

## 1 Peter 1:13-25

NLT

### A Call to Holy Living

<sup>13</sup> So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. <sup>14</sup> So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. <sup>15</sup> But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. <sup>16</sup> For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

<sup>17</sup> And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as "temporary residents." <sup>18</sup> For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. <sup>19</sup> It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. <sup>20</sup> God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.

<sup>21</sup> Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory.

<sup>22</sup> You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

<sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. <sup>24</sup> As the Scriptures say, "People are like grass;

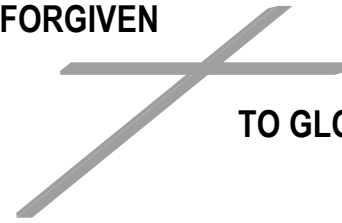
their beauty is like a flower in the field.

The grass withers and the flower fades.

<sup>25</sup> But the word of the Lord remains forever."

And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.

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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 10:30 am**  
**Mother's Day & Christian Family Sunday**

**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!*

Prayer, and the Lord's prayer:

**Praise: “Love divine, all loves excelling”** **BP #233**

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

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-25 NLT

Message: “Love each other deeply”

*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: “Pass My love around”** **SB #32**

*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 – Doon Village Retirement Home

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 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:

**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.

**KEPC Seniors' Group:**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May we are having lunch at the Schmidtsville Restaurant; car-pooling from the Church, leaving at 11 am SHARP

**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.**

**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: 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Mother's Day / Christian Family Sunday Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, & Conversation in the Gray Hall.
- Monday:** 4 – 5 pm – Music Therapy  
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 – 6:30 pm – Music Therapy  
6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall  
7 pm – Presbytery meeting at Gale PC Elmira
- 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 – Sunday Worship Service

**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](mailto: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.