

## A Time Called ... PENTECOST DAY

*Today, Christ's body, the Church, is born by the power of the Holy Spirit and equipped for service and witness. Today is the story of a spiritual presence so powerful that ordinary people see and do things beyond their own abilities.*

### Historical Roots of Pentecost

Pentecost is a Greek word meaning *Fiftieth Day*. It was applied to a Hebrew Festival that happened 50 days after Passover. Christians used the term Pentecost for the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit, 50 days after the Resurrection. The earliest records of this feast date back to the 4th century, although *Acts 20:16* shows that Paul considered it an important day. It became the alternative date for baptism, after Easter. The British term for Pentecost – Whit Sunday – is taken from an association with the white robes worn for baptism. The account of Pentecost is recorded in *Acts 2*. Pentecost crowns the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

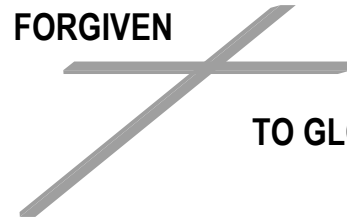
### Finding Meaning in the Tradition

The Bible story is dramatic – full of sound, wind, fire, and extraordinary speech. The result was witness, in word and deed, to the Risen Christ, a new looking outward. Yet, even the author of *Acts* chooses words carefully, saying there was *something like* tongues of fire. In the story, we see that the Spirit first chose a community setting to manifest its presence and gifts. The Spirit-filled life is one lived in community, where we hear and live out the call to love one another. We do so by the sustaining presence of the Spirit and the Spirit's gifts. By the Spirit, we prepare the way for the Lord's return. By the Spirit, the ministry of Word and Sacraments receives power and authority. By the Spirit, the priesthood of all believers hears God's call to mission and is equipped.

### Questions for Personal Meditation

What words would you use to describe the account found in *Acts 2*?  
Does this account affect your idea of God?  
What do you look for as signs of the Spirit's presence?

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## **Pentecost Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 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: “Come, now is the time to worship”** SB #81

Welcome, and announcements:

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

**Praise: “I come with joy”** SB #37

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

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

Scripture: St. John 16:5-15 NLT

Message: “God's Power vs our power”

### **The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*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: “Spirit, Spirit of gentleness”** SB #22

*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.

After having a surplus for the month of March, our April offerings have dropped and we experienced an expense shortfall of almost \$5000 for the month. This means our YTD shortfall is now \$10,750 to the end of April. As we are approaching the summer months, the Finance team asks for your consideration and prayers to help us meet the proposed budget targets. Thank you, the Finance & Stewardship Team.

**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.

**From the Mission & Outreach Team:**

The KW Pregnancy Centre Baby Bottle Campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. You may contribute by cheque or online. Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. New this year, they are asking for donations of formula.

They are asking for the following types of stage 1 formula:

Enfamil A+ Powder	Similac Powder
Enfamil A+ Liquid	Similac Pro Advance Liquid

**EVENTS THIS WEEK: 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Pentecost Communion Worship Service.
- Monday:** 7 pm – Elders meeting in the Gray Hall
- Tuesday:** 9:30 am – Bible Study via Zoom  
11:45 – 1:30 Music Therapy
- 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:

- 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 well underway in 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