

St. Matthew 3:11-17 The Message

¹¹⁻¹² “I’m baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. The real action comes next: The main character in this drama—compared to him I’m a mere stagehand—will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He’s going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He’ll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he’ll put out with the trash to be burned.”

¹³⁻¹⁴ Jesus then appeared, arriving at the Jordan River from Galilee. He wanted John to baptize him. John objected, “I’m the one who needs to be baptized, not *you*!”

¹⁵ But Jesus insisted. “Do it. God’s work, putting things right all these centuries, is coming together right now in this baptism.” So John did it.

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ The moment Jesus came up out of the baptismal waters, the skies opened up and he saw God’s Spirit—it looked like a dove—descending and landing on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: “This is my Son, chosen and marked by my love, delight of my life.”

FORGIVEN

TO GLORIFY, WITNESS & SERVE

JESUS’
OUTSTRETCHED
HANDS **COVER**
THE LONGITUDE
& LATITUDE OF
OUR SIN.



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Sunday 05th January 2025 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: “His name is wonderful” **SB #62**

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “Down in my heart” **SB #21**

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

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

Scripture: St. Matthew 3:11-17 The Message

Message: “People pleasing, or God pleasing?”

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession:

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “God my Father, loving me” vs 3, 4 **BP #359**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “To God be the glory” **SB #84**

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

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “Change my heart O God” **SB #62**

Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests

Gladys Brown – at home

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: 12th – 19th January 2025

Sunday: 10:30 am –Worship Service, Sunday School; coffee & conversation in the Gray Hall.

Monday: 7:30 – 9:30 pm – GRIPS in the Gray Hall.

Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:30 am – Bible study group by Zoom.
6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall

Wednesday: 12 pm – Senior's Group in the Gray Hall.
6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall

Thursday: 9 – 11 am – Sonshine Corner in the Gray Hall

Saturday: 8 am – Men's breakfast at Knox PC Waterloo.

Sunday: 10:30 am –Worship Service, with Communion.

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.

Preliminary year end 2024 financial results show that thanks to everyone’s ongoing generosity and stewardship, KEPC has reached the financial goal of covering all expenses without a shortfall & will likely end the year with a surplus!

We are just waiting for a few year-end reports to confirm the final numbers, but we wanted to let you know as soon as possible and thank everyone for their financial support! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!!

Thank you,

The Finance & Stewardship Team

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2025 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 Annual Congregational Meeting:

The elders have set that the annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday 16th February 2025 at 11:30 am, immediately following the 10:30 am worship time together. The annual meeting will be in-person ***Would all groups and people who do up a report please have them emailed to Barb Cook (mjblcook@outlook.com) by 26th January 2025*** so that we will have time to email the Report for the congregation, as well as have some paper copies available.

KEPC Senior’s January time together:

Coffee & Dessert, a form of bingo, and the Christmas gift exchange from last month!

Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 12 pm in the Gray Hall