

## A Time Called ... EASTER SEASON

*In a way, Easter is a “moveable feast” which, unlike Christmas with its set date, falls on the Sunday after the full moon following March 21. It is easy to fall back into “life as normal” after Easter. But, the season of Easter – 40 days – is Christendom’s most meaningful and historic celebration.*

### Historical Roots of Easter Season

The Easter Season – or Eastertide – is seven weeks after Easter. It seems likely that Eastertide was modeled after the Jewish festival of Shavuot, The Festival of Weeks, which was seven weeks long and ended with the celebration of Shavuot on the 50th day. In Christian tradition, the Easter season leads us to celebrate Pentecost, the gift of God’s Holy Spirit on the 50th day.

### Finding Meaning in the Tradition

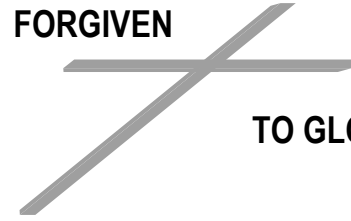
As with Christmas, there may be an emotional slump after Easter. The Easter season – Eastertide – is, therefore, a good time to engage in something new in mission, something daring and innovative. Gather up your slow cookers and serve soup on the main street of your town. Invite guests to tell you of local mission opportunities in your community, or go to the national church website [www.presbyterian.ca](http://www.presbyterian.ca) to find out about international ministry supported by *Presbyterians Sharing* . . .

### Questions for Personal Meditation

Read the accounts of the last week of Jesus’ life from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

How does the resurrection story influence your life?

FORGIVEN



TO GLORIFY, WITNESS & SERVE

John 15:13



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Established 03<sup>rd</sup> May 1987

Minister:

Rev. Dr. Mark S. Richardson

Minister in Association:

Rev. Jeff Smith

Music Director:

Sarah Pottier

**Sunday 05<sup>th</sup> May 2024 10:30 am**  
**KEPC 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**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: “Come, now is the time to worship”** SB #81

Welcome, and announcements:

***Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!***

**Praise: “A new commandment”** SB #9

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

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

Scripture: St. John 15:9-17 NLT

Message: “What do you mean, COMMANDED to love?”

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

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “We give Thee but Thine own” vs 1, 3 BP #364

Prayer of Dedication

**Praise: “The servant song”** SB #28

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

Benediction:

**Interpersonal Benediction: “Go now in peace”** SB #80

**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

Frank Ingold – at home

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: **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 for the fall, If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca) or Johnson (srikanthjohnson@gmail.com).

We are thrilled to share and grow with the children!

Peace and Joy, Cathrine, Nicolene, & Johnson

**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 week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

**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:** 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.

**Quarterly KEPC Financial Update:** At the end of March 2024. The month of March showed positive cash flow with a surplus of almost \$2,400. For the YTD results, we have an expense shortfall of almost \$5,800 but this is much improved over YTD 2023 where the expense shortfall was almost \$11,000.

Thank you for your continued financial support and prayers in support of our ministries,  
The Finance & Stewardship Team

**From the Mission & Outreach Team:**

Thank-you so much for your support of The Working Centre as our congregation raised just over \$647 for their ministry work!!

**EVENTS THIS WEEK: 05<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – **KEPC’s 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship** Service; Coffee, Cake, & Conversation downstairs  
1:30 pm – Worship service at Sunnyside Home
- 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:** 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Music Therapy
- Sunday:** 10:30 am –Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee & Conversation downstairs.

**Church Photo Directory:**

The elders here have decided that it would be good to do a congregational photo directory, through IPC Canada. We last did an IPC photo directory in 2007, and we think that we should have an updated one done.

We will be aiming for this to take place in the fall of 2024, with the hope that the new directory would be here before Christmas. We are looking for one or two people to volunteer to spearhead the organizing of this: contacting everyone in the congregation to arrange for scheduled picture taking sessions, and gathering other pictures of our church life for inclusion in the directory. If you would be interested in this, please speak with Barb Cook or Pastor Mark.

**Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, Spring 2024:**

- Mother's Day Brunch - Sunday May 12, 2024
- Father's Day Dinner - Sunday June 16, 2024
- Culinary Weekend with Chef Matthew Foote - Friday July 12 to Sunday July 14, 2024
- Trails
- Lamb Therapy



**VBS 2024:** Hello everyone:

We have started prepping for our VBS at KEPC this summer! Thank-you to everyone who has already offered to volunteer this year. If anyone else is wondering about helping, please speak with Sarah Pottier.

Dates are July 8-12 9am-noon. The theme is SCUBA: Diving into friendship with God.

The registration forms are available here with this link:

KEPC Scuba VBS Registration Link

And also on our church website at:

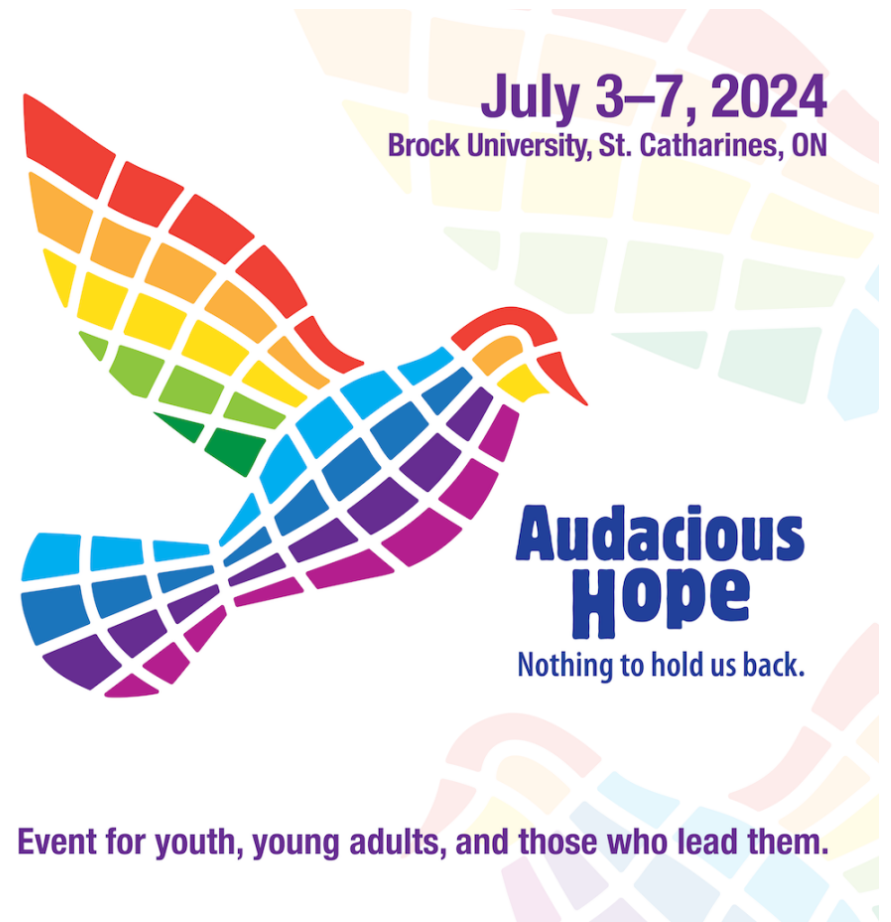
<https://pccweb.ca/kitchenereast/>

Please fill out one registration form per child attending.

Kindly, Sarah Pottier

**KEPC Book Sale:**

There will be a KEPC Book Sale on Sat. June 1 in Gray Hall, 9 am - noon. Coffee/ tea / juice and muffins will be available. A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the information board. We will accept all gently used books which can be dropped off at the church or call Janis Kenzie (519-893-0535) for pickup.



Audacious Hope – Uplift 2024 at Brock University from Wednesday, July 3 to Sunday, July 7th. Registration April 15-May 31. Three streams: Youth Stream (14 - 18 year old's); Young Adult Stream (18 - 25 year old's) and Leadership Stream (18+) More details are available on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website. If you are interested in attending, please let Rev Mark or an elder know. This event used to be known as CY (Canada Youth).  
<https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/lift-2024>