



SOUTH VANCOUVER PACIFIC GRACE MB CHURCH

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

July 18, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Monthly Theme: Connecting with Glory in Reconciliation

Opening Prayer		Joe Tan
Praise		Worship Team
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 3:4-18	Dr. George Guthrie
Message		Dr. George Guthrie
<i>“Spiritual Dangers of a Hyper-Competent Culture”</i>		
Songs of Response		Worship Team
Announcements		Pastor James Wong
Closing Prayer		Pastor James Wong

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SCRIPTURE READING

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. *2 Corinthians 3:4-18*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Welcome to our Sunday Service** livestream. We thank Dr. George Guthrie of Regent College for sharing God's Word with us today.
2. Next Sunday, **July 25**, we will be having an **In-Person Worship Service** for English Ministry. We have emailed out our church's Sunday service COVID safety plan. If you have not received it, please contact Joyce Wong (svpgmbc.em@gmail.com).

Our current plan is to have an in-person service once a month (the online stream is still available) while the other services will remain online. For the hybrid service, in-person or online attendance is up to each individual's comfort level. We hope that brothers and sisters will continue to pray and be patient during this transitional process and to show appreciation to our serving teams and staff. We thank the Lord for His guidance during our transition. The next in-person service date is to be announced.

3. *The Ship*: Christmas is a month-long affair. We want to show you all we care! Come sing with us, as we carol away! Then pull out your pencils in a trivia display. Not to worry, it won't be too hard. It'll be about movies (so you're not caught off guard) We're looking forward to seeing everyone there! Extra points if you have Christmas flare!

Sunday, July 18, 10:50am (All are welcome!)

Right after service – Christmas in July – Christmas Movie Trivia!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86588672053?pwd=V1Z1MVpmZVFVFFpWXJqcDdlZm9KZz09> (Meeting ID: 865 8867 2053 / Passcode: 869008)

***Final Sailing*:** The Ship will be wrapping up its sailings at the end of July (with July 25 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. We will be continuing our 4- to 6-week series to learn about mental health, using a course from Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries. Today is our third session and we will be exploring the topic of stigma towards mental health challenges. Join us at 11:30am! Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678537043>

Please also note that we will ***not have Sunday school*** on **July 25** as that will be our first monthly in-person service.

5. *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, at our church. We will be inviting him to preach at a joint service, 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.

6. *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 groceryministrysypg@gmail.com. To give towards this ministry, you can give through offering to our church, but add "E&O Grocery Ministry" in the memo section.

7. EM Summer Reading Challenge 2021 is happening now!

When: July 1 - August 31, 2021

Goal: Read Christian books by August 31

Purpose: To encourage brothers and sisters to grow in their faith and relationship with God by reading good Christian books!

Prizes: Participation prize for everyone who joins! 2 Grand Prize drawings! *new this year* -> 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/>

8. 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.

9. Children and Youth Soccer Camp: Our Soccer Camp with Newbern Alliance Church will be not an official partnership, but we still encourage families to sign up for this camp that is held July 26 to 30. Registration is open at: <http://aia.sh/newbern>

The camp is open for kids ages 5 to 12 and the cost is \$125 per child. The soccer field is at Riverway Sports Complex near Marine and Nelson. Each day runs from 9am to 3pm. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Justun.

10. June Offering Statistics:

	Jan. – May	June
General Fund	\$200,703.55	\$ 36,613.00
Missions Fund	\$27,306.12	\$ 3,830.00
Capital Asset Fund	\$2,640.00	—
India COVID Crisis Fund	—	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$230,749.67	\$41,443.00

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

12. 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 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)	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.

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.

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

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

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