

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

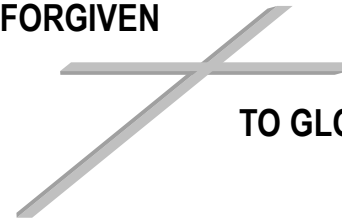
As with Christmas, there may be an emotional slump after Easter. The Easter season – Eastertide – is, therefore, a good time to engage in something new in mission, something daring and innovative. Gather up your slow cookers and serve soup on the main street of your town. Invite guests to tell you of local mission opportunities in your community, or go to the national church website www.presbyterian.ca 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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Sunday 18th May 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: “Lord I lift Your name on high” **SB #48**

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “They’ll know we are Christians” **SB #36**

Prayer, and the Lord’s Prayer:

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

Scripture: St. John 13:31-38 NLT

Message: “Wha d’ya mean another commandment?”

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: **“My tribute”** **SB #45**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Pass My love around” **SB #32**

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.

Also, The Working Centre gratefully received a little over \$1000.00 from KEPC. This was from the soup luncheon and Lenten jars. Thank you!

KEPC Seniors' Group:

Wednesday 21st 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

Bernice Baum – Grand River Hospital

Gladys Brown – at home

Frank De Vries – at home

Ann Gray – Trinity Village

Doug Greenwood – 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

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderheide – at home

Sunday School:

The dates this term for our regular bi-weekly Sunday School are: **May 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 April financial statements

There was a shortfall of about \$3300 for the month, so the year-to-date shortfall is now about \$6300. We'll continue to monitor and provide updates and appreciate everyone's financial support. 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.

Events This Week: 18th – 25th May 2025

Sunday: 10:30 am – Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, Cake, & Conversation in the Gray Hall
Monday: 10 am – 12 pm – VBS decorations workshop
7 pm – Elders meeting 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: 11:30 am – Seniors' Group to lunch in Wellesley
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 – 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.

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 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

Plus, your help is needed for the **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.