

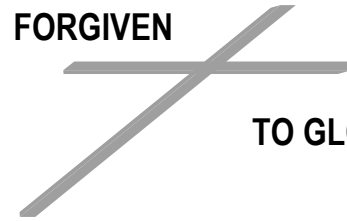
Psalm 51:1-17

New Living Translation

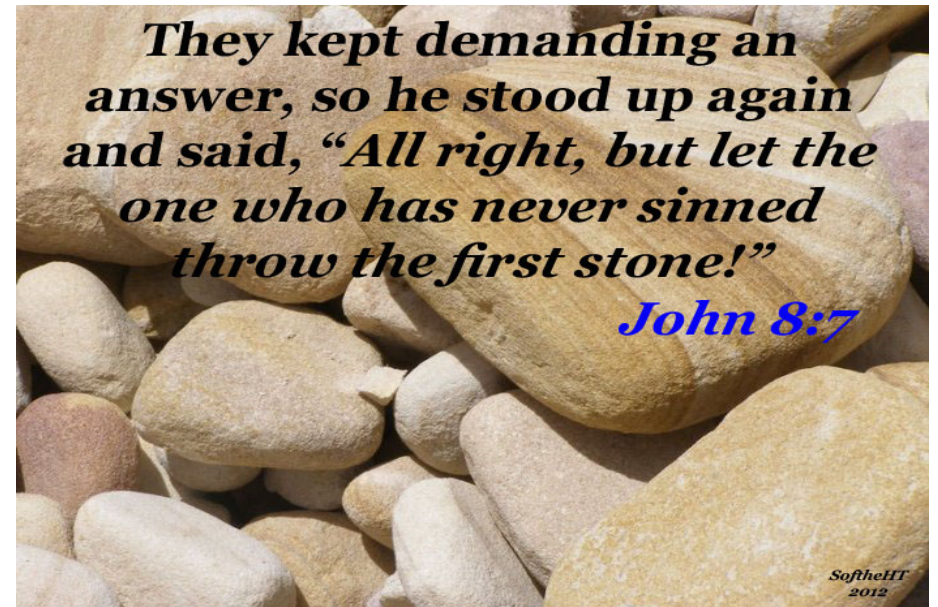
For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. ² Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. ³ For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. ⁴ Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. ⁵ For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. ⁶ But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there. ⁷ Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me—now let me rejoice. ⁹ Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and make me willing to obey you. ¹³ Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you. ¹⁴ Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. ¹⁵ Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you. ¹⁶ You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

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Established 03rd May 1987

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Sunday 07th January 2024 10:30 am

*The community of faith Celebrates the Good News
In the Spirit, the Presence, and the Power
Of the risen Lord Jesus
To discover New Dimensions of & New Possibilities for
Living the Christ-Life*

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “Shout to the Lord” SB #54

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “To God be the glory” SB #84

Prayer, and the Lord’s Prayer:

Celebrating the Truth of God's Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. John 1:1-18 NLT

Message: “Condemnation, or forgiveness?”

Celebrating the Truth of God’s gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “**My tribute**” SB #45

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “The old, rugged cross” SB #67

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “The blessing”

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS TEAM: PRAYER REQUESTS

Warnock Aitken – St. Joseph’s Life-Care Centre, Brantford

Frank De Vries – at home

Pearl Howden – Trinity Village LTC

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Mary Master – Conestoga Lodge

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg McCorriston – at home

Terry McCorriston – at home

Julie Phoenix – Southbridge London Long Term Care Home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Highland Place Retirement Residence

Glen Verheye – at home

Sunday School:

We are having bi-weekly Sunday School running in 2024:

January 21; February 4, & 18; March 3, 17, & 31; April 14, & 28; May 12, & 26; June 9, & 23. We have split the group: Grade 5 and under, and Grade 6 and up, to create a more engaging experience for our older children.

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team permanently but also specifically to help with the younger group on Dec 10th. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejrtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca) or Johnson (srikanthjohnson@gmail.com).

We can’t wait to share and grow with the children this year.

Peace and Joy, Cathrine, Nicolene, & Johnson

KEPC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 18th February 2024 following the morning worship service. Annual reports are due in the church office, for Barb Cook, by 31st January 2024.

Mission Moment – Sunday 07th January 2024:

When the Rev. Lora Nafziger visited her sister in Nepal in 2022, she never imagined that she would return as Staff Care and Counselling Advisor with United Mission to Nepal (UMN). A faith-based international NGO, UMN strives to help all Nepalis achieve a fuller life through medical and community development programs. Responding to God's call, Lora departed for Kathmandu in early January 2024 with her spouse Mitch Rhodes and their two youngest children. Lora, who is also a clinical social worker, will provide spiritual and emotional support to expatriate UMN staff and Nepali staff. She is jointly supported by the PCC through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Mennonite Mission Network.

From the Finance Team: Offering Counters:

We'd like to add a few team members and provide full training & support to help new team members become established. We hope you will consider offering your talent for this role at a KEPC and can contact Barb Cook (519-998-2183) or Rob Gloin (519-781-4379) to discuss further.

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

Congregational Financial update:

Here in the early days of 2024, we find that we ended the year 2023 with an \$11,000 deficit. Thank-you so much for helping us to bring it down from roughly \$3,000 per month to this new amount of under \$1,000 per month!

We will continue to keep you informed of the financial situation and ask that you join us in praying for guidance and solutions to address the current situation. Thank you.

Offering Envelopes: 2024 Offering Envelopes can be picked up in the Narthex, please let Chris know if any updates are required. If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2024 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris. For anyone that changed addresses in 2023, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every other week. We receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services, for each card we sell.

World Day of Prayer planning time:

The planning meeting for World Day of Prayer 2024 is being held at KEPC on Friday January 12th, from 9:30 to 11:30. Coffee/tea and sweets will be served. Please speak with Susan if you are able to donate muffins or a plate of sweets. Thank you. M & O Team

Seniors' Group:

The next Seniors' event is a dessert and Court Whist (cards) party at the church, Wednesday, January 17th, 12:30 to 3:00. Desserts, coffee, tea and soft drinks are provided.

EVENTS THIS WEEK: 07 – 14 January 2023

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Sunday Worship Service;
3:30 pm – Sudanese Worship Service
- Monday:** 1 pm – Music Therapy
6:30 – 10 pm GRIPS in the Gray Hall
- Tuesday:** 9:30 am – Bible Study via Zoom
11:45 – 1:30 Music Therapy
6:30 pm – Sparks
- Wednesday:** 7 – 9 pm – Scouts in Gray Hall
- Thursday:** 9 am – Sonshine Corner in the Gray Hall
- Friday:** 9:30 – 11:30 am World Day of Prayer planning
meeting in sanctuary.
10:30 am – 12:30 pm Music Therapy
- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Winter Communion Sunday Worship
Service
3:30 pm – Sudanese Worship Service