

## Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

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**11** Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. **2** Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

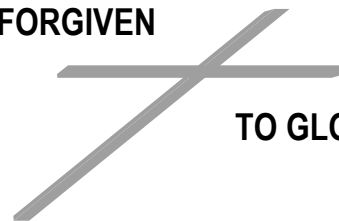
**8** It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. **9** And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. **10** Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

**11** It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise. **12** And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.

**13** All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. **14** Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. **15** If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. **16** But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

**17** It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, **18** even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." **19** Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.

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

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**Anniversary Sunday 03<sup>rd</sup> May 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: “Majesty”** **SB #46**

Welcome, and announcements:

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

**Praise: “This is the day”** **SB #74**

Prayer, and the Lord's prayer:

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

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1, 2, 8-19 NLT

Message: “Where'd we come from & where are we going?”

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

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “We praise You O God” vs 1 **BP #571**

Prayer of Dedication

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

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

Benediction:

**Interpersonal Benediction: “Go now in peace”** **SB #80**

**Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests**

Bernice Baum – at home

Gladys Brown – WRHN Queen's Blvd.

Frank De Vries – at home

Ann Gray – Trinity Village

Doug Greenwood – Huronview LTC, Clinton

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Anneleise Kramer – Briarfield Gardens Retirement 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:

**10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May; 07<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 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

**Book Sale at KEPC: Saturday 06<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

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 are being accepted now. Thank you for your support. The Mission and Outreach Team.

**Leading With Care:** KEPC has been a Leading with Care congregation since its inception in 2004. We are strengthening our understanding of this national church policy and our implementation of it in our congregation here in 2026. Rob Gloin & Kerry Weir are spear-heading 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.**

**2025 Income Tax Receipts:** are in your hanging files for your pick-up.

#### **Here is the KEPC March financial summary:**

We had a surplus of almost \$700 for the month and now have a shortfall year to date of a little over \$10,500. It's still early in the year & we will continue to update everyone in the coming months

Thanks for your financial support of KEPC.  
Finance & Stewardship Team

#### **Events This Week: 03<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – KEPC 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service; Coffee, cake, & Conversation in the Gray Hall.
- Monday:** 4 – 5 pm – Music Therapy
- Tuesday:** 9:30 – 11:30 am Bible study this week via Zoom; & in person in the McLean Fireside room.  
12 – 6:30 pm – Music Therapy  
6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall  
7 pm – Worship & Sacrament Team meeting
- Wednesday:** 6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall
- Thursday:** 9 – 11 am – Sonshine Corner this week
- Friday:** 12 – 5 pm – Music Therapy
- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Mother's Day / Christian Family Sunday Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, & Conversation in the Gray Hall.

**Women of Worship:** The next meeting of WOW will be on **SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2026 (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)**, from 10:00 - Noon. Marg Fannon will be joining us to share with us some of her adventures from her many travels. Marg has done a lot of travelling, so I am sure she will have many interesting things to tell us about. As always, all ladies of KEPC are welcome. It is always a fun time of togetherness and conversation. Coffee, tea and treats will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Anne Aitken at aitkenj09@gmail.com or 519-886-6559. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

## VBS at KEPC this summer:

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



### Presbyterian Men's Breakfast:

Looking forward to a men's breakfast on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 at 8 am at Knox PC 50 Erb St. W, Waterloo, ON N2L 1T1. All who identify as male and would enjoy peameal or back bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, beans and fruit salad are welcome to attend. Please rsvp to Richard at rchildred@gmail.com so that he can buy sufficient food.

### Missions & Outreach Team:

Anselma House is one of two emergency shelters in Kitchener and Cambridge for women and children experiencing domestic violence.

Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, the Mission & Outreach Team would like your support for this local Mission through monetary or gift card donations. A jar will be placed on the table in the foyer each Sunday for donations.

Thank-you for your generous care.