

# Peace Evangelical Church

Oct 17, 2021

## *Today's Communion Service*

*Chairperson* Jimmy Chow  
*Duty Deacon* David Jones

## *Today's Service*

*Speaker* Alistair Milne  
*Chairperson* Gordon Chow  
*Pianist* Nancy Quan

Oct 24, 2021

## *Next Sunday's Communion Service*

*Chairperson* Boaz Hung  
*Duty Deacon* Jeason Chan

## *Next Sunday's Service*

*Speaker* David Jones  
*Chairperson* Barry Chao  
*Pianist* Valerie Leung

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## **What Does it Mean to Be Free in Christ?**

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. - [Galatians 5:1](#)*

A little boy had fallen ill and stayed home from school one afternoon. His mother was concerned he'd get behind, so she taught him the lesson for the day at home. The subject was prepositions, and the mother told the boy that it's never okay to end a sentence with a preposition.

After the lesson was over, the boy thought he'd have some fun with his mom. So he came up with a sentence that ended with not one, but five prepositions. He yelled downstairs to his mom, "Mom, what did you bring that book I didn't want to be read to out of up for?!"

Many people think of rules like grammar as hard and fast – things that can never and should never be broken. But the truth is that we break them all the time when we talk to one another. We just have subconsciously agreed with others that some grammar rules can be broken every now and then.

But when it comes to God's laws, we're bound. In fact, if we fail to keep them at just one point, the Bible says we're guilty of breaking all of them ([James 2:10](#))! Then what is our hope? Christ. He took our sins upon Himself and gave us His righteousness. So when God looks at you, He doesn't see where you've fallen short. He sees the goodness of Jesus through your faith in Him. Praise God that you can live in freedom, not under Law, because of Christ's death for you!

## **Prayer Challenge**

Ask God to reaffirm in your heart the truth that you can live in freedom in Jesus Christ!

## **Questions for Thought**

Why do you think many people constantly slip back into the idea that they earn their salvation through their works?

How might your attitude change if you truly understood that God loves you not based on what you do, but who you are in Christ?

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-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, 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. For the Children ministry. We will only have zoom meeting for all Friday night children fellowship. On Sunday, we will only have in person meeting for Worship and Sunday school, no zoom meeting provided. All parents please pay attention.
3. For the English Ministry, communion start at 9:00 am, Concurrent online ZOOM participation for both communion and worship will only be available until the end of October. From November 7 onwards, all English services will be in-person only. Members please take note.
4. The Chinese spiritual nurturing meetings conduct online today. Speaker: Brother Yeung. We encourage brothers and sisters to participate.
5. Today English Spiritual Nurturing Conference will be conduct in person and online. Speaker: Brother Alistair Milne. May brothers and sisters prepare their hearts to attend. All English Sunday schools will proceed as always.
6. The church is grateful to Brother Yeung, Brother Jurgen Schultz and Brother Alistair Milne for leading our Chinese / English Nurturing meetings. May the Lord remember their labors and enable them to become the blessing for a multitude. May brothers and sisters be spiritually revived and renewed through these messages and submit themselves to the Lord's service. May God be glorified by these meetings and bestow His grace to the congregation. And pray that we will not cease growing in the grace of God, live sanctified lives, build foundations based on the Holy Word, preach the Gospel of Peace, and bear witness in mutual love.
7. At 8 pm on Friday, Nov 5, the church will be hosting a Cantonese Gospel Meeting online. Speaker is Brother Yeung. Please earnestly invite your non-believing friends and family members to attend this online event.
8. Our Church encourage brothers and sisters to pray daily for one family listed on our church directory. We hope that brothers and sisters will intercede for one another, demonstrate the love like a family and put it into action in our care, and love. Through our greetings, intercede, visiting each other we can know each other better, have fellowship, love and we build up one another. We hope that our church will like a big family.
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
113033	500.00	CA2jpesX	300.00	CAmGVAjJ	800.00	General	6,486.00
113336	200.00	CA7wMCTj	500.00	CApHUrgz	400.00	Mission Fund	500.00
113449	1,011.00	CAaThwEK	50.00	CARJwKFU	160.00	Caring Fund	1,011.00
113474	200.00	CACsjCCw	1,201.00	CAUZxXcd	1,000.00		
113515	200.00	CAGmgKuv	400.00	CAZG7NNw	500.00		
113534	500.00	CAjekdjM	75.00				
					Total Amount		7,997.00
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## Oct 2021 Elders and Deacons meeting resolutions

### We unanimously approved the following resolutions:

1. Caring support to two b/s, \$2,000.00 each.

## 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. Thank God for guiding our Church to restart in-person communion, worship, and Sunday School services. Various fellowships have also begun meeting in the church. May the Lord inspire the congregation to build up our lives in love with God and people.
4. Please pray for the Cantonese Gospel meeting at Nov 5, pray for the speakers and the coordination work for those meetings.
5. 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 rejoin the Kingdom of God.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Please pray that the current novel coronavirus pandemic can be controlled quickly. Consider the difficult work of frontline medical staff and the leadership of various countries during this time, and pray to God for help in finding effective treatments and vaccines through the researchers as soon as possible. Let people recognize their own limitations with humility and turn back to the Lord Jesus Christ.

## 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.