

## A Time Called ... EASTER SEASON

*In a way, Easter is a “moveable feast” which, unlike Christmas with its set date, falls on the Sunday after the full moon following March 21. It is easy to fall back into “life as normal” after Easter. But, the season of Easter – 40 days – is Christendom’s most meaningful and historic celebration.*

### Historical Roots of Easter Season

The Easter Season – or Eastertide – is seven weeks after Easter. It seems likely that Eastertide was modeled after the Jewish festival of Shavuot, The Festival of Weeks, which was seven weeks long and ended with the celebration of Shavuot on the 50th day. In Christian tradition, the Easter season leads us to celebrate Pentecost, the gift of God’s Holy Spirit on the 50th day.

### Finding Meaning in the Tradition

As with Christmas, there may be an emotional slump after Easter. The Easter season – Eastertide – is, therefore, a good time to engage in something new in mission, something daring and innovative. Gather up your slow cookers and serve soup on the main street of your town. Invite guests to tell you of local mission opportunities in your community, or go to the national church website [www.presbyterian.ca](http://www.presbyterian.ca) to find out about international ministry supported by *Presbyterians Sharing . . .*

### Questions for Personal Meditation

Read the accounts of the last week of Jesus’ life from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

How does the resurrection story influence your life?

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**AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER,  
AND HE WILL GIVE YOU  
ANOTHER COUNSELOR  
TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER  
– THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.  
JOHN 14: 16-17**

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**Established 03<sup>rd</sup> May 1987**

Minister:

Rev. Dr. Mark S. Richardson

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Rev. Jeff Smith

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Sarah Pottier

**Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> May 2025 10:30 am**  
**KEPC's 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

**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: “Lord I lift Your name on high”** **SB #48**

Welcome, and announcements:

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

**Praise: “Great is Thy faithfulness”** **BP #85**

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

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

Scripture: St. John 14:15-31 NLT

Message: “Gentle reminders”

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

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Christian Baptism**

The family comes to the front of the sanctuary

The Presentation by elder: Linda Patterson

**The Invitation:**

Vows of Renunciation and Affirmation:

**Questions to the covenant community:** “Do you, on behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Olivia Emilee, and Joshua James Patrick, by word and deed, with love and in prayer, encouraging them and their parents to follow Jesus Christ and to be faithful members of His Church?”

**Congregation:** “We do!”

Affirmation of our faith: The Apostles' Creed (on screen)

Prayer:

**The Act of Baptizing**

Declaration and Welcome:

**The Blessing**

**Minister:** “Holy God, surround, hold, and fill Olivia, and Joshua, that they may daily increase in the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, using their giftedness to serve Jesus Christ our Lord now and forever.”

**Congregation:** “Amen!”

Presentation by Linda Patterson

**The Welcome:** (Minister and congregation together) “Come grow with us into Christ Who is our Lord. There is one Body, and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all, through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:4-6)

**Praise: “The (Aaronic) Blessing”** **on screen**

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: **“My tribute”** **SB #45**

Prayer of Dedication

**Praise: “God of faith, God of grace!”**

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

Benediction:

**Interpersonal Benediction: “My peace”** **SB #42**

**Mission & Outreach Team:**

Anselma House operates two emergency shelters in Kitchener and Cambridge for women and children experiencing domestic violence. Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, Mission & Outreach would like your support for this local Mission through monetary or gift card donations. A jar will be placed in the narthex each Sunday for donations. Thank you for your generosity.

### **KEPC Seniors' Group:**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May we are having lunch at the Schmidtsville Restaurant, car-pooling from the Church, leaving at 11:30 am SHARP.

### **Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests**

Gladys Brown – at home  
Frank De Vries – at home  
Ann Gray – Trinity Village  
Doug Greenwood – St. Mary's Hospital  
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  
Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC  
Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC  
Dirk Vanderheide – at home  
George Ziegler – at home

### **Sunday School:**

The dates this term for our regular bi-weekly Sunday School are: **May** 04, & 18; **June** 01, & 15.  
We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team. 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

### **Here are the March financial statements:**

There was a monthly surplus of close to \$5000 and our YTD shortfall is just a little over \$3000 at the end of March  
Thanks for everyone's financial support as the year unfolds!

**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.

### **Events This Week: 04<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Sunday:** 10:30 am – Baptism & KEPC's 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, Cake, & Conversation in the Gray Hall  
**Monday:** 11:15 am – 12:15 pm Music Therapy  
**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  
7 pm – Worship & Sacraments Team Fireside Rm.  
**Wednesday:** 9:30 – 11:30 am – Bible study in McLean room  
6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall  
**Thursday:** 9 – 11 am – Sonshine Corner this week  
**Friday:** 12 – 3:30 pm – Music Therapy  
**Sunday:** 10:30 am – Mother's Day 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.**

**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.

**Crieff Hills Centre Mother's Day Brunch:**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Two seatings available:**

First Seating: 12:00 p.m. Second Seating: 2:00 p.m.

Pricing (includes a day pass to explore the property):

Adults: \$53 + HST Children (12 & under): \$26 +HST

Families and groups are welcome.

Join us for a delicious farm-to-table buffet brunch crafted with a wide selection of fresh farm ingredients—all set against the peaceful backdrop of our historic countryside retreat. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available for all guests to enjoy. Make this Mother's Day one to remember—surrounded by nature, great food, and the people you love!

**Women of Worship:**

The next meeting of WOW will be on Saturday, May 31st from 10:00 until noon. It will be held in the Grey Hall. We will be having a guest coming in to instruct us in a class of Chair Yoga for Beginners and Seniors. Please wear comfortable clothing and running shoes/comfortable footwear. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Anne at [aitkenj09@gmail.com](mailto:aitkenj09@gmail.com) or 519-886-6559. Hope to see lots of you there. Coffee, tea and treats will be provided.

**Vacation Bible School Camp: 14 – 18 July 2025**

**9am-noon. The theme is True North.**

We are planning our VBS at KEPC this summer and we want to check to see who would be interested and available in volunteering again this year.

We need both group leaders and station leaders. Let me know if you have an interest in a particular area.

Please let me know so I can get an idea of interest/availability of volunteers and we will start getting the plans together.

Kindly,

Sarah, VBS Co-ordinator, [bowmasarah@hotmail.com](mailto:bowmasarah@hotmail.com)

Plus, your help is needed for the next VBS decoration workshop Monday May 19th from 10 am – 12 noon. We need painters and creative geniuses, and anyone else who wants to help. Tasks - creating mountain ranges for backdrops, finishing the cabin, repurposing props, painting props, planners.