

## St. Luke 13:1-9

## The Message

### A Call to Repentance

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

### Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

<sup>6</sup> Then 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. <sup>7</sup> Finally, 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.’ <sup>8</sup> “The gardener answered, ‘Sir, give it one more chance. Leave it another year, and I’ll give it special attention and plenty of fertilizer. <sup>9</sup> If we get figs next year, fine. If not, then you can cut it down.’”

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**Lent 3: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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: “And can it be” vs 1, 2, 3**

**BP #173**

Lenten Liturgy:

on screen

Welcome, and announcements:

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

**Praise: “A man there lived in Galilee”**

**BP #168**

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

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

Scripture: St. Luke 13:31-35 NLT

Message: “Figs, fruitfulness, & second chances”

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

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “When I survey” vs 4

**BP #178**

Prayer of Dedication

**Praise: “Man of sorrows, wondrous name”**

**BP #172**

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

Benediction:

**Interpersonal Benediction: “Go now in peace”**

**SB #80**

**Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests**

Gladys Brown – at home

Frank De Vries – at home

Frank Ingold – 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

Rob Randall – at home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderheide – at home

Glen Verheye – at home

George Ziegler – at home

**Sunday School:**

The dates this term for our regular bi-weekly Sunday School are: **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 (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

**Mission & Outreach Team:**

Mission & Outreach is planning a **fund-raiser soup luncheon** today following our worship service.

**KEPC Senior's April time together:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025. St. Jacobs Country Playhouse: "Over the River and Through the Woods" A Comedy. Ticket Price \$55.00 each. Please see Linda Patterson for Tickets. Car-pooling from the church.

## Events This Week: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Sunday:** 10:30 am – Worship Service; Sunday School; coffee, & Soup Luncheon fundraiser in the Gray Hall.

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

**Tuesday:** 9:30 – 11:30 am – Bible study group this week.  
12 – 1:30 pm – Music Therapy  
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 this week

**Friday:** 12 – 3:30 pm – Music Therapy

**Saturday:** 10 am – 12 pm – GRIPS in the Gray Hall  
10 am – 12 pm – WOW upstairs foyer

**Sunday:** 10:30 am – Worship Service

**Monday:** 8:30 am – 4 pm – PD Day Camp here

### 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.**

### Here are the Feb financial statements:

A shortfall of about \$3300 for the month and shortfall of about \$7900 YTD This about the same as 2024 YTD. Still early in the

year so we'll monitor and keep everyone informed of the status on a regular basis

**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.

### 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.

### Women of Worship:

WOW - The next meeting of WOW will be held on Saturday, March 29th from 10:00 till noon. As the Grey Hall is in use that morning, we will be meeting upstairs. At this meeting we will be making a surprise for the Congregation that we will be sharing with them on Palm Sunday. All ladies from KEPC are welcome and we hope to see many of you on the 29th. Please contact Jo Anne Aitken if you have any questions. 519-886-6559 or aitkenj09@gmail.com

**PD Day Camp:** Hello volunteers for this next PD Day camp, Details so far are as follows:

### Monday, March 31, 2025

**Arrival: 8am (kids arrive at 8:30am)**

**Departure: by 4:15pm (kids leave at 4pm)**

Volunteers are welcome for a half day or full day. Please reply to let me know if you are interested in volunteering for March 31 (and spread the word to anyone else you think may be interested in joining us!)

Kindly, Sarah & Kerry.