeting on Dec 13, 2020 (Next Sunday), Speaker is Brother Kevin Sawatsky. Brothers and sisters are strongly encouraged to invite non-believing friends and family to attend.
3. Last week, we cast our digital votes of confidence for our elders and deacons. A total of 137 ballots were received. Besides 2 deemed invalid and 4 voting no-confidence, the balance of 131 ballots, a vast majority, expressed confidence in all the elders and deacons carrying on their assigned duties. The elders will be following up with the dissenters. Please continue to remember our elders, deacons and co-workers in your prayers. May they emulate Jesus Christ in their lives, be kind and loyal, and create an example for other believers.
4. The Dec Elders and Deacons Meeting will be conducted via Zoom on the Dec 13 (next Sunday) at 2:30 pm. Will all concerned please take note and attend punctually.
5. The church encourages everyone to attend our online video prayer meetings to intercede for and maintain vigilance together with other members, learning to serve God through our prayers, guarding against the carnage and attacks of our enemy, the Devil, and lifting high our testimony of the victory of Christ. If you are unable to attend due to pressing matters, please continue to keep watch as one for our church in your home.
6. Our church year end thanks giving meeting Date will change to Dec 31 (Thursday) via Zoom at 8:00 pm instead of Dec 27 (Sunday), Brothers and sisters are reminded to mark your calendar for this meeting.
7. 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
CAMcFemz	750.00	CAVM5V6j	14.60	CAAtqWd4D	160.00	General	1,599.60
CAd4vzjj	200.00	CAYfz6VS	700.00	CAYKYM54	75.00	Mission Fund	100.00
						give anonymously to another b/s	200.00
Total Amount					1,899.60		1,899.60

Prayer Items

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Please remember in your prayer for English Gospel Meeting at Dec 13th, pray for the speaker and the coordination work for the meetings.
4. 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.
5. Please intercede for the pastoral team, all elders and deacons that God would grant them spiritual wisdom to faithfully to lead and arrange for our church's direction and plan for the meetings in the coming year. We would also remember all serving person our church in our prayer, may God grant them with love to serve Him, all of them would have a merciful heart, patience to build our church and every one of them would be a faithful servant to Him.
6. The church has been hosting online meetings for quite a while now during this pandemic. May the Lord help us to be constantly aware of our innermost attitude towards Him. Whatever the circumstances, may we always have a fearful and loving heart for our Lord.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.