

St. Matthew 5:13-16 NLT

¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavour? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

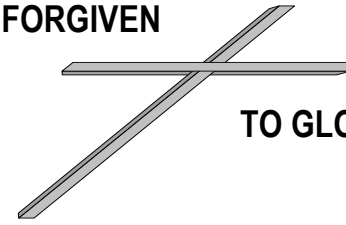
¹⁴“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

St. Matthew 5:13-16 The Message

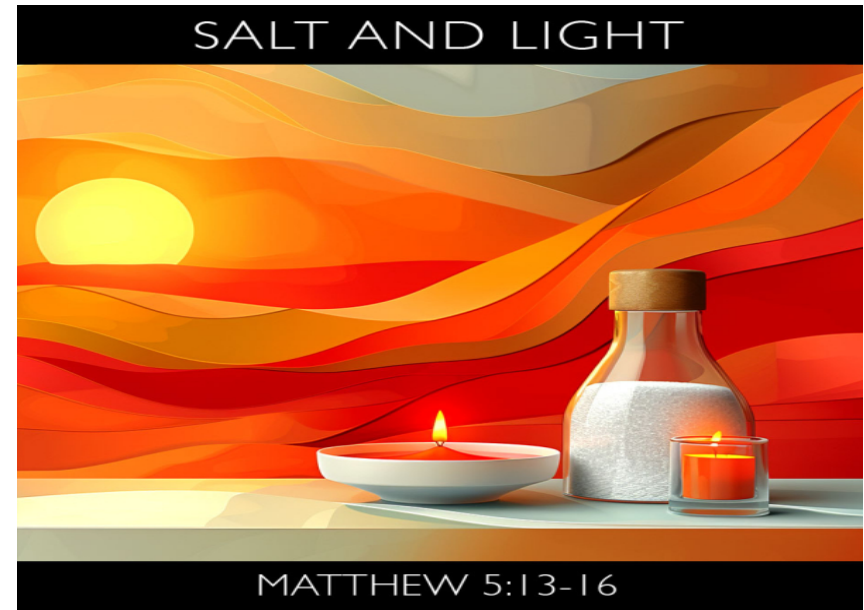
¹³“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavours of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

¹⁴⁻¹⁶“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

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Sunday 08th February 2026 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: “Turn your eyes upon Jesus” **SB#12**

Prayer, and the Lord's prayer:

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

Scripture: St. Matthew 5:13-16 NLT

Message: “How's your light?”

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

Prayer:

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “Great is Thy faithfulness” vs 4 **BP #85**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Jesus bids us shine” **BP#391**

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

Benediction:

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

Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests

Bernice Baum – at home

Gladys Brown – at home

Frank De Vries – at home

Ann Gray – Trinity Village

Doug Greenwood – Huronview LTC, Clinton

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Hannelore Lemke – at home

Larry Mason – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Mary Master – A. R. Goudie LTC

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorriston – at home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderheide – at home

Sunday School 2025 – 2026:

Our regular bi-weekly Sunday School dates for 2026 are:

**18th January; 01st & 15th February; 01st, 15th & 29th March;
12th & 26th April; 10th & 24th May; 07th & 21st June.**

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

Annual Reports - The Annual Meeting, will be on Sunday 22nd February immediately following the worship service. The Annual Report has been distributed electronically, and a few paper copies will be available.

Leading With Care: KEPC has been a Leading with Care congregation since its inception in 2004. However, we need to renew our understanding of this national church policy and our implementation of it in our congregation here in 2025/2026. Rob Gloin & Kerry Weir are spearheading this within our congregation.

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2026 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris at clemensc78@yahoo.ca. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

2025 Income Tax Receipts: will be in your hanging files on Sunday 01st February for your pick-up.

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 **Mission and Outreach Team** invite you to help spread love this **Valentine's Day**. We are looking for donations of personal care items and peanut free sweet treats to donate to **A.R. Goudie LTC**. We will be collecting items on February 1st and 8th and they will be distributed along with handmade cards made by W.O.W. Thank you for your support of this outreach!

The next meeting of **WOW** will be on Saturday, February 28, 2026. We will meet in the Gray Hall from 10:00 - noon. This month your knowledge of the Bible will be tested in our 2nd "Test Your Knowledge of the Bible" quiz. Come out and help your team answer all the questions on the quiz. We had a lot of fun with the first one, so I am sure this one will be even better. Coffee, tea and treats will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Anne at 519-886-6559 or aitkenj09@gmail.com.

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.

Events This Week: 08th – 15th February 2026

- Sunday:** 10:30 am –Worship Service; Mission & Outreach Team meeting in the McLean Fireside room
- Tuesday:** 9:30 – 11:30 am Bible study this week via Zoom; & in person in the McLean Fireside room.
12 – 5:45 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 & conversation.

VBS at KEPC this summer:

Dates are Monday 06th – Friday 10th July 2026, 9am-noon. The theme is Rainforest Falls.



The Working Centre, Kitchener:

Cold Nights Are Here. Our Doors Will Be Open.

We are reaching out to our church partners and faith communities with a special invitation. As we respond to this winter's ongoing cold weather, The Working Centre has opened St. John's Kitchen as an Overnight Warming Centre. **We are inviting you to consider a special collection or an announcement to your congregation to share this message in your community to help make this possible** - as an expression of care, hospitality, and solidarity with those facing the cold.

As a response to this winter's ongoing cold weather, **The Working Centre opened St. John's Kitchen as an Overnight Warming Centre** this week. There are high numbers of people staying outside. This is hard to believe in this harsh weather, and we are seeing the hardship this creates. It is encouraging to see calls to action like [this report](#) by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (OMA), but we also recognize the importance of practical action taken together as a community.

We are providing an **Overnight Warming Centre from 8:30 pm to 7:30 am seven days a week until the end of March**. This is a good use of our new facilities at 97 Victoria St. N. where daily we are welcoming 350-400 people, and now also hosting 60-70 people per night, growing every day. People are grateful for the respite from the cold.

Join us in this response:

- We have no government funding for this Warming Space and we are inviting donations to cover this \$250,000 effort.

People can donate below or

- E-transfer along with your mailing address to eft@theworkingcentre.org
- Donate online - www.theworkingcentre.org/donate
- Call us at (519) 743-1151 x111
- Volunteer in the evenings or early mornings - email us at volunteer@theworkingcentre.org
- Share this invitation with others who may be able to contribute.

All donations will be matched by an anonymous donor (doubling the benefit of your donation)