

Peace Evangelical Church

Aug 29, 2021

Today's Communion Service

Chairperson Jeason Chan

Pianist Boaz Hung

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Speaker Mark Robinson

Chairperson Kelvin Leung

Pianist Boaz Hung

Sept 5, 2021

Next Sunday's Communion Service

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Finding the Strength You Need to Keep Going

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30

Years ago when the New York Yankees were managed by Ralph Houk, baseball game schedules were much more demanding. In fact, teams usually played at least one double-header every week. Occasionally, a player would get sick of the grind and ask for permission to sit out a game.

"I know how you feel," Houk would respond. "Sure, you can take the day off. But I want you to at least just play one inning since you're already in the lineup. After that, you can have the rest of the day off."

The player would do as Houk requested. But after the first inning, he would almost invariably get caught up in the spirit of the game and play it out until the end!

Often when we're tired and don't feel like going to church, praying, or spending time in God's Word, the enemy can come against us and try to deter us from taking the first step. But if we'll take that first step, we almost always find the next one is a bit easier.

When you feel worn out, tired, or discouraged, make the effort to take the first step forward. And above all else, trust in Jesus to give you rest and strength for each day. When you do, you may find moving forward is easier than you thought!

Prayer Challenge:

Ask God to give you the rest and energy you need to take the next step forward, wherever the enemy is trying to push you back.

Questions for Thought:

Where in your life today do you feel the enemy's resistance to keep you from making the first step to move forward?

What first steps can you take to move forward in those areas?

Hi everyone,

On behalf of the elders and pastoral leadership we would like to update our English congregation on how we continue to move forward while attending in person meetings at PEC. We expect the situation to be fluid for quite a while as the government mandates and recommendations will change with the fluctuation of cases and hospitalizations. Although it is not ideal we are grateful to God for His goodness and the freedom we still experience in BC.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WE WILL FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

1. Do not come in if you are feeling sick or experiencing and COVID like symptoms.
2. Sanitize your hands with hand sanitizer or soapy water when you enter the building.
3. An usher will assist you in signing in.
4. Please wear a mask at all times while in the building. The only person required not to wear a mask is the chairman or song leader and the speaker. Even though churches do have special exemption for the mask mandate and proof of immunization we still have decided to implement the above guideline to be on the safer side and to protect all those attending our services.
5. Please maintain social distancing protocols as much as possible. This includes the proximity to how close we sit with other church members during the church service. Please stay within your own family households.
6. Although we have truly appreciated those who have brought food items for consumption in the break, unfortunately we have to be careful and ask that until things are more stable that we refrain from sharing any food at this time.
7. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact us. Thanks for your patience and cooperation.
8. For your convenience please refer to the guidelines stated by the CDC and their latest updates shown here:

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/COVID-19_Guidance_Faith_Based_Organizations.pdf

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/community-settings/faith-based-spiritual-and-worship-practices>

Church News

1. In conjunction with our current online services, English Ministry of the Church will also restore in-person meetings for communion, worship, and Sunday School. Our various prayer meetings, fellowships are also being conducted online via Zoom video conferencing. With these arrangements, may God cause us to be connected and built up spiritually.
2. The church will restart in-person services for communion, Worship, and Sunday School for both adults and children of the Chinese Ministry, in conjunction with the current on-line services except Children, beginning in September (next Sunday). Other types of in-person meetings at the church will also gradually be phased in.
3. Next week during the time for Sunday School, the Chinese ministry will be conducting a prayer and fellowship meeting. The topic will be the sharing of the spiritual status of each fellowship group. All members are asked to attend. All Cantonese and Mandarin Sunday School, Truth Seeking and Truth Learning classes will be suspended, while English and Children's Sunday Schools will carry on as usual.
4. The Cantonese prayer meeting at 8 pm on Wednesday, September 1 will be in-person at the fellowship hall. Mandarin and English prayer meetings will continue temporarily to be on-line via Zoom. Please take note.
5. The church's Baptism ceremony will be held at 3 pm on September 12. A Zoom meeting will also be simultaneously arranged for on-line viewing. The link will be sent out through each fellowship. Please pray for all baptizing members so that they will follow the Lord all their days and live out the life of Christ. Please reserve time to attend.
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. Please meet at room 101 at Sept 5 (next Sunday) at 12.30pm to attend the pre-baptism briefing.
7. The September Elders and Deacons Meeting will be conducted via Zoom on the 5th (next Sunday) at 2:30 pm. Will all concerned please take note and attend punctually.
8. The Annual General Meeting of the church for 2021 will be held on-line via Zoom at 2:30 pm on September 19. The official notice, proxy form, and 2020 Accountant's and Financial Reports will be sent to all registered members by email. Please check your email inbox. Please note:
 - a) If you have not received our email by September 5, please contact your fellowship leader or our office staff immediately. However, please check your email folders carefully first, especially the junk mail folder.
 - b) When filling in the proxy form, if you intend to assign someone other than the Chair of the Meeting to represent you, please obtain that person's consent first, then fill in that person's name in the space provided. However, that person must be ready to attend personally via Zoom meeting to cast the ballot. If you do not fill in a name, the Chair of the Meeting will automatically be your proxy. After filling in and signing on the form, use one of the methods indicated in our email to send the form back to us before September 10. Late receipts will be invalid.
 - c) If you plan to attend personally via Zoom, please contact Brother Marco Kam before September 10 to register so that a meeting code and password can be given to you.
 - d) Members cannot send back a proxy form and also attend the on-line meeting personally.
 - e) If you have any questions, please contact Brothers Marco Kam or Arthur Wang.

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
109967	650.00	113417	200.00	CAGcTvp	200.00	General	5,400.00
112704	2,400.00	CAa2th6r	200.00	CABrxjVJ	330.00	Mission Fund	330.00
113275	200.00	CA9YsYnE	400.00	CAJpsEQ3	200.00	Caring Fund	200.00
113372	300.00	CaxyftgV	100.00	CA***Zyb	800.00	Isaac Fellowship	50.00
			Total Amount	5,980.00			5,980.00

Prayer Items

- 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.
- 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.
- Thank God for guiding our English Ministry to restart in-person communion, worship, and Sunday School services as from August. Some English fellowships have also begun meeting in the church. Please take note and remember that the Chinese side will follow suit next week in your prayers. May the Lord inspire the congregation to build up our lives in love with God and people.
- During the process of the gradual opening up of health restrictions, may the Lord guide the church to lead members to arrange all matters of the church with wisdom, and enable brothers and sisters to bear witness in their lives that are pleasing to Him among the people on earth, so that all glory will be returned to the Father.
- 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.
- Please remember the development of various fellowships of our church. 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.
- Please pray for the youths in their upcoming new semester. May everyone have a fearful heart and bear good testimonial for the Lord. May God grant them wisdom, intelligent and concentrate in their education. Especially pray for those who studying aboard for the new semester, wish them walking with our Lord every day and Glorifying God and Doing good to men in everything.
- Please remember the spiritual condition of all family in Christ. We pray that all parents will have a fearful heart to God, demonstrating love in unity. May all fathers to become a faithful priest in Christ and live the sacrificial love. May all mothers have a gentle and patient character, care their children according to the desire of God. May all children can be spiritually reborn and be saved, they are willing to be taught and have a fearful heart towards God.
- Please pray for the Government of Canada, pray God in charge each policy officials, called them by righteousness and fairness of justice. Pray for the province of legislation, law enforcement and judicial officials in its determination to combat crime. May God help the faithful watchman for the country.
- Please remember the current situation in Afghanistan. May the Lord have mercy on the people, give them peace and the opportunity to know the one true God. In particular, remember the missionaries and Christians there so that they may experience God's protection and providence and bear witness to His Glory.

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:

- Email to send offerings: offering@pec.bc.ca
- We have setup Auto Deposit, so please ensure the amount on your instruction is correct before confirming the payment.
- 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).
- On the Message section, please indicate:
 - your legal name (for tax receipt)
 - your commonly known name
 - purpose of your offering:
 - General Offering
 - Mission Fund
 - Caring Fund
 - Special Offering, please specify
 - 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

- 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.
- 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.
- In case further clarifications are required, we will contact the sender by email.

Reminders:

- 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.
- Some banks and/or account types might charge service fee to send e-Transfer.