



# **SOUTH VANCOUVER PACIFIC GRACE MB CHURCH**

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**Connecting with Glory (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)**

January 10, 2021

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

*Monthly Theme: Connecting with Glory*

<b>Opening Prayer</b>		<b>Grace Lin</b>
<b>Praise</b>		<b>Worship Team</b>
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>Acts 8:4-25</b>	<b>Pastor James Wong</b>
<b>Message</b>		<b>Pastor James Wong</b>
<i>“God’s Power and Counterfeit Conversion”</i>		
<b>Songs of Response</b>		<b>Worship Team</b>
<b>Announcements</b>		<b>Pastor James Wong</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>		<b>Pastor James Wong</b>

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## SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>4</sup>Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. <sup>5</sup>Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. <sup>6</sup>And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. <sup>7</sup>For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. <sup>8</sup>So there was much joy in that city.

<sup>9</sup>But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. <sup>10</sup>They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, “This man is the power of God that is called Great.” <sup>11</sup>And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. <sup>12</sup>But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup>Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, <sup>15</sup>who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup>for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup>Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup>Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, <sup>19</sup>saying, “Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” <sup>20</sup>But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! <sup>21</sup>You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. <sup>22</sup>Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. <sup>23</sup>For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.” <sup>24</sup>And Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me.”

<sup>25</sup>Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

*(Acts 8:2-25)*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. Welcome to our Sunday Service.**

Service watching gathering Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678537043>

**2. Coffee Social After Service:** Grab your coffee (or another drink) and come hang out with us after service! Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678537043>

**3. Join us for Group Devotional Time,** then a time of small group sharing and prayer, 11:30am to 12:45pm. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678537043>

**4. Please submit all 2020 financial claims** to the financial department by **today**.

**5. Youth Worship** (grades 5 to 8) will be continuing online **today** and **January 24**, 11:30am to 12:30pm. Please keep our church's youth and the leaders in prayer.

**6. EM Baptism/ Membership Transferral:** If you are interested in getting baptized or transferring membership to our church this coming Easter (**April 4**), please let Pastor James or Joyce Wong know by **February 7**.

**7. Deacon Board December Meeting Minutes** are posted on the church news board.

If you'd like to request a copy, please contact the church office. Major decisions:

- Deacon board has moved/ confirmed the following dates:
  - 2021 AGM moved to April 11, 2021
  - 2021 Budget meeting: February 20, 2021
  - 2021 Family Meeting: March 28, 2021
- Deacon board has approved all COVID-19 suggestions and guidelines proposed
- Deacon board has approved the budget for appreciation to serving congregants

**8. Young Family Group** welcomes you to join us for our next 3 months of meetings.

We will meet on **January 17**, **February 21**, and **March 21**. Our meeting is from 1:30pm to 2:30pm on Sunday. We will discuss on various topics related to family, marriage, and parenting, and then pray for one another. We discuss how to view and approach these topics from a Christian perspective. Our upcoming meeting topic is entertainment for adults. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Ko.

**9. 25th Anniversary Gift:** As part of our church's anniversary, we have a gift mug for congregants (1/person). The mugs are still available for pick up this month. You can reserve your gift at <https://tinyurl.com/SVPGblessings>, or by emailing the office.

**Glass Mug Safety:** Please note the glass mug cannot be microwaved and is more suitable for cold or warm water/drinks (with hot liquids, please take precautions).

10. Our live-stream services (<http://www.svpgmbc.org/live>) continue and leadership will regularly reassess the health situation and adjust accordingly. At this time:
- Congregants can still submit offering by e-transfer or by mailing in a cheque.
  - The church office will be temporarily closed as staff are working from home. Please email us at [svpgmbc@hotmail.com](mailto:svpgmbc@hotmail.com) or leave us a phone message.
  - We invite congregants to consider informing the office if they or a family member become infected, so that leadership can support, pray, and follow-up as necessary.
11. **Prayer Requests:** Our Care Ministry and pastoral team would like to support you in prayer! If you have a prayer request, please submit it at: [svpgmbc.org/prayer](http://svpgmbc.org/prayer) We will commit to praying for you for the next two weeks.
12. The **Deacon Nominating Committee** has been formed and consists of Pastor Justun Chan, Reijen Lai, Carmen Ng, Stanley Chan, and Tina Ngan. Please note that this year's AGM and deacon election will be held on April 11.
13. The **Serve stream of Mission Central Conference** (formerly Missions Fest Vancouver) will be held **January 29 to 31** online (registration required). It's a conference for everyone in Christ's mission, and includes seminars taught by missional experts, prayer sessions, and worship and teaching in the general sessions. The **Youth Rally** will be held on **January 29** at 7pm (<https://conference.missioncentral.ca/serve/youth-rally>). Registration and more information are available at: <https://conference.missioncentral.ca/serve>

### 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 bank account. Add SVPGMBC as your transfer contact with the email [offering@svpgmbc.org](mailto:offering@svpgmbc.org).
  - When making offering transaction, enter amount and under memo section, include your name (if different), offering number, and offering designation (General Fund/ Mission Fund/ Capital Asset Fund/ Others) and amount

For inquiries, to request a personal offering number, or to update your mailing address, please contact the church office.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Church Direction and Ministry:

1. Pray that we would be a church that depends on God through prayer and His Word.
2. Pray for the new deacon board, that they may serve in God's wisdom, love, and unity.
3. Pray that the Lord would bring a shepherd after His heart to our church in His timing.
4. Pray for the teams serving, that they may stay healthy and rely on the Holy Spirit.
5. Pray for the direction of Youth Worship and Children Sunday School. Pray for leaders who are willing to serve, and pray for children and youth who may be willing to learn.

## Church Family:

1. Pray for the parents of infants, that God would give them strength, patience, wisdom, and purpose in the everyday ministry of parenthood and discipling their children.
2. Pray that God would protect seniors and young families with physical, mental, and spiritual health and peace during the pandemic.
3. Pray for Tiffany Tam for her theological practicum with CCM Canada and her studies.
4. Pray for Esmond Chow as he does his theological internship at PGMBC, serving seniors and young parents and co-leading an online Alpha course, while still working.

## World Concerns:

1. Pray for the leaders of every country, asking God to grant them a righteous heart, a spirit of wisdom, and compassionate love in governance. Pray for disadvantaged communities everywhere, that they would be supported, healed, comforted and safe in the face of difficulties, and have enough food and clothing. Pray that the Lord would lead us to steward our resources well to build up and benefit our communities.
2. Pray for the countries and people still experiencing natural disasters, unjust or difficult political situations, wars, and economic difficulties. May the Lord show mercy and alleviate these situations, and pray that He would give people the heart to return to Him.
3. Pray for the world's severe pandemic situation. Pray for the wisdom and perseverance of the governments of all countries to fight the pandemic, for citizens to adhere to the health guidelines and protective measures, for the physical strength and health of frontline medical workers, and the health of teachers and students.

# JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 EM Worship					1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2
3 Joint Worship	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 EM Worship	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 EM Worship	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 EM Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Weekly Meetings

**Sunday Worship:** Sunday, 9:30 am (Weekly) / 10 am (Next Joint Sunday: Feb. 7)

**Sunday School:** Sunday, 11:30am to 12:45pm (Weekly, except Joint Sunday)

## Servants of the Ministry:

Advisory Pastor (Honorary): Rev. Paul Lam

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