



South Vancouver Pacific Grace MB Church

Rebuilding the LORD's House: The Next Chapter (Nehemiah 2:20a)

March 24, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Monthly Theme: Rebuilding the LORD's House through Godly Worship

Opening Prayer	Gloriana Kung
Praise	Worship Team
Scripture Reading: Matthew 27: 11-26	Ian Chian
Message: The Meaning of Barabbas	Pastor Justun Chan
Songs of Response	Worship Team
Announcements	Ian Chian
Closing Prayer	Ian Chian



Floral Dedication - Helena Young, Megan Chan

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27: 11 - 26 (NIV)

11 Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "You have said so," Jesus replied.

12 When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. 13 Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" 14 But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

15 Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. 16 At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. 17 So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" 18 For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

19 While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him." 20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

21 "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered.

22 "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"

23 "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

24 When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" 25 All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!" 26 Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Announcements

1. **Welcome to Sunday service.** Live streaming is available at <http://www.svpghmbc.org/live/>. Masks are optional for in-person worship. If you have any cold or flu symptoms, please stay home.
2. **EM Sunday School:**
 - **Sermon-based Discussion and Prayer Meeting** - no meeting today.
 - **Mature Adult Sunday School class** - meets in the White House today, will be sharing a new book "Gospel in Life".
3. **EM Fellowship:** Join us for a movie night at 7:15 pm April 5 in the church basement. We will be watching Sight & Sound "Jesus".
4. **Next Sunday** will be **Easter Sunday Baptism and Membership Transfer Joint Service at 10 am.** We will have a love feast in the church basement after the service. Free will donation. Please pray for our baptismal candidates: Mui Chun (Carrie) Kwok and Hilary Jung, and membership transferral candidates: Shirley Lai, Garvin and Katie Ng.
5. **2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Deacon Election** will be held on Sunday, **April 7** from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
 - AGM documents are available at the ushers table, and have already been sent by email and traditional mail to elderly people. If you have not received the documents, please contact the church office.
 - 2024-2026 Deacon Candidate is Joe Tan.
 - Deacon Election will be by PAPER BALLOTS only. Active members are encouraged to vote in person by ballot casting during AGM. Those who are unable to attend due to illness, less mobility, or shift work, may request a mail-in ballot in advance. Mail-in ballots must be received by April 7 at 12 noon at church.
 - Members who cannot attend the meeting in person can participate in the online livestreaming but would not be possible to ask questions and vote for the other items in the agenda. Registration for online livestreaming will be posted on March 31 bulletin.
 - Non-members are welcome to join the AGM meeting in-person or online, but voting are not eligible.

6. **Lent** begins on February 14, Ash Wednesday. For forty days we prepare our body, soul, and spirit to experience Christ's passion, death, and resurrection together with Him. Special devotional materials can be found [here](#). We enter the Holy Week this Sunday.
9. **2024 Alpha in Cantonese (at 12 n - 2:30 pm Saturday, Jun 8 - 29)**: Please invite your Cantonese-speaking friends and relatives to come and taste the love of God, or you can be a prayer warrior. Registration form can be found at the usher table, the deadline will be May 5th. For enquiries, please contact our coordinator, Josephine Yu.
10. **2024 STM**:
- The Thailand STM will be held this summer (dates TBA), and is now recruiting team members from both EM and CM. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Charlie Chun.
 - The Port Alberni STM will be held Apr 5 - 8. Both EM and CM are welcome to join. Talk to Pastor Justun for more details.
11. **Pastoral Search**: We covet your prayers during this time of discernment and searching for:
- Intern for Student Ministry. Contact Rev. Charlie Chun for details.
 - English Ministry Pastor. EM Pastoral Search Committee: Emily Lai (Chair), Ian Chian, Zeki Tang, Raymond Hui and Rev. Charlie Chun.
12. **MBCCA Joint Good Friday Service** will be held on this Friday, **March 29**, at 7 - 9 pm at Fraser Lands Church (3330 SE Marine Drive, Vancouver).
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| CM Speaker | : Rev. Peter Choy |
| CM Worship | : Hi Ne Li |
| EM Speaker | : Pastor Michael Welbers |
| EM Worship | : North PG Worship Team |
| Youth Speaker | : Pastor Justun Chan |
| Children's Program | : Donna Henning |
13. **MBCCA YAM**: Calling all young adults! The next YAM event will be held Friday, **April 19** from 7:15 - 9:30 pm at Pacific Grace MB Church (2855 East 1st Avenue). The theme is Developing Transformational English Ministries. The speaker is Rev. Matthew Todd.
14. **Staff News**: Pastor Laurretta is on leave Mar 4 - 28.

15. **Church News:** The church office will be closed on March 29 for Good Friday and April 2 for Easter Monday.

Prayer Requests

World Concerns: Pray for

1. The Israel-Palestine war in Gaza, for ceasefire and humanitarian aid, the innocent to be rescued, the hostages to be released, and a long-term peaceful co-existence of the civilians.
2. Mediators to bring peace between Russia and Ukraine and to their people.
3. Countries that have been hit by natural disasters: Southern part of the Philippines, Columbia mostly recently, for the rescue and relief.
4. The world's financial stability, lowering inflation, relief of people's stress, and aid for countries with food shortages.
5. God's wisdom and justice to be bestowed on Canadian leaders and officials for governing the country.
6. Those who are oppressed and suffering to experience Christ's salvation and peace.

Church Direction and Ministry: Pray for

1. Our search for a new EM pastor and an Intern for Student Ministry.
2. The Easter Baptism and Membership Transfer candidates. Pray for their readiness in witnessing God.
3. The deacon election and AGM on Apr 7, for new deacon and all preparations.
4. The Thailand STM and Port Alberni STM, for the recruitment of STM members.
5. The growth and development of the children and youth, love and patience of those who serve them and recruitment of more workers.
6. The development of EM young people ministry and young family ministry.
7. Seekers' readiness to respond to the truth and receive salvation.

Church Family: Pray for

1. Pregnant mother: Fueng Yan.
2. Brothers/sisters who are travelling, or having friends/relatives visiting, to have a good time together, and be healthy and safe.
3. God's comfort & presence for those who are grieving for loved ones.
4. The recovery of those who are in sickness or are unwell.
5. The support, healing, and comfort for seniors in weak/ill health, and also for love, patience, and wisdom for their family caregivers.
6. Faith and guidance for those who are unemployed/in financial difficulty.
7. New parents for God's love, strength, patience, and wisdom in their parenthood, caring and raising of their children in the Lord.

Ways You Can Give and Tithe to Our Church

1. By Cheque:

- Payable to: SVPGMBC or South Vancouver Pacific Grace MB Church.
- Mail to church address: 611 E. 50th Ave., Vancouver BC, V5X 1A9.
- Include a memo with your name (if different), offering number, amount and offering designation (General Fund/ Mission Fund/ Capital Asset Fund/ Others).

2. By E-Transfer:

- Set up e-Transfer in your bank account. Add SVPGMBC as your transfer contact with the email offering@svpgmbc.org.
- When making an offering transaction, enter the amount and under the memo section, include your name (if different), offering number, and offering designation (General Fund/ Mission Fund/ Capital Asset Fund/ Others) and amount.

3. By Cash or Cheque (In-Person):

- Fill in an offering envelope and put the cash/cheque in. Put the offering envelope in the offering box before or after service.

For inquiries or assistance, please contact the church office.

Sunday Children and Youth Ministries

9:20 am to 10:45 am on Sundays but 10:15am to 11:30am on joint Sundays

- **Green Beans** – for young families with children ages newborn to two years old in the Green Beans Room
- **Bible Island** – for young families with children ages 3 to 6 in the Basement Nursery
- **Children Bible Stories** – for children between ages 7 to 10 in the Basement

9:20 am to 10:45 am except on joint service Sundays

- **Youth Worship** – for youth ages 10 to 15 in the library

11:15 am to 12:30 pm except on joint service Sundays

- **CM Nursery** – for children over age 3 in the Basement Nursery

11:30 am to 12:30 pm except on joint service Sundays

- **Youth Devotion** – for youth ages 10 to 15 in the CBS Room

Weekly Meetings

Sunday Worship: Sunday, 9:20am (Weekly) / 10:00am (Joint Worship)
(Next Joint Worship: March 31, 2024 at 10:00 am)

Friday Night Fellowship - EM Fellowship (Bi-Weekly) and
High School / College Group (Bi-Weekly, on non EM Fridays)

Sunday School: Sunday, 11:15am to 1:00pm (Weekly, except Joint Sundays)

Church Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Servants of the Ministry

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Charlie Chun (chuncharlie@gmail.com)
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