

A Time Called ... PENTECOST DAY

Today, Christ's body, the Church, is born by the power of the Holy Spirit and equipped for service and witness. Today is the story of a spiritual presence so powerful that ordinary people see and do things beyond their own abilities.

Historical Roots of Pentecost

Pentecost is a Greek word meaning *Fiftieth Day*. It was applied to a Hebrew Festival that happened 50 days after Passover. Christians used the term Pentecost for the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit, 50 days after the Resurrection. The earliest records of this feast date back to the 4th century, although *Acts 20:16* shows that Paul considered it an important day. It became the alternative date for baptism, after Easter. The British term for Pentecost – Whit Sunday – is taken from an association with the white robes worn for baptism. The account of Pentecost is recorded in *Acts 2*. Pentecost crowns the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

Finding Meaning in the Tradition

The Bible story is dramatic – full of sound, wind, fire, and extraordinary speech. The result was witness, in word and deed, to the Risen Christ, a new looking outward. Yet, even the author of *Acts* chooses words carefully, saying there was *something like* tongues of fire. In the story, we see that the Spirit first chose a community setting to manifest its presence and gifts. The Spirit-filled life is one lived in community, where we hear and live out the call to love one another. We do so by the sustaining presence of the Spirit and the Spirit's gifts. By the Spirit, we prepare the way for the Lord's return. By the Spirit, the ministry of Word and Sacraments receives power and authority. By the Spirit, the priesthood of all believers hears God's call to mission and is equipped.

Questions for Personal Meditation

What words would you use to describe the account found in *Acts 2*?
Does this account affect your idea of God?
What do you look for as signs of the Spirit's presence?

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Pentecost Sunday 08th June 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: “Come now is the time to worship” **SB #81**

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “Spirit, Spirit of gentleness” **SB #22**

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

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

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 NLT

Message: “What does it all mean?”

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

Celebrating the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “We give Thee” vs. 1, 2 **BP #364**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “O Breath of Life” **BP #266**

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

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “May the Lord” **SB #80**

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.

Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests

Bernice Baum – at home
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:

June 15 is our last Sunday School date in this current school year. We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team for the fall. 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: 08th – 15th June 2025

Sunday: 10:30 am – Worship Service
Tuesday: 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
Sunday: 10:30 am – Worship Service; Sunday School;
Coffee, Cake, & Conversation in the Gray Hall
Monday: 7 pm – Elders meeting in the Gray Hall

Here are the May financial statements

A shortfall of about \$1000 for the month and close to a \$7400 shortfall year to date.

With the summer months approaching we'll continue to monitor and report to the congregation regularly with the updated financial results. We appreciate everyone's financial support.

Finance & Stewardship Team

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.

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.

WOW is inviting all Ladies of KEPC to join together in a “See You In September” potluck breakfast. This will be held on **Saturday, June 28th** from 10:00 til Noon in the Gray Hall. Please do not feel that you need to bring anything in order to join us. We would rather have you than food!! Beverages will be provided. Any ideas for upcoming meetings will be most welcome. These meetings are for you, the Ladies of KEPC. What would you like to do, discuss or hear about? All ideas are most welcome. Any questions, please contact Jo Anne at 519-886-6559 or aitkenj09@gmail.com



**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


★ WANTED ★


Young disciples, truth seekers, and future members of the church! Are you ready to embark on a journey of faith, understanding, and commitment?

 **The Confirmation Class at Kitchener East Presbyterian Church is now open for enrollment!**

 **Who:** Anyone aged 12-16 years old looking to deepen their faith and prepare for confirmation


 **When:** Every 2nd Sunday starting September 6, 2025

 **Where:** Kitchener East Presbyterian Church

 **Time:** 10:30-11:30

 **No cost—just an open heart and a willingness to grow in Christ!**

This class is designed to deepen your understanding of faith, scripture, and Presbyterian beliefs. Come as you are, and let's grow together in faith!

 **Sign up today!** Contact Nicolene at nclemens7@yahoo.ca