

St. Matthew 4:1-11 The Message

The Test

4¹⁻³ Next Jesus was taken into the wild by the Spirit for the Test. The Devil was ready to give it. Jesus prepared for the Test by fasting forty days and forty nights. That left him, of course, in a state of extreme hunger, which the Devil took advantage of in the first test: “Since you are God’s Son, speak the word that will turn these stones into loaves of bread.”

4 Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: “It takes more than bread to stay alive. It takes a steady stream of words from God’s mouth.”

5-6 For the second test the Devil took him to the Holy City. He sat him on top of the Temple and said, “Since you are God’s Son, jump.” The Devil goaded him by quoting Psalm 91: “He has placed you in the care of angels. They will catch you so that you won’t so much as stub your toe on a stone.”

7 Jesus countered with another citation from Deuteronomy: “Don’t you dare test the Lord your God.”

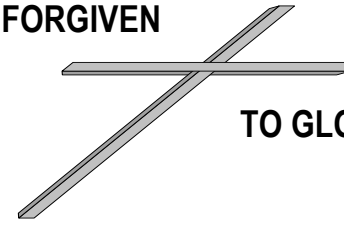
8-9 For the third test, the Devil took him to the peak of a huge mountain. He gestured expansively, pointing out all the earth’s kingdoms, how glorious they all were. Then he said, “They’re yours—lock, stock, and barrel. Just go down on your knees and worship me, and they’re yours.”

10 Jesus’ refusal was curt: “Beat it, Satan!” He backed his rebuke with a third quotation from Deuteronomy: “Worship the Lord your God, and only him. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness.”

11 The Test was over. The Devil left. And in his place, angels! Angels came and took care of Jesus’ needs.

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Sunday 22nd 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: “And can it be?” vs 1

BP #173

Lenten Candle Liturgy:

on screen

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “I come with joy”

SB#37

Prayer, and the Lord's prayer:

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

Scripture: St. Matthew 4:1-11 NLT

Message: “Reject and Reset!”

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

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “**When I survey**” vs 4

BP #178

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Lord Who throughout”

BP #177

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 McCorrison – 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 today immediately following the worship service. The Annual Report has been distributed electronically, and a few paper copies are available. Refreshments will be served upstairs.

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: are in your hanging files 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 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: 22nd February – 01st March 2026

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Lent 1 Communion Worship Service;
11:45 am – Annual meeting upstairs, with refreshments.
- Monday:** 7:30 – 9:30 pm – GRIPS in the Gray Hall
- 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
- Saturday:** 10 am – 12 pm – WOW in the Gray Hall
- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Lent 2 Worship Service with New Members joining; Sunday School; Coffee & Conversation in the Gray Hall.

VBS at KEPC this summer:

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



Book Sale at KEPC:

We are collecting gently used books for a used book sale in June. Please consider donating any gently used books you have that you no longer want. Donations will be accepted starting March 1st. Thank you for your support. The Mission and Outreach Team.