



SOUTH VANCOUVER PACIFIC GRACE MB CHURCH

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

September 12, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Monthly Theme: Connecting with Glory in Serving

Opening Prayer		Eric Wong
Praise		Worship Team
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 3:1-6	Pastor James Wong
Message		Pastor Sky Choi
<i>“Intentionally Uncomfortable Church”</i>		
Songs of Response		Worship Team
Announcements	Lydia Chow, Pastor James Wong	
Closing Prayer		Pastor James Wong

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SCRIPTURE READING

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

²Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:1-6 (NIV)

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.
- 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.

Sunday Children and Youth Ministries

9am to 9:20am

(livestream Sundays,
except joint service Sunday)

9:30am to 10:45am (hybrid)

Bible Island

for young families with children under 6 years old; includes songs, Bible lessons, learning

10:30am to 11am

(except joint service Sunday)

Children Bible Stories

for kids between ages 7 to 9

11:30am to 12:30pm

(second and fourth Sunday)

Youth Worship

for youth ages 10 to 13

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Welcome to our Sunday in-person/ hybrid service.

We thank Pastor Sky Choi for sharing God's word with us today.

For those here in person, please socialize downstairs or outdoors after service.

2. Our next EM in-person/hybrid service will be on September 19, and then October

3. Our current plan is to have an in-person EM service twice a month (with the online stream still available), while the other services will remain online. For the hybrid service, in-person or online attendance is up to your individual comfort level. For those joining us in person, please wear a mask in consideration of others and to be more cautious. We hope brothers and sisters will continue to pray and be patient during this transitional process. We thank the Lord for His guidance during this time.

3. Please note we will *not have EM Sunday School today* and on September 19. The next EM Sunday School session will be on September 26.

4. Upcoming Sunday School Series: The Gospel and Reconciliation

Today we are living in a broken world increasingly polarized by ideological and political differences. From married couples to ethnic tensions, relationships of any significance are experiencing destructive conflicts which result in broken relationships and animosity. As we are called to be children of God, how can we live as peacemakers in such a divided world? While we are taught to forgive others, how do we pursue justice at the same time? In this eight-week class, we will dive into His Word to examine how we can participate in God's mission with a deeper understanding of genuine forgiveness, true repentance, and the power of reconciliation, including the relationship between people and God, between individuals, ethnic groups, and with God's created earth.

Starting October 3, join us in person or online for our new Sunday School 8-part series led by our missionary brother and sister, RealT and Sister M.

5. Grocery Ministry: We want to thank everyone who supported the grocery ministry to families connected with Edmonds Community school through financial giving and offering your service as volunteers. Thank you also to those who have been praying for this ministry; we have been seeing the Lord at work. By God's grace, we have raised around \$6,000 and have enough volunteers to begin the ministry in October. We want to invite those still interested in volunteering or financially giving to do so by contacting Lydia at groceryministrysavg@gmail.com as the more resources that we have, the more families we can serve.

- 6. Pastoral Search Update:** After much discernment, discussion, and prayer, the deacons and pastors have decided to stop Reverend Andrew Au's candidacy process. We recognize his giftings as a pastor, but through various interactions together, feel that he would not be a good fit for our church. Please continue to pray for us as we form a new senior pastor search committee. If you have any questions, please contact either Deacon Brian Kung or Deacon Monica Ng.
7. There is a new ***Soccer & Sports Drop-In*** program which will start **September 14**, 4:30pm to 5:45pm, held at John Henderson Elementary Field (Sunset Park) near E 53rd Ave. This program will run on Tuesdays, September to October, and is open to kids between ages 6 to 8. This program would be great for new visitors and neighbours to join our church. Please contact Pastor Justun if you have any questions. If you have kids who would like to join, you can register here: <http://bit.ly/svpgsports>
- 8. Children's Ministry** is looking for serving partners 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.
- 9. 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
We will commit to praying for you for the next two weeks.
- 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 is temporarily closed as staff are working from home.
Please email us at svpgmbc@hotmail.com.
 - 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

World Concerns:

1. Pray for the pandemic to subside, as the number of infections continues to rise. Pray for effective prevention and control of the virus in all countries, for patients to be treated, for health workers to have strength, health, and support, for adequate supply of vaccines and fair distribution. Pray for severely affected countries: the United States, Iran, Britain, India, Indonesia, Russia, Thailand, Malaysia, Turkey, Brazil.
2. Pray that more people would reflect on their lives during the pandemic and trust in Jesus.
3. Pray for Afghanistan and ask the Lord to alleviate the chaotic political situation and turmoil there, to protect, help and have mercy on the people, women, children, Christians, missionaries, and humanitarian workers there. Pray that refugees would be supported.
4. Pray for countries, regions, and people who are affected by/dealing with natural disasters:
 - The Haiti earthquake of magnitude 7.2 on August 14 and the tropical storm flooding on August 17 that made the situation more serious
 - The heavy rains and floods in North Korea, Turkey, southwestern Japan, Sichuan, Hubei, and Northeastern provinces in China
 - The heat waves on the north and south coasts of the Mediterranean Sea in Europe
 - Wildfire areas: Northern Athens, Greece, Italy, Turkey, Algeria, Siberia, Russia; 97 places in 15 states in the United States (largest fire site in Northern California)
 - There are 268 wildfires in British Columbia, about half of which are still uncontrolled. The most serious fires are in Kamloops and West Kelowna
5. 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.
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 Indigenous peoples of our country, for continued comfort and healing as they grieve. Pray for our country as we grieve and take steps toward reconciliation.
9. Pray for a smooth restart and transition for Vancouver and BC.

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 admin 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 our in-person services and those serving and participating in them.

8. Pray for the Children's and Youth ministries, for parents' participation, children and youth participation, and the wisdom and perseverance of the ministry teams and leaders.
9. Pray for the grocery ministry for refugee families that will launch in October.

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 the medical treatment and recovery of brothers and sisters and/or family members who are sick or going through health issues.
3. 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.
4. Pray that God would protect seniors and young families with physical, mental, and spiritual health and peace during the pandemic.
5. 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

Sunday Worship: Sunday, 9:30 am (Weekly) / 10 am (Next Joint Sunday: October 10)

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)

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