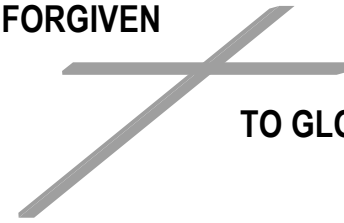


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TO GLORIFY, WITNESS & SERVE

Acts 1:1-11

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The Promise of the Holy Spirit

¹ In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. ³ During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

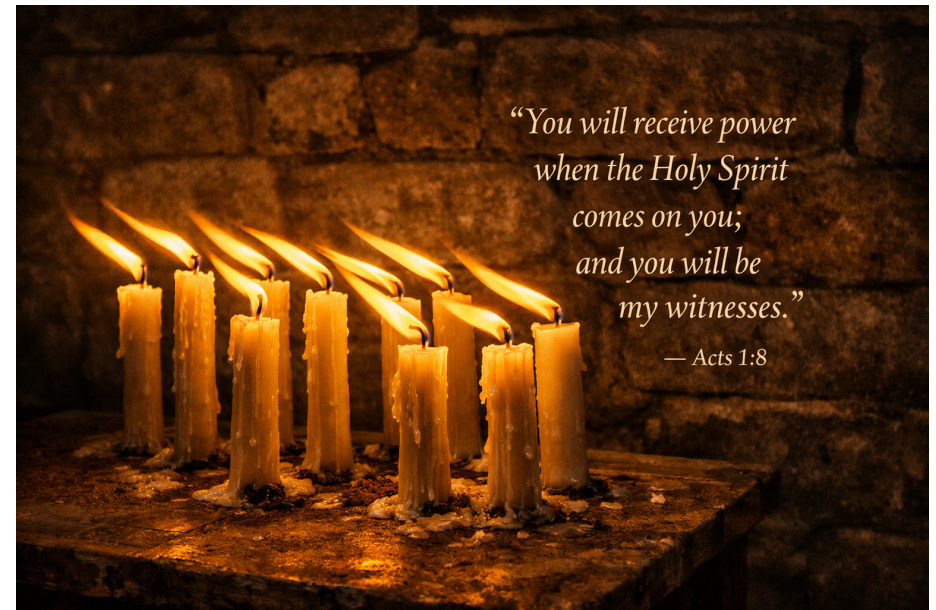
⁴ Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. ⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

The Ascension of Jesus

⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰ As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”



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Minister:

Minister in Association:

Music Director:

Rev. Dr. Mark S. Richardson

Rev. Jeff Smith

Sarah Pottier

Sunday 17th May 2026 10:30 am

**The Celebration of the Good News of Jesus Christ
In the Spirit, the Presence, & Power of the Risen Lord
To Discover New Dimensions of, New Possibilities for
Living our best Christ Life!**

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: “Hail, Thou once despised Jesus” **BP #214**

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

Scripture: St. Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-11 NLT

Message: “Wait, what? Witnesses? Me?”

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: “Give me joy in my heart” **SB #23**

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:

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

Book Sale at KEPC: Saturday 06th June 2026

The used book sale at KEPC will be held on Saturday, June 6th from 9am to noon. If you would like to donate gently used books, DVD's or puzzles for the sale, please bring them no later than Sunday, May 31st. Thank you for your support. The Mission and Outreach Team

KEPC Seniors’ Group:

Wednesday 20th 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 April financial summary:

We had a shortfall for the month of April of a little over \$5,700 which resulted in a YTD shortfall of about \$16,000.

There were some e-transfer donations that arrived early in May that will have a positive impact on the shortfalls, so the financial picture should be more positive in our May update.

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

Events This Week: 17th – 24th May 2026

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Worship Service;
Monday: 4 – 5 pm – Music Therapy
7 pm – Elders meeting in the Gray Hall
Tuesday: 12 – 6:30 pm – Music Therapy
6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall
Wednesday: 12 pm Seniors Group lunch in Wellesley
6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall
Thursday: 9 – 11 am – Sonshine Corner this week
Friday: 12 – 5 pm – Music Therapy
Saturday: 10 am – 12 pm – WOW in the Gray Hall
Sunday: 10:30 am – Communion Sunday Worship Service;
Sunday School; Coffee time in the Gray Hall.

Women of Worship: The next meeting of WOW will be on **SATURDAY 23rd MAY 2026**, 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.

Presbyterian Men’s Breakfast: Unfortunately cancelled

VBS at KEPC this summer:

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



Missions & Outreach Team is meeting on Tuesday 26th May at 7 pm at the church in the Mclean Fireside Room.

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.

