



SOUTH VANCOUVER PACIFIC GRACE MB CHURCH

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

November 21, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Monthly Theme: Connecting with Glory in Peace

Opening Prayer		Eric Wong
Praise		Worship Team
Scripture Reading	Luke 22:24-38	Eric Wong
Message		Stephen Ramsay
<p><i>“A Community in Chaos Amidst a Looming Cross”</i></p>		
Songs of Response		Worship Team
Announcements		Pastor Justun Chan
Closing Prayer		Pastor Justun Chan

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SCRIPTURE READING

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷ For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

²⁸ “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹ “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” ³³ Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” ³⁴ Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

³⁵ And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.” ³⁶ He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷ For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.” ³⁸ And they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough.”

Luke 22:24-38

Luke 22:24-38 A Community in Chaos Amidst a Looming Cross

Point 1: A Christian’s identity is found more in service than status.

Point 2: Persevering strength for our faith comes presently through Jesus and His intercession.

Point 3: Christian faith is one that adapts to different seasons of ministry.

Floral Dedication: Shirley Chan



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. *Welcome to our Sunday service.*

We thank Stephen Ramsay for sharing God's word with us and being with us today.

For those joining us in person, please wear a mask in consideration of others. After service, please socialize downstairs.

2. *Sunday School: The Gospel and Reconciliation*, an 8-part series led by our missionary brother in Christ, RealT.

Join us in person in the church basement, or online on Zoom at **11:30am**:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88675693091?pwd=Yyt3ZVZjQ2VFdzBCd21wN2s2QUVGUT09> This week's lesson and discussion is on "Corporate Repentance."

3. *Joint Christmas Service (Dec. 19)*: We are planning a special church-wide song video, and would like to invite all church members to join. Kids and family members from both EM and CM are welcome to participate! Please let Joe Tan know if you would like to participate, find him on Sundays, or email him at joetan54@gmail.com.

4. *Advent* (November 28 to December 24) is a time for Christians to prepare for celebrating Jesus' birth, while also anticipating His second coming. MB Seminary has an Advent Devotional available by email subscription. For more info or to sign up: <https://www.mbseminary.ca/devotions-sign-up/>

5. *Missions Pledges*: We invite brothers and sisters to prayerfully reflect and fill in the pledge as the Lord has led you to respond after the Missions Conference. You can fill in the online form (<https://bit.ly/JMC21pledge>) or a paper form (available at the lobby table) and return it by **today** (submit the paper form in the box on the lobby table).

6. *Church Family News*:

- Ikki Lam's mother (Natalie and Darrin's grandmother) returned to the Lord on November 2. Please keep their family in prayer.
- Rowena Hui's father (Rennis and Renan's grandfather) returned to the Lord on November 11. His memorial service will be held at Forest Lawn Funeral Home (5390 Fraser St., Vancouver) at 1pm on November 25. The family welcomes brothers and sisters to join. Please keep their family in prayer.

7. *Pastoral Search Update*: Two pastoral search committees have been formed. We covet your prayers during this time of discernment and searching.

Senior Pastoral Search Committee: Emily Lai (chair), Carmen Li, Jane Chu, Brian Kung, Monica Ng, and Pastor James Wong; Reverend Paul Lam as an advisor.

CM Pastoral Search Committee: Jane Chu (chair), Jacky Yim, Kevin YY Lam, Monica Ng, and Pastor Loretta Leung; Reverend Paul Lam as an advisor.

8. With our church having resumed in-person services, we are looking for and in need of more volunteers for our *AV team* and *ushers team*. No experience required. If you are interested or willing to serve in one of these areas, please contact the church office.

9. **2022 Flower Dedication:** If you would like to make a flower dedication (by freewill offering) in 2022, please sign up at the sheet on the church news board in the back of the sanctuary, or online at: <https://bit.ly/2022FD>

10. **Church 25th Anniversary Mug:** If you haven't picked up a church anniversary mug yet and would like to, please let Joyce Wong know. Please note the glass mug cannot be microwaved and is more suitable for cold or warm water/drinks.

11. October Offering Data:

	Jan. – Sep.	October
General Fund	\$370,084.13	\$48,730.07
Missions Fund	\$48,456.12	\$5,460.00
Capital Asset Fund	\$2,655.00	\$100.00
Total	\$421,195.25	\$54,290.07

Note: Fund received includes India COVID Crisis Fund \$1100 and Grocery Ministry \$7990

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

13. We are having in-person services regularly. The livestream is available at: <http://www.svpgmbc.org/live>.

The church office is temporarily closed as staff are working from home. Please email us at svpgmbc@hotmail.com.

14. **Staff Leaves:** Pastor James Wong is on leave November 7 to December 14. Please keep him and his family in prayer.

During his leave, please contact Joyce Wong for general EM or admin inquiry (svpgmbc.em@gmail.com), Ian Chian for EM ministry-related information (ianchian@gmail.com), and Pastor Justun Chan for pastoral ministry/needs.

Newcomers, feel free to fill in a "Connect Card" and return it to one of the ushers, Joyce Wong, or one of the pastors or leaders. If you'd like to subscribe to our e-newsletter, you can send an email to svpgmbc.em@gmail.com.

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

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

Sunday Children and Youth Ministries

9:20am to 10:45am (in-person/hybrid Sundays)	Bible Island – Basement and Nursery for young families with children under 6 years old; includes songs, Bible lessons, learning
10:00am to 11:30am (joint service Sundays)	joint service Sundays – children under age 10
10:30am to 11am (except joint service Sunday)	Children Bible Stories – Online/Hybrid for kids between ages 7 to 9
11:20am to 12:35pm (except joint service Sunday)	Jesus Farm – Nursery [https://bit.ly/jesusfarm] for young families with children 3 to 8 years old
11:30am to 12:30pm (Nov. 7, 28, Dec. 12)	Youth Worship – White House (585 E 50 th Ave.) 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, 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 a solution to the suspension of global freight logistics and the backlog that's affecting people's livelihood and the receiving of medicine and other important supplies.
4. Pray for the refugees (many from the Middle East) who are trapped along the Poland and Belarusian border, as the situation has worsened with the Polish military denying them entry, the cold weather, and the lack of food and water. Pray that the Lord will take care of the suffering refugees, that they can properly settle and receive support, and pray that the political crisis can be resolved as soon as possible.
5. Pray for the seventeen missionary family members who were kidnapped by bandits in Haiti on October 16. Pray for the Lord's mercy and protection to keep everyone safe, and for His rescue. Pray that God would give the family power and wisdom to show the love of God; pray for the kidnappers to repent and be changed by the love of Christ.
6. Pray for those affected by the floods and landslides in BC. Pray for the safe evacuation of residents, the rescue and support of livestock and residents, the restoration of road infrastructures, and the rebuilding of the homes, towns, and cities.
7. Pray for a smooth restart/ transition for Vancouver and BC, that more will be vaccinated.

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 of hiring a senior pastor and Chinese ministry pastor, and that we would seek God's will together. Pray for the pastoral search committees.
3. Pray for the pastors and staff to adapt to the pandemic changes and challenges, coordinate well, and attend to pastoral and ministry needs.
4. Pray for the deacons, that they may serve in the Lord's wisdom, love, strength, and unity.
5. Pray for the considerations and arrangements for our in-person worship services and fellowship gatherings, and the health and safety of those serving and participating in them.
6. Pray that newcomers would find a welcoming and supportive community as God leads.
7. Pray for Advent and Christmas service preparations, and friends we may invite/share with.
8. Pray for the teams serving, that they may stay healthy and rely on God's strength. Pray for adjustments with less volunteers, and God's provision of brothers and sisters to serve.
9. 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.
10. Pray for the grocery ministry for refugee families that launched in October.

11. We give thanks for brothers and sisters who have responded to God's leading through the Missions Conference. Pray for the Missions board as they plan for the upcoming year.

Church Family:

1. Pray for Tiffany Tam as she is serving with CCM's mission ministry. Pray for God's wisdom and strength to mobilize churches to participate in missions in small towns, and pray that He will provide opportunities for pastoral care and evangelism online/offline.
2. Pray for God's comfort and presence for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.
3. Pray for the healing and recovery of brothers and sisters and/or family members who are ill or unwell.
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

Sunday Worship: Sunday, 9:20 am (Weekly) / 10 am (Joint Sunday: December 19)

Sunday School: Sunday, 11:30am to 1:00pm (Weekly, except Joint Sunday)

Servants of the Ministry:

Advisory Pastor (Honorary): Rev. Paul Lam

Interim Lead Pastor: Pastor James Wong (on leave Nov. 7 to Dec. 14)

Chinese Ministry: Pastor Laurretta Leung (laurettaleung@yahoo.ca)

English Ministry: Pastor James Wong (on leave Nov. 7 to Dec. 14)

Children & Youth Ministry: Pastor Justun Chan (justun.chan@gmail.com)

Administrative Staff: Joyce Wong, Shirley Chan (svpgmbc@hotmail.com)

Accounting Assistant: Edna Fenn (svpgmbcacct@gmail.com)

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