

St. Matthew 21:33-46

NLT

Parable of the Evil Farmers

³³ “Now listen to another story. A certain landowner planted a vineyard, built a wall around it, dug a pit for pressing out the grape juice, and built a lookout tower. Then he leased the vineyard to tenant farmers and moved to another country. ³⁴ At the time of the grape harvest, he sent his servants to collect his share of the crop. ³⁵ But the farmers grabbed his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. ³⁶ So the landowner sent a larger group of his servants to collect for him, but the results were the same.

³⁷ “Finally, the owner sent his son, thinking, ‘Surely they will respect my son.’

³⁸ “But when the tenant farmers saw his son coming, they said to one another, ‘Here comes the heir to this estate. Come on, let’s kill him and get the estate for ourselves!’ ³⁹ So they grabbed him, dragged him out of the vineyard, and murdered him.

⁴⁰ “When the owner of the vineyard returns,” Jesus asked, “what do you think he will do to those farmers?”

⁴¹ The religious leaders replied, “He will put the wicked men to a horrible death and lease the vineyard to others who will give him his share of the crop after each harvest.”

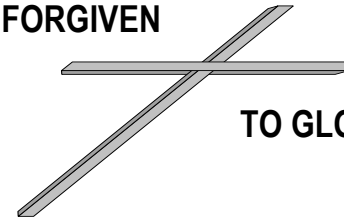
⁴² Then Jesus asked them, “Didn’t you ever read this in the Scriptures?

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord’s doing,
and it is wonderful to see.’

⁴³ I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation that will produce the proper fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on.”

⁴⁵ When the leading priests and Pharisees heard this parable, they realized he was telling the story against them—they were the wicked farmers. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowds, who considered Jesus to be a prophet.

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World Communion Sunday 04th October 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: “Shout to the Lord” **SB #54**

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Prayer, and the Lord’s prayer:

Praise: “I come with joy” **SB #37**

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

Scripture: St. Matthew 21:33-46 NLT

Message: “The powerful ending nobody saw coming!”

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

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “**For the fruits**” vs 1 **BP #570**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Lord of all power” **BP #362**

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

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “Change my heart” **SB #62**

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

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

Events This Week: 04th – 11th October 2026

Sunday: 10:30 am – World Communion Worship Service

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
7 pm – Worship & Sacraments 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 – Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Service; Sunday School, Coffee, & conversation in the Gray Hall.

Sunday School Fall 2026:

The dates this term for our regular bi-weekly Sunday School are: October 11 & 25; 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

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.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

The Bible Study group will be gathering on Tuesday 04th October at 9:30 am, online and in person. 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. Study books will be provided at a cost of \$20 each. For more information, please speak to Julie Murray.

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.

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!

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.

WOW: This month's WOW meeting will be on Saturday, October 31st from 10:00 - noon. WOW is thrilled to be joining the Embers and Guides group, of which Jennifer Joseph is a leader, this month to assist them with their service project for this year. We will be assisting them in the creating of craft kits for children and teens. The craft kits will then be donated to places like Grand River Hospital, Anselma House etc.

All ladies are welcome. Come and help out or just come to enjoy the company of the other ladies and the Embers and Guides. This promises to be an exciting and rewarding day for everyone. Coffee, tea and treats will be provided. Treats provided by the Embers and Guides.

Any questions, please contact Jo Anne at 519-886-6559 or aitkenj09@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Men's Breakfasts: 8 am at Knox PC 50 Erb St.
W. 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, October 17
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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