St. Matthew 23:1-12 NLT

Jesus Criticizes the Religious Leaders

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his
disciples, **2** "The teachers of religious law and the
Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of
Moses. **3** So practice and obey whatever they tell you,
but don't follow their example. For they don't practice
what they teach. **4** They crush people with unbearable
religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the
burden.
5 "Everything they do is for show. On their arms they
wear extra wide prayer boxes with Scripture verses
inside, and they wear robes with extra-long
tassels. **6** And they love to sit at the head table at
banquets and in the seats of honor in the
synagogues. **7** They love to receive respectful greetings
as they walk in the marketplaces, and to be called
'Rabbi.'
8 "Don't let anyone call you 'Rabbi,' for you have only
one teacher, and all of you are equal as brothers and
sisters. **9** And don't address anyone here on earth as
'Father,' for only God in heaven is your Father. **10** And
don't let anyone call you 'Teacher,' for you have only
one teacher, the Messiah. **11** The greatest among you
must be a servant. **12** But those who exalt themselves
will be humbled, and those who humble themselves
will be exalted.

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Sunday 01st November 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: "Hi name is Wonderful" **SB #62**

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Prayer, and the Lord's prayer:

Praise: "Be unto Your name"

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

Scripture: St. Matthew 23:1-12 NLT

Message: "Religious hypocrite or a servant of the Lord?"

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:
+ Offertory
Doxology: **"Praise God"** **BP #603**
Prayer of Dedication

Praise: "The Church's one foundation" **BP #307**

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 Chartwell Westhill Retirement Home
Aartje De Vries – at home
Ann Gray – Trinity Village
Doug Greenwood – Huronview LTC, Clinton
Frank Ingold – at home
Dee Lamothe – Winston Park LTC
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
Rose Vanderkruk – at home

Search Team: meeting Sunday 15th November at 11:30 am.
Search Team photo request - On Sunday 22nd November we would like to take a picture of the congregation to include in our congregational profile that we are creating. Hopefully we can get lots of people here for the picture - the more the merrier.
Also, a reminder for anyone who wants to include information for the congregational profile that submissions are due on Sunday November 15. It is our aim to have everything completed to submit to session at the meeting in December.

Sunday School Fall 2026:

The dates this term for our regular bi-weekly Sunday School are: November 08 & 22; December 6.
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, Graham, and Nicolene

Events This Week: 25th October – 01st November 2026

Sunday: 10:30 am – Sunday Worship Service
11:30 am – Elders meet for an interview
Monday: 3:15 – 6 pm – Music Therapy
Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:30 am – Bible study group online and in the McLean Fireside room
3:30 – 8 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 – 5 pm – Music Therapy
Sunday: 10:30 am – Remembrance Sunday Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, & conversation in the Gray Hall.

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.

Mission & Outreach Team:
Beginning Sunday 01st November, the Mission & Outreach Team will be selling frozen entrees.

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.

Financial Update: September 2026
A monthly shortfall of a little over $1,400 and a YTD shortfall of slightly over $18,000. The monthly shortfall has reduced from the summer months, so we look forward to achieving a break-even YTD balance by year end.
Thanks for your financial support of KEPC!

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.

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.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:
The Bible Study group gathers on Tuesdays at 9:30 am, online and in person until 01st December. The on-line study will be facilitated by Fiona and William Hewitt and the in-person one at KEPC Fireside Room by Julie Murray. The first topic for the 26/27 season will be Praying the Psalms. For more information, please speak to Julie Murray.

Presbyterian Men's Breakfasts: 8 am at Knox PC 50 Erb St. West, Waterloo.
As Presbyterian men gather each month for breakfast together, this year we have a thematic arc for our speakers. This year the theme is on volunteerism. The dates are:

Saturday, November 28
Saturday, December 19 (this one we are volunteering to sing)
Saturday, January 16
Saturday, February 20
Saturday, March 20
Saturday, April 17
and Saturday May 16

This is a chance to tell us what volunteering means to you, and possibly to pitch something that you are passionate about to our community. Mike Morrice has agreed to speak with us in principle, based on finding a date that works in his schedule. If there is/are a date(s) YOU can speak, let me know and I will fill in the schedule.
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