

St. Luke 13:1-9 NLT

A Call to Repentance

13 About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple. ²“Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?” Jesus asked. “Is that why they suffered? ³Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God. ⁴And what about the eighteen people who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst sinners in Jerusalem? ⁵No, and I tell you again that unless you repent, you will perish, too.”

Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

⁶Then Jesus told this story: “A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if there was any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed. ⁷Finally, he said to his gardener, ‘I’ve waited three years, and there hasn’t been a single fig! Cut it down. It’s just taking up space in the garden.’

⁸“The gardener answered, ‘Sir, give it one more chance. Leave it another year, and I’ll give it special attention and plenty of fertilizer. ⁹If we get figs next year, fine. If not, then you can cut it down.’”

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Sunday 19th 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: “I come with joy” **SB #37**

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

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

Scripture: St. Luke 13:1-9 NLT

Message: “Judging or Forgiving?”

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: “Amazing grace” **BP #403**

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:

The dates this term for our regular bi-weekly Sunday School are: **January 26; February 9, & 23; March 23; April 06, & 20; May 04, & 18; June 01, & 15.**

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 (gcejrtaylor@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 – Communion Worship Service,
4 pm – Presbytery at Knox, Preston

Monday: 7:30 – 9:30 pm – Elders meeting via Zoom.

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

Wednesday: 6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall

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

Sunday: 10:30 am – Worship Service, Sunday School;
coffee & conversation in the Gray Hall.
1:30 pm – Leading worship at Sunnyside Home

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.