



# **SOUTH VANCOUVER PACIFIC GRACE MB CHURCH**

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

July 25, 2021

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

*Monthly Theme: Connecting with Glory in Reconciliation*

<b>Opening Prayer</b>		<b>Eric Wong</b>
<b>Praise</b>		<b>Worship Team</b>
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>Luke 22:1-13</b>	<b>Pastor James Wong</b>
<b>Message</b>		<b>Pastor Doug Wong</b>
	<b><i>“God’s Plan or Our Plan?”</i></b>	
<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

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. <sup>2</sup>And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

<sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. <sup>4</sup>He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup>And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” <sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” <sup>10</sup>He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters <sup>11</sup>and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>12</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” <sup>13</sup>And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. *Luke 22:1-13*

### 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@svpghmbc.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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. Welcome to our Sunday Service.** Welcome back to those joining us in person today!

We thank Pastor Doug Wong of The Lord's Love Church for sharing God's Word with us today.

**2. Communion Sunday Service** livestream will be held next Sunday, **August 1**, at **10am**. For those taking communion, please prepare your bread and cup elements.

**3. The Ship:** Today marks the last official sailing of The Ship! Get some paper and safety scissors ready, so we can snip snip snip! We will be making snowflakes together, the kind that lasts in all types of weather! Please come and have fun, even if it's under the sun! We'll be starting a bit later, to do some a little favour! Hope you'll still come with your Christmas cheer and gear, since Christmas in July only happens once a year.

Sunday, July 25, **11:30am** (All are welcome!)

After service – Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow - with Paper Snowflakes!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86588672053?pwd=V1Z1MVpmZVFEVFFpWXJqcDdlZm9KZz09> (Meeting ID: 865 8867 2053 / Passcode: 869008)

**Final Sailing:** The Ship will be wrapping up its sailings at the end of July (with today being our last sailing). We thank everyone for joining in the adventure thus far and welcome any feedback! Please feel free to connect with Ian, Sandy, Joan, Mike, Karin, or Steph if you have anything you'd like to share as we prepare for dry dock.

**4.** Please note we will **not have Sunday School today**.

**5. Deacon Board June Meeting Minutes** can be made available by email request to [svpgmbc@hotmail.com](mailto:svpgmbc@hotmail.com). Summary of major decisions:

- Deacons approved moving forward for EM to have in-person service once a month, starting July, with COVID safety plan
- Approval of holding carnival

**6. Pastoral Search Update:** Through discernment and prayer, the deacon board has accepted the senior pastoral search committee's recommendation of Rev. Andrew Au as the candidate for the Senior Pastor position, with a focus on EM ministry. We will be inviting him to teach at Sunday School and meet our brothers and sisters online in the near future. This will be an opportunity to get know Rev. Andrew better, so we invite you to make time to join, give feedback, and pray together for God's guidance.

Church leaders would like to give brothers and sisters an opportunity to share any feedback regarding our current senior pastoral candidacy as a way to help the

discernment process. You can do so by emailing any pastor or deacon of your choice. Church leaders will plan for other means of sharing feedback in the future.

7. Our church will be hosting a ***Church Community Carnival*** on Saturday, **August 28**. It will be held from at 10am to 3pm with two available time slots. More information to come. We need volunteers to make this event happen; if you are interested, please sign up here to help: <https://tinyurl.com/Carnival2021Volunteer>

8. ***Grocery Ministry***: The Lord has presented an opportunity for our church to support refugee families connected with Edmonds Community School through a grocery ministry. We are aiming to fundraise \$2000 this summer for the funds to launch the ministry in September. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Lydia Chow at [groceryministrysvpg@gmail.com](mailto:groceryministrysvpg@gmail.com). To give towards this ministry, you can give through offering to our church, and add “E&O Grocery Ministry” in the memo section.

9. Join us for the ***EM Summer Reading Challenge 2021***, happening now!

**When:** July 1 - August 31, 2021

**Goal:** Read Christian books by August 31

**Prizes:** Participation prize for everyone who joins! 2 Grand Prize drawings! \*Early Bird Prize drawings for those who submit entries by **July 31!**

For more details on rules and prizes, visit:

<http://www.svpgmbc.org/resources/library/2021-summer-reading-challenge/>

10. ***EM Baptism and Membership Transferal***: If you are interested in getting baptized or transferring membership to our church in the Thanksgiving service (October 10), please let Pastor James or Joyce Wong know by **August 8**.

11. ***Children’s Ministry*** is looking for volunteers with a teachable heart and dependence on God to serve the next generation. No experience required. If you are interested or would like to discern, please contact Pastor Justun or Stephanie Ko.

12. ***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)

13. 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 is 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.

### Sunday Children and Youth Ministries

9am to 9:20am (except joint service Sunday)	<b>Bible Island</b> for young families with children under 6 years old; includes songs, Bible lessons, learning
10:30am to 11am (except joint service Sunday)	<b>Children Bible Stories</b> for kids between ages 7 to 9
11:30am to 12:30pm (second and fourth Sunday)	<b>Youth Worship</b> for youth ages 10 to 13

For more information or Zoom links, please contact Pastor Justun or Stephanie Ko.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### World Concerns:

1. Pray for the pandemic to subside, for vaccines to be effective, for less developed countries to receive sufficient vaccines, for patients to be treated, and for health workers to have strength, health, and support. Pray for governments to continue fighting the pandemic, and for citizens to be patient and perseverant in adhering to health guidelines. Pray that more people would reflect on their lives during the pandemic and trust in Jesus.
2. Pray that the pandemic situation in various parts of Japan would be under control, that the Olympic Games (July 23-August 8) and Paralympics (August 24-September 5) can run smoothly, and that all athletes and staff can be healthy and safe.
3. Pray for Afghanistan and ask the Lord to alleviate the chaotic political situation there, and after the United States and NATO allied forces withdraw in August, to protect the people to live a safe and stable life amidst the turmoil.
4. Pray that leaders of all countries would endeavour to stop racism, discrimination, and violence, and work together to build a more peaceful and inclusive community.
5. As there are heavy rains and floods in many European countries and many places in China, pray for God to provide flood-fighters and the people there with protection, and ability and wisdom for citizens to evacuate safely, take care of the dead and injured, help their families, and handle various arrangements after.
6. With the drought and hot weather in BC and the United States, pray for the health and safety of citizens, that they may help take care of each other, and get timely support.
7. Pray for support, relief, and safety for those who are facing and fighting the wildfires.
8. Pray for the village of Lytton that was burnt down in the heat wave on June 30. Pray for comfort for families of the deceased and arrangements for residents to rebuild their homes.

9. Pray for the Indigenous peoples of our country, for continued comfort and healing as they grieve, especially following the discovery of buried remains of 215 children in a mass grave on a former residential school site and subsequent discoveries of unmarked graves near residential schools. Pray for our country as we grieve, seek forgiveness, and take steps toward reparations/ reconciliation.
10. Pray for a smooth restart and transition for Vancouver and BC as the pandemic cases continue to decrease, and the number of those vaccinated increases.

#### 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 Lord to lead the process and arrangement of hiring a senior pastor, and that we would seek God's will together.
3. Pray for the pastors, that they can develop new modes of ministry and discern their pastoral direction in this season of navigating the pandemic and transition.
4. Pray that the office staff can adapt to changing challenges and coordinate ministry needs.
5. Pray for the new deacon board, that they may serve in God's wisdom, love, and unity.
6. Pray for the teams serving, that they may stay healthy and rely on the Holy Spirit.
7. Pray for the considerations and arrangements for our church to restart in-person worship and fellowship gatherings.
8. Pray for the first EM in-person service on July 25; pray for those serving and participating.
9. Pray for the Children's and Youth ministries (Bible Island, Children's Bible Stories, Youth Worship), for parents' participation, children and youth participation, and the wisdom and perseverance of the ministry teams and leaders.

#### Church Family:

1. Pray for peace and protection for brothers and sisters who receive/have received the second dose of the vaccine, that they may have minimal discomfort or side effects.
2. Pray for God's comfort, peace, and presence to be with those who have lost a loved one.
3. Pray for the medical treatment and recovery of brothers and sisters and/or family members who are sick or going through health issues.
4. Pray for brothers and sisters who are unemployed or facing financial difficulty in this time. Pray that God would give them peace, provide for them, and guide them.
5. Pray that God would protect seniors and young families with physical, mental, and spiritual health and peace during the pandemic.
6. 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.

## Weekly Meetings

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**Sunday Worship:** Sunday, 9:30 am (Weekly) / 10 am (Next Joint Sunday: August 1)

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

### **Servants of the Ministry:**

Advisory Pastor (Honorary): Rev. Paul Lam

Interim Lead Pastor: Pastor James Wong ([jamescywong.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:jamescywong.ministry@gmail.com))

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