

Peace Evangelical Church

Feb 28, 2021

Today's Communion Service

Chairperson Jeason Chan

Pianist Samuel Law

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Speaker David Jones

Chairperson Boaz Hung

Pianist Samuel Law

Mar 7, 2021

Next Sunday's Communion Service

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Pianist Valerie Leung

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Speaker Austin Milne

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Don't Give in to Pressure

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33

The famous 19th century missionary to China, Hudson Taylor, once shared some powerful words that apply well to the situation we're facing in our world today...

"It doesn't matter how great the pressure is. What really matters is where the pressure lies, whether it comes between me and God or whether it presses me nearer His heart."

A few minutes watching the news is enough to tell you that this world is a pressure cooker – and it seems about to burst. But the question to ask yourself today is this: How are you responding to the pressure. Is it pushing you from God or nearer to His heart?

Nothing in all of history has ever caught God off guard. From the dawn of creation to the fall of Rome and everything since, God has been and will forever be king over all.

So while the whole world is losing their heads in a panic, you can keep yours – knowing that Christ has overcome. And in His name, you can be a lighthouse of hope for a dark and stormy world!

Prayer Challenge:

Pray that God will draw you nearer to His heart and fill you with confidence in these difficult days.

Questions for Thought:

With all the fear and anxiety in our culture today, how can you be a voice of strength and hope?

How could you shine the light of the Gospel in a dark world?

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. Chinese Sunday School between March to May will start at March 14, we encourage brothers and sisters actively take part in these Sunday School classes and have ourselves built up in the truth. Please register with your fellowship leader. B & S who do not attend fellowship, please contact brother Kwan Liu or brother Arthur Wang before March 7, 2021.
3. March has been designated as the fellowship month. You are encourage to have fellowship with brothers and sisters you are not acquainting with and pray for each other.
4. March has been assigned as the month of prayers. Brothers and sisters please pray according to the daily information provided by the church and we together pray earnestly for it.
5. March 7th (next Sunday) has been assigned as the prayer Sunday of our church. We shall have prayer groups during the Sunday school section. Brothers and sisters are reminded to mark your calendar to take part in the prayer meeting, together we will be vigilant for our church. All Sunday Schools in Cantonese, Mandarin will be suspended on that day while English and children Sunday school will conduct as normal. Prayer meeting Zoom Meeting ID will be copy to all Chinese Fellowships. If you do not attend fellowship, you can inquire with Brother Kwan Liu or Brother Arthur Wang.
6. Receipts for offerings made in fiscal 2020 have been emailed out (except for the ones arranged to mail out/drop off for seniors with special request). If you have not received your copy by March 1 or have any questions regarding it, please contact Sister Phyllis Tso. But please first check your mailbox carefully, and in particular the **Junk mail folder**.
7. On Friday, April 9, the church will be hosting a Mandarin Gospel Meeting. Speaker is Brother LIU. 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.
8. The church will conduct Chinese spiritual nurturing meetings online from April 10-11. Speaker: Brother LIU. We encourage brothers and sisters to participate.
9. 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
CA4MqkSJ	1,500.00	CABv7cPz	100.00	CAmTXezu	72.00	General	3,302.00
CAB3YaDS	180.00	CAEH6VKH	850.00	CAnPXwpZ	200.00	Mission Fund	2,100.00
CABdC5Fw	2,500.00						
Total Amount				5,402.00		5,402.00	

Prayer Items

1. 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 pray for the Mandarin Gospel meeting at April 9 and the Chinese Revival meeting at April 10-11, pray for the speaker and the coordination work for those meetings.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Please remember in your prayer of various fellowships of our church, although brothers and sisters have not yet had an in-person gatherings, 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.
7. Pray for the current political situation in Myanmar, Hong Kong and National wide, may God maintain His authority so that the population may have peace. May He bestow wisdom, strength, unity and faith in the people, so that they may live in circumstances without hatred and fear. Please also pray that they will discover true peace in Jesus Christ.
8. Canada's Bill C6 (banning Conversion Therapy) introduced by the Minister of Justice has reached final approval procedure. This Act proposes to ban any process, treatment and services aimed at conversion of an individual from non-heterosexual to heterosexual or non-acceptance of original birth gender to acceptance of original birth gender, and suppression/reduction of attraction to and sexual interaction with people of the same sex. The penalty can be incarceration for up to 5 years. This bill can remove the availability for those with homosexual tendencies who wish to receive assistance or counselling. May the Lord govern the hearts of all concerned.
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.

PEACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH CALENDAR OF PRAYER IN MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pray that amidst the prolonged pandemic, God will increase our faith and endurance, that we might look upon our Lord to renew our strength.	2 Pray that God will help us to fear Him in the tribulation, so that we can be alert in prayer, living in the light and examination of the Holy Spirit.	3 Pray for Caleb fellowship.	4 Pray for Paul fellowship.	5 Pray for Isaac fellowship.	6 Pray that God will keep our online gatherings, and that the brethren will attend on time and with a reverent heart.
7 Pray for spiritual wisdom, that in all things and difficulties we might come to know God's will and plan.	8 May the Lord help us to bare and accept each other, that we may see more of our own short comings, and how God's grace is on the other brothers and sisters.	9 Pray for Daniel fellowship.	10 Pray for Silas fellowship.	11 Pray for Elisha fellowship.	12 12. Pray for the churches and saints in HK, that God will be with them amidst the pandemic and political difficulties.	13 Pray for the churches and saints in China, that be alert and faithful under pressure and deception.
14 Pray for the churches and saints in sufferings in the disasters all over the world. Let us keep out lamps bright, know that the Judge stand before the door.	15 Pray that God will 'let the mind of Christ be in us', so that by the reality of such heart, we may come to know His will.	16 Pray for Titus fellowship.	17 Pray for David fellowship.	18 Pray for Joshua fellowship.	19 Pray for the nation of Israel and the Jews scattered at different places, that God's grace will be upon their wise men to witness for the Messiah.	20 Pray that the Lord will keep the lamp stand of our church, that we won't drift away from the presence of the Lord because of all the troubles within and outside.
21 Pray that God will exhort us in striving to keep the 'one' in Christ, and to accept our losses as true moderation.	22 Pray that God will keep the elderly and the sick among us.	23 Pray for all children fellowships.	24 Pray for all of our church's and family bible study groups.	25 Pray for the Summer conference, that it may not be hindered by the epidemic.	26 Pray for all co-workers, elders and deacons.	27 Pray that God will keep the churches in HK and China, that they might be armed with a desire to suffer for Christ.
28 Pray that the Canadian Federal, provincial, and local governments and leaders, that they will fear God and know that the judgement is coming for sure, and to turn them from their wicked ways by punishment.	29 Pray that we will prepare for the difficulties ahead, and get ready to give an account to the Master.	30 Pray for the unbelieving friends and families.	31 Pray that the saint will depend on the Lord, that amidst the difficulties they may serve earnestly with a strong heart, revealing the Glory of God.			