

# Peace Evangelical Church

Mar 28, 2021

## *Today's Communion Service*

*Chairperson* Jeason Chan

*Pianist* James Fong

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*Speaker* Stephen Fletcher

*Chairperson* Jimmy Chow

*Pianist* James Fong

April 4, 2021

## *Next Sunday's Communion Service*

*Chairperson* Boaz Hung

*Pianist* Samuel Law

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*Speaker* Jeason Chan

*Chairperson* David Jones

*Pianist* Samuel Law

## **Faith that is Alive**

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. - James 2:26

A story is told of the renowned artist Paul Gustave Doré, who lost his passport while traveling through Europe. So when he came to a border crossing, he explained his predicament to one of the guards. Doré hoped he would be recognized and allowed to pass because he was so famous. The guard, however, said that many people had recently attempted to cross the border by falsifying their identities.

Doré firmly insisted that he was the man he claimed to be. "Alright," said the official, "I'll give you a test, and if you pass it, we'll allow you to go through." So he handed him a pencil and a sheet of paper and told the artist to sketch several peasants standing nearby. Doré did it so quickly and skillfully that the guard was convinced he was indeed who he claimed to be.

In the Christian life, the relationship between faith and works can be a funny thing. On the one hand, when it comes to your standing before God, there's no amount of good deeds you can do to find acceptance. It's by faith alone. However, that same faith must be given substance by one's works. Just like Doré, what you do must validate who you claim to be.

So instead of seeing your works as making you holy, think of them as confirmation of the reality that you've already been made holy. And remember that while faith alone saves, the faith that saves is not alone!

## **Prayer Challenge**

Pray that God would show you areas in your life where you can be diligent in validating your faith to the world through good works.

*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](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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The church will conduct a Mandarin Gospel Meeting on April 9 and Chinese spiritual nurturing meetings from April 10-11 via Zoom. Speaker is Brother LIU. Please earnestly invite your non-believing friends and family members to attend.
5. The "Peace Monthly" periodical published by the joint assembly of Peace Evangelical churches can be found on our church's website [pec.bc.ca](http://pec.bc.ca). Click on the "Peace Monthly" link under "Offerings/Weekly Bulletin", or the second link at the bottom left corner, "Joint Assembly Website", and then select the third link " "Peace Monthly". The church encourages members to read the articles in the "Peace Monthly" online.
6. 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
CARdu3T3	1,000.00	CADdr2P2	170.00	CAzZSHX	70.00	General	3,020.00
CA6FRwrr	200.00	CAzfAeGn	1,000.00	CAePeH9G	70.00		
CAS74j7	10.00	CABQkKZk	500.00				
Total Amount					3,020.00		3,020.00

## 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 spiritual nurturing meetings 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. Canada's Bill C6 (banning Conversion Therapy) introduced by the Minister of Justice has reached final reading. 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.
6. 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.
7. Please pray for each fellowship in the church. Although brothers and sisters are not meeting in person just yet, pray that we will still care for, cherish, and love one another, mutually intercede with God, grow in our spiritual lives, and broadly preach the Gospel of the Heavenly Kingdom.
8. Pray for the current political situation in Myanmar. 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.
9. Please pray for all three levels of Government, church leaders, and health-care workers; for unbiased media commentary and freedom of speech; for judicial practitioners and the legal system; for educators, parents, and youth and students. May the Lord bestow wisdom and strong yet tender hearts to all parents so that they can help their offspring be certain of their belief and hold fast to the End.

## **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.

# PEACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH CALENDAR OF PRAYER IN MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Pray that amidst the prolonged pandemic, God will increase our faith and endurance, that we might look upon our Lord to renew our strength.	<b>2</b> 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.	<b>3</b> Pray for Caleb fellowship.	<b>4</b> Pray for Paul fellowship.	<b>5</b> Pray for Isaac fellowship.	<b>6</b> Pray that God will keep our online gatherings, and that the brethren will attend on time and with a reverent heart.
<b>7</b> Pray for spiritual wisdom, that in all things and difficulties we might come to know God's will and plan.	<b>8</b> 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.	<b>9</b> Pray for Daniel fellowship.	<b>10</b> Pray for Silas fellowship.	<b>11</b> Pray for Elisha fellowship.	<b>12</b> 12. Pray for the churches and saints in HK, that God will be with them amidst the pandemic and political difficulties.	<b>13</b> Pray for the churches and saints in China, that be alert and faithful under pressure and deception.
<b>14</b> 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.	<b>15</b> 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.	<b>16</b> Pray for Titus fellowship.	<b>17</b> Pray for David fellowship.	<b>18</b> Pray for Joshua fellowship.	<b>19</b> 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.	<b>20</b> 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.
<b>21</b> Pray that God will exhort us in striving to keep the 'one' in Christ, and to accept our own losses as true moderation.	<b>22</b> Pray that God will keep the elderly and the sick among us.	<b>23</b> Pray for all children fellowships.	<b>24</b> Pray for all of our church's and family bible study groups.	<b>25</b> Pray for the Summer conference, that it may not be hindered by the epidemic.	<b>26</b> Pray for all co-workers, elders and deacons.	<b>27</b> Pray that God will keep the churches in HK and China, that they might be armed with a desire to suffer for Christ.
<b>28</b> 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.	<b>29</b> Pray that we will prepare for the difficulties ahead, and get ready to give an account to the Master.	<b>30</b> Pray for the unbelieving friends and families.	<b>31</b> 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.			