

# Peace Evangelical Church

Aug 15, 2021

## *Today's Communion Service*

*Chairperson* David Jones

*Pianist* Samuel Law

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*Speaker* David Jones

*Chairperson* Max Hui

*Pianist* Samuel Law

Aug 22, 2021

## *Next Sunday's Communion Service*

*Chairperson* David Jones

*Pianist* Mark Lim

## *Next Sunday's Service*

*Speaker* Mark Robinson

*Chairperson* Gordon Chow

*Pianist* Mark Lim

## **Love Others as Yourself**

*"To love (God) with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." - Mark 12:33*

In 1986, a terrible tragedy happened in the Black Sea off the coast of Russia. Hundreds of ship passengers were killed when two ships collided, throwing many into the icy waters below. The news became even darker when the cause of the disaster was revealed.

It wasn't heavy fog, a technical malfunction, or even a crew member's inattentiveness that caused the collision. No, the tragedy was caused by human ego. Each captain was aware of the other ship's presence. But instead of steering clear, each refused to give way to the other and both proceeded on course. By the time they came to their senses, it was too late.

Oftentimes, selfishness and ego lead to destruction. It may not be the physical destruction of life that was seen in the story above, but self-centredness can leave in its wake emotional and relational scars that can linger for years, or even last a lifetime.

This is why the command to love others as ourselves is so important. As members of Christ's body, we have the responsibility of living at peace with others – believers and unbelievers alike. And that's simply not possible to do if our own egos are greater than our love for people.

Watch your ego. Don't let it rule in your dealings with others. Humble yourself and put people first. That's what it really means to love others as yourself!

## **Prayer Challenge**

Ask God to help you daily when it comes to putting your ego aside and putting others first!

## **Questions for Thought**

What is it about our egos that typically make us want to put ourselves first?

How might your life look differently if you really took to heart the idea of putting others before yourself?

*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, Shepherd Voice and prayer items in our weekly digital bulletin.
2. Thank God for guiding our English ministry back to in-person communion, worship and Sunday school services as from August 1. Some English fellowships have also returned to physical meetings in the church. May brothers and sisters take note of this and pray for the Lord's providence over them so that they may build more loving relationships with God and people.
3. In conjunction with our current online services, the Chinese Ministry of the Church will also restore in-person meetings for communion, worship, and Sunday School, starting September 1, for both adults and children. Other church gatherings will be carried out in-person as well, with details to be announced later.
4. Chinese Sunday School between Sept to Nov will start at Sept 5, we encourage brothers and sisters actively take part in these Sunday School classes and have ourselves built up in the truth.
5. We shall have the Baptism Ceremony on Sept 12th at 3:00 pm. Please pray for all those going to be baptized that they would follow God whole heartily and live out the life of Christ. Please mark your calendar to attend this event.
6. For those who are going to be baptized in coming September, please do remember to hand in your testimonial of baptism, a recent personal portrait photo and the enrollment form for PEC membership to sister Esther HUNG or Brother Marco Kam.
7. The family of Brother Samuel Law will return to Toronto mid-August to complete Sister Rebecca's residency requirements. May the Lord bless and keep them always in His grace.
8. We will upload all the sermons of this year's Chinese Summer Bible Conference to our church website. Please make use of this opportunity to listen to the sermons online. They can be found at <http://www.pec.bc.ca>.
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
CAYvWSky	160.00	CAnSMDm8	500.00	CABssVH5	200.00	General	4,890.00
CAne9eXH	200.00	CAkS6Qyu	2,000.00	CA9hAKds	400.00	Caring Fund	400.00
CanEVWCg	1,600.00	CAZ6Zyg8	200.00	CAd2mpr8	30.00		
Total Amount					5,290.00		5,290.00

## Aug 2021 Elders and Deacons meeting resolutions

### We unanimously approved the following resolutions:

1. The list of the baptized brothers and sisters for year 2021: Murray Kwan, May Leung, Xu Bin, Leon Wang, Jessie Huang, Ella Huang, Maggie Liu, Canopus Tong.
2. The list of the brothers and sisters who will be members of PEC for year 2021: Jason Chin, Yin Lei Lam Yim, Winnie Fong, Joyce Wong, Elaine Huang, Theresa Zhang.
3. Ratification: Brother David Jones's vacation days from August 6 to 8.

## 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 remember all the missionaries supported by the church. May God bestow more bliss and strength to them so that they may be filled with His grace and providence in their fields of operation, and be able to fight the good fight for the Lord and lead many to rejoice in the Kingdom of God.
4. Please pray for our church Sunday school ( including Chinese/English adult & children classes), all Bible Study groups, 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.
5. Please remember in your prayer of the churches in danger, suffering and persecution, may God listen to those who fear Him, strength their faith and grant them safety.
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. 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.
8. 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](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.