

Peace Evangelical Church

July 25, 2021

Today's Communion Service

Chairperson Jimmy Chow

Pianist Samuel Law

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Speaker David Jones

Chairperson Barry Chao

Pianist Samuel Law

Aug 1, 2021

Next Sunday's Communion Service

Chairperson Boaz Hung

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The Reason You're Tested

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your [faith](#) produces perseverance.

- James 1:2-3

Valuable things are often tested to prove that they're genuine. When you go to a bank and give a \$100 bill to the teller, she holds it up to the light. Why? Because she's looking for a watermark of authenticity – testing it to make sure it's genuine. One pastor shares that when he visited The Philippines years ago, the government didn't yet have the technology to add watermarks to the currency. So instead, the bank tellers would hold the money close to the light and then examine the pictures that were printed on them.

This pastor was curious, so he got up the nerve to ask one of the bank tellers how to know that the money is genuine by just looking at it. The teller told him that if the hair of the man pictured on the currency is not combed perfectly, then the dollar is counterfeit.

Things that have value need to be tested – and that includes your faith. When God allows challenges to come your way – whether it's your health, a struggle with grief, or tough financial times – He's holding you up to the light to show the world your faith is genuine.

The faith that is not tested is the faith that can't be trusted. So when you're being tested, let the light of God shine through you so the world can see His mark on your life!

Prayer Challenge:

Ask God to give you a rock-solid, genuine faith that will withstand any test that comes your way.

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, Shepherd Voice and prayer items in our weekly digital bulletin.
2. The English Ministry will begin in-person, as well as maintaining on-line, communion services, worship services and Sunday School from August 1. Some English Fellowships will also start physical meetings on the same date. Brothers and sisters please take note and pray for these changes.
3. Due to the pandemic, this year's Chinese Summer Conference will be conducted via video from July 28 to August 2. Brother Daniel WONG has been invited to be the speaker. The title is "The Establishment and Life of The House of God", with reference to the Book of Genesis 28:10-22. There will be no children's program during this Chinese Summer conference.
4. Our church continues to encourage brothers and sisters to utilize their time meaningfully during the pandemic by studying the Bible and maintaining devotion, reading spiritual books, and establishing a closer relationship with God. Also greet each other via telephone or social media daily, and interact with encouragement and petitions through prayer, traversing the pandemic together in love.
5. The "Peace Monthly" periodical published by the joint assembly of Peace Evangelical churches can be found on our church's website www.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
109284	300.00	CA3HEVBT	500.00	CAy2trAj	500.00	General	11,440.00
110860	100.00	CA5nWhBA	400.00	CA9sBbms	2,500.00	Mission Fund	1,600.00
113243	840.00	CarMApcd	1,000.00	CavEafFy	300.00	Caring Fund	50.00
113265	400.00	CA***axU	600.00	CADDc82y	30.00	give anonymously	200.00
113267	2,000.00	CAzqt56z	3,000.00	CA9kzYwB	50.00	to another b/s	
113308	100.00	CadZsrUh	170.00	CAEVxsrF	500.00		
Total Amount				13,290.00			13,290.00

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.
3. Please pray for the Chinese Summer Conference at July 28 to August 2. Please pray for the messages prepare by speaker Brother Daniel WONG and the coordinating work for the conference.
4. Please remember the English Ministry. May God bless and use it so that He is glorified. May God give strength and wisdom to all participants, so that they will fully know His will and please Him in all they do, so that they will bear fruit in all good works. May the Lord give wisdom, loving hearts and patience to the English service pastor, Elders and Deacons so that they will have strength to shepherd the flock.
5. 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.
6. The number of people from Hong Kong returning or immigrating to Canada is likely to increase. The church would like to take this opportunity to get in touch with them and bring them to Christ. May the Lord give wisdom and loving hearts to the "PEC New Immigrants Gospel Care Group" so that new arrivals from Hong Kong may receive the benefit of the Gospel.
7. There has been a rash of natural disasters around the world recently, including the floods in China's Henan province. May God have mercy and safeguard the people, so that in the midst of these trials, they will come to know our Lord who bestows peace. May He give wisdom and strength to the rescuers and their supervisors on the front lines, enabling them to help those affected quickly escape the hazards and find settlement.
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 continue to pray that the current Covid 19 pandemic may be quickly brought under control. 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.
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.