

A Time Called ... TRANSFIGURATION.

Words occupy the mind, but images haunt the soul. Scripture records that, after a ministry of sermons, stories, and conversations, Jesus was transfigured on a mountain before his disciples. He appeared in dazzling whiteness with two heavenly figures – Moses and Elijah.

Historical Roots of the Transfiguration

Widely adopted in the Eastern Church before 1,000 A.D., the Western Church added this special day to the church year in 1457. Its date coincided with the celebration of a great military victory over the Turks by Callistus III. In recent history, it appears as the last Sunday after Epiphany – the Sunday before Lent begins, where it powerfully presents the message that God is revealed in Jesus Christ.

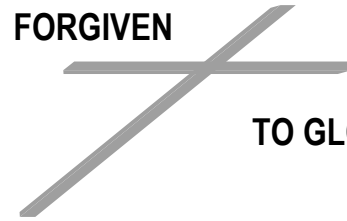
Finding Meaning in the Tradition

The story of Jesus' transfiguration need not be reasoned through. It is a mystery to be contemplated, an image to keep with us as a continuing epiphany. The miracle is not that Jesus changed, but that the three disciples saw clearly who Jesus was. Glory, splendour, transcendence – such words are rarely used today, yet they truly belong to this event. As we turn towards Lent and the solemn events of Holy Week, we carry with us this image of our Lord, in glory and in mystery.

Questions for Personal Meditation

Read this story in Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36. How would I describe the Transfiguration? What would I have done if had I been on that mountain then?

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Sunday 11th February 2024 10:30 am

**The Church of Jesus the Saviour
Celebrates the Good News
of God's Love for the World
Made Manifest in Jesus His Son
as we learn to share Christ's Love with everyone**

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “Open our eyes, Lord” SB #63

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “Jesus, stand among us” BP #323

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

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

Scripture: St. Luke 2:22-38 NLT

Message: “Faith of ordinary people”

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

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “Praise God from whom” BP #603

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “God is here” SB #19

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

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “Lord be glorified” vs 3, 1 SB #60

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:

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. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@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

Worship & Sacraments Team: Soup Luncheon Fundraiser:

to be held on Sunday 18th February 2024 following the worship time together, and at the start of our Annual Meeting.

If you would like to contribute a pot of soup, or have any questions, please speak with Marg Fannon or anyone from the Team, and sign up on the list on the bulletin board.

Mission & Outreach Team will be meeting in the Fireside Room on Sunday 11th February following the worship service.

Mission Moment – Sunday 11th February 2024:

In response to an invitation from Palestinian Christians, the PCC (through Presbyterians Sharing) sent Robyn Ahn (St. Andrew's, Barrie) and Urwah Rasool (Unionville PC, ON) to Palestine/Israel through the Journey for Justice program hosted by the PCC's partner, Joint Advocacy Initiative of the East Jerusalem YMCA/YWCA. With 23 other young people, they experienced the daily life of Palestinian youth, listening to their stories and seeing first-hand how occupying measures impacted them. It was an unforgettable, eye-opening experience for Robyn and Urwah.

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.

Offering Envelopes: 2024 Offering Envelopes can be picked up in the front foyer, 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.

2023 Tax Receipts:

have been prepared. Please check your hanging files. For those without files, they are in the mail and should arrive next week.

For those of us not yet retired, please check to see if your employer offers a Donation matching program, this can help make your donation go even further. Although I am not able to check on particular companies, do reach out if you have any questions.

KEPC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 18th February 2024 following the morning worship service, with a soup fundraising luncheon to start the meeting in the Gray Hall. Annual reports are available in the foyer.

The Seniors' Group:

Valentine's Day Lunch for KEPC Senior's at Concordia Club. Wednesday 14th February 2024. Carpool from church at 11:30 or NOON arrival at Concordia, 429 Ottawa Street South, Kitchener. Phone (519) 745- 5617. Opens at 11:30

EVENTS THIS WEEK: 11th – 18th February 2024

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Sunday Worship Service
11:30 am – Mission & Outreach Team in the McLean Fireside room.
- 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:** Noon – Seniors' Valentines lunch at Concordia Club.
7 – 9 pm – Scouts in Gray Hall
- Thursday:** 9 am – Sonshine Corner in the Gray Hall
- Friday:** 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Music Therapy
- Saturday:** 8 am – 1 pm GRIPS in the GRAY Hall
- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Lent 1: Communion Sunday Worship Service; Sunday School; Soup luncheon & Annual meeting.

VBS 2024:

Hello everyone and happy new year!

We are starting to plan our VBS at KEPC this summer and I just wanted to check in to see who would be interested and available in volunteering again this year.

Dates are July 8-12 9am-noon. The theme is SCUBA.

Please let me know so I can get an idea of interest/availability of volunteers and we will start putting out announcements, etc to further our planning.

Kindly, Sarah