

Peace Evangelical Church

May 2, 2021

Today's Communion Service

Chairperson David Jones

Pianist Samuel Law

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Speaker Mark Robinson

Chairperson Boaz Hung

Pianist Samuel Law

May 9, 2021

Next Sunday's Communion Service

Chairperson Jimmy Chow

Pianist Mark Lim

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Healthy Soil?

"As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience." - Luke 8:15

The Magnolia is widely considered one of the most beautiful and fragrant trees of the South. Its large white blossoms often dot main streets and gardens across the region. But what many people don't know is that its soil – when healthy – produces an equally wonderful aroma.

A mix of cinnamon and fresh fruit, the rich smell of a Southern Magnolia's soil is a sure sign that the tree is in good condition. But the opposite is also true. When diseased or decaying, its soil produces a rancid, putrid smell that's unmistakable. Like so many other things in creation, it's the health of what is unseen that allows the tree to flourish.

What about you today? How healthy is the unseen soil of your heart? Are you filled with jealousy, anger, or fear? Are you holding onto a pain in your past that's poisoning your future?

God wants to produce good fruit in your life – fruit that will bless you and those around you. But fruit can only flourish in healthy soil.

God can till and nurture your heart so it becomes a healthier foundation for spiritual growth. So let Him start to grow something beautiful in your life today!

Prayer Challenge:

Ask God to fill your heart and mind with thoughts and ambitions that reflect His character.

Questions for Thought:

What are some things in your heart keeping good fruit from growing in your life? For example, do you harbour an attitude of un-forgiveness, pride, or maybe bitterness?

What steps can you take to move to a place of healing and health?

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 May Elders and Deacons Meeting will be conducted via Zoom on the May 9th (next sunday) at 2:30 pm. Will all concerned please take note and attend punctually.
3. English Ministry will have Missionary wee at May 22-23 (Sat evening at 8:00pm & Sun morning at 10:00am) online. Speaker: Brother Jurgen Schulz. Please mark your calendar to attend.
4. 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.
5. 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
CAtnTE	400.00	CAqb3UWU	300.00	CAN2Dujx	70.00	General	770.00
			Total Amount	770.00			770.00

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 English Missionary Wee at May 22-23, pray for the speaker and the coordination work for those meetings.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Please pray for our church Sunday school (including Chinese, English Adult & Children classes, Truth seeking & Neophyte Classes, Truth Fostering classes), may the Holy Spirit through the sharing of Leaders, and attendees learn from each sharing, everyone can awareness bible and better understand God's mind, also have spiritual wisdom and the ability to distinguish, may brothers and sisters strengthen and bear witness for God.
7. We anticipate there will be more returning or new immigrants coming from Hong Kong going forward. The church would like to take this opportunity to serve them. May the Lord grant loving hearts and wisdom to those members carrying this burden, so that our compatriots may receive the blessings of the Gospel, come to know and turn back to Christ.
8. 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.
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 continue to pray that the current Covid 19 pandemic may be quickly brought under control, particularly for places with rampant infection rates such as India. Please remember health workers on the front lines and administrative personnel in all countries working in difficult conditions at this time. May the people be lifted up from these adverse circumstances. And may people humbly recognize their own limitations 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.