

Peace Evangelical Church

Jan 3, 2021

Today's Communion Service

Chairperson Jimmy Chow
Pianist Samuel Law

Today's Service

Speaker David Jones
Chairperson Kelvin Leung
Pianist Samuel Law

Jan 10, 2021

Next Sunday's Communion Service

Chairperson David Jones
Pianist Valerie Leung

Next Sunday's Service

Speaker Austin Milne
Chairperson Gordon Chow
Pianist Valerie Leung

ENGLISH CONGREGATION THEME - 2021

Theme - Put God First

Theme Verse – Colossians 1:10

Colossians 1:10 (NIV)

10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,
We will once again divide into four quarters as follows"

1. January to March: Live a Life that is Worthy of the Lord
2. April to June - Pleasing God in Every Way
3. July to September - Bearing Fruit in Every Good Work
4. October to December - Growing in the Knowledge of God

SAVE THE BEST FOR LAST

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine . . . but you have saved the best till now." — John 2:10

Some years ago, an advertising jingle for a popular candy asked, "Do you eat the red ones last?" There was really nothing special about the red ones. They were candy-coated chocolates, and the red ones tasted the same as all the other colours of candy-coated chocolates in the pack. But the commercial suggested that the red ones were special, or the best, and it made people think they should save the best for last.

The banquet master at the wedding at Cana did not know who had provided the new wine. He just knew that it was better than the wine that had been served earlier. He also knew that this was unusual. Most hosts served the best wine first, but at this wedding the best was served last.

Though it was unusual at a wedding in those days, this miracle of Jesus suggests something about the kingdom of God. The best is yet to come. The blessings we experience in our life with God, the goodness of God's creation, the joy of Christmas, the consolation that comes from God's presence, the freedom that comes with forgiveness—all these are just a taste of the new life God has promised in Jesus. As the year ends, we look forward in hope, for God saves the best for last.

Prayer

Faithful God, you have prepared what no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind can conceive. Help us to keep looking forward in hope to that day "when our faith shall be sight"! In Jesus name, Amen.

Connect with us!

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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. The official ceremony for Assignment of Duties will be held on January 3 (today). Each separate ministry of the church will have their own ceremony for their serving members after their time of worship. Please pay special attention to this arrangement. All Sunday school classes will be held as usual.
3. The Jan Elders and Deacons Meeting will be conducted via Zoom on the 10th (next Sunday) at 2:30 pm. Will all concerned please take note and attend punctually.
4. English Ministry will be hosting a Bible Quiz on Jan 24th (Sunday school section), Please prepare your hearts to attend.
5. The church will conduct Chinese spiritual nurturing meetings online from Jan 29-31. There is also have a serving team Retreat meeting at 10:00am on (Jan 30) Saturday morning, we encourage brothers and sisters to participate.
6. At 8 pm on Friday, Feb 12, the church will be hosting a Spring Festival Mandarin Gospel Meeting. The theme of the meeting is "The Best Message" and the speaker is Brother WU. Please earnestly invite your non-believing friends and family members to attend this online event. If you require the Zoom Meeting ID and password, please contact the evangelism coordinator of your fellowship. If you do not belong to a fellowship, you can inquire with brother Arthur Wang or Sister Connie Pan.
7. The digital version of the 2021 Activity Schedule and Manual for serving members has been published, and will be distributed through their fellowship leaders. Please pray for all serving members, the direction of the church and the various programs. May glory be to our Father, and peace to those who please Him.
8. 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
107003	2,000.00	CAEZDYDn	20.00	CArCgHCg	540.00	General	68,200.00
112544	10,000.00	CAfInGmN	50.00	CArV2SDc	2,000.00	Mission Fund	6,850.00
112545	7,000.00	CAhfzqAg	900.00	CAsdBgJs	20.00	Caring Fund	1,100.00
112605	100.00	CAHXGMAk	1,500.00	CAsvCwFA	1,000.00	Silas Fellowship	50.00
112986	200.00	CAj3eFad	300.00	CASwkbV3	500.00		
113231	300.00	CAMVFchn	500.00	CAT4TJRu	300.00		
113232	12,000.00	CAN8NBc5	1,000.00	CAtSANW2	2,200.00		
CA33fB2M	180.00	CANBvEQz	700.00	CAuv2Swk	1,000.00		
CA38kyXB	3,000.00	CAnjxu2M	2,000.00	CAVF9nGC	1,000.00		
CA7n9zBk	200.00	CAP7kYj7	600.00	CAvsKXrX	500.00		
CAauDUYs	2,000.00	CAPkNN72	5,000.00	CAY7J4zV	1,000.00		
CAawhrEE	1,500.00	CAPR2ZDx	600.00	CAyDZuSb	2,000.00		
CAc8wxTk	500.00	CAPXqpS4	600.00	CAYzsBKE	1,000.00		
CACukrpb	500.00	CAQc4DdT	190.00	CAz6G4F9	500.00		
CAdgkBcD	3,000.00	CAqpWGVr	200.00	CAZeD5h7	3,000.00		
CADwadr3	1,000.00	CAQrEPZf	1,000.00	CAZxxMV7	1,000.00		
			Total Amount	76,200.00			76,200.00

Prayer Items

1. Please give thanks for God's guidance, blessing for 2020. The 2021 Theme of English Ministry is **"Put God First"**. (So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:10 (NIV) 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 intercede for the pastoral team, elders and deacons of our church. May God grant them wisdom, decisive power, strength and courage to lead our church. 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 everyone of them would be a faithful servant to Him.
4. Please remember in your prayer for our church 2021 new direction and the arrangement of serving personnel in various areas. May every one of them work through the Holy Spirit, always bear a faithful and thankful heart to work God's plan.
5. Please remember in your prayer for Mandarin Gospel Meeting at Feb 12th, pray for the speaker and the coordination work for the meetings.
6. Please pray for the multitude of churches. May the Lord give them the power of discernment so that they can be vigilant and keep watch over this generation. May He bestow grace and strength to His loyal servants, so that they can hold tight for themselves as well as for the flock until the return of the 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. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.