

²⁶⁻²⁸ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to the Galilean village of Nazareth to a virgin engaged to be married to a man descended from David. His name was Joseph, and the virgin's name, Mary. Upon entering, Gabriel greeted her:

Good morning! You're beautiful with God's beauty, Beautiful inside and out! God be with you.

²⁹⁻³³ She was thoroughly shaken, wondering what was behind a greeting like that. But the angel assured her, "Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and call his name Jesus.

He will be great, be called 'Son of the Highest.' The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David; He will rule Jacob's house forever—no end, ever, to his kingdom."

³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "But how? I've never slept with a man."

³⁵ The angel answered, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, the power of the Highest hover over you; Therefore, the child you bring to birth will be called Holy, Son of God.

³⁶⁻³⁸ "And did you know that your cousin Elizabeth conceived a son, old as she is? Everyone called her barren, and here she is six months pregnant! Nothing, you see, is impossible with God."

And Mary said,

Yes, I see it all now: I'm the Lord's maid, ready to serve. Let it be with me just as you say.

Then the angel left her.

St. Luke 1:26-38

The Message

FORGIVEN

TO GLORIFY, WITNESS & SERVE

Luke 1:38



***I am the Lord's the servant.
May it be to me as you have said.***

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Advent 4, Sunday 22nd December 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: “Hope is a star” vs 4 and chorus

Welcome, and announcements:

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy: on screen

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “It came upon the midnight clear” BP #144

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

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

Scripture: St. Luke 1:26-38 NLT

Message: “I am the Lord's servant!”

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession:

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “**In the bleak midwinter**” vs 4 **BP #121**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Once in royal David's city” BP #129

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

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “Sanctuary”

SB #44

Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests

Frank De Vries – at home

Frank Ingold – at home

Jackie Greenwood – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Mary Master – Conestoga Lodge

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorriston – at home

Julie Phoenix – Southbridge London Long Term Care Home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderhide – at home

Glen Verheye – at home

Sunday School:

Our regular bi-weekly Sunday School resumes on Sunday 12th January 2025.

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. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca).

We are thrilled to share and grow with the children this year.

Peace and Joy, Cathrine and Nicolene

Events This Week: 22nd – 29th December 2024

Sunday: 10:30 am – 4th Sunday in Advent Worship Service

Tuesday: 7 pm – Christmas Eve worship time together

Sunday: 10:30 am – Sunday Worship Service

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.

Thank you for your faithful support of KEPC finances. Here are the October KEPC financials: It was pretty close to "break even" for the month and the YTD shortfall remains about \$12,500. Thanks for everyone's financial support as we strive to reach our year-end financial goals.

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 has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Thank-you, from the Finance & Stewardship Team.

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.

The Mission and Outreach Team:

The Mission and Outreach Team would like to thank everyone for the generous donations for The Working Centre.

Together, we collected 87 pairs of socks, 33 pairs of gloves and mittens, 40 hats, 11 neck warmers, and 1 winter headband for people in need in our community!!