St. Matthew 22:15-22 The Message

Paying Taxes

15-17 That's when the Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

18-19 Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it." They handed him a silver piece.

20 "This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?"

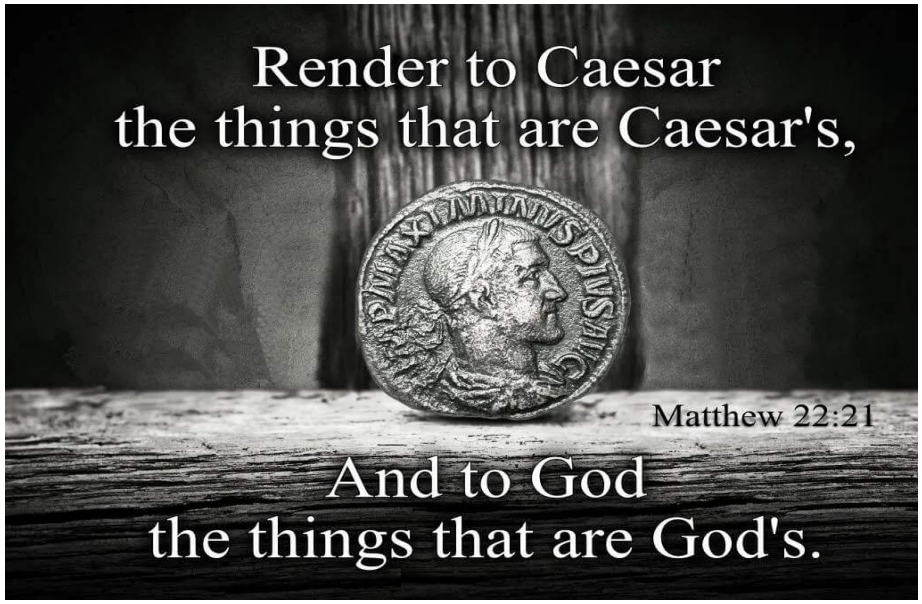
21 They said, "Caesar."

"Then give Caesar what is his and give God what is his."

22 The Pharisees were speechless. They went off shaking their heads.

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Sunday 18th 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: "To God be the glory" **SB #84**

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

Scripture: St. Matthew 22:15-22 NLT

Message: "Is it about faith & 'state' or about choosing the Jesus way?"

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

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:
+ Offertory
Doxology: **"For the fruits" vs 3** **BP #570**
Prayer of Dedication

Praise: "Jesu, Jesu" **SB #14**

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 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

Events This Week: 18th – 25th October 2026

Sunday: 10:30 am –Sunday Worship Service
Monday: 3:15 – 6 pm – Music Therapy
7 pm – Elders' meeting in the Gray Hall
Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:30 am – Bible study group online and in the McLean Fireside room
12 pm – Seniors' Group in the Gray Hall
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 –Sunday Worship Service with a guest worship leader; 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.

Mission & Outreach Team:
Beginning Sunday 01st November, the Mission & Outreach Team will be selling frozen entrees. Containers will be available for pick-up next Sunday 18th October. Containers may be filled and brought to the church before or on Saturday October 31st. Please label the entree.

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.

Women Of Worship: 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.

KEPC Seniors will be gathering this Wednesday 21st October at 12 noon. Our planned activity did not pan out so we will meet in the Gray Hall for a brown bag lunch and a rousing game of beanbag baseball. So get your throwing arm all loosened up and come out for a fun time with conversation and friendly rivalry.

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. Study books will be provided at a cost of $20 each. For more information, please speak to Julie Murray.

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, 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.
Richard Hildred 519-594-0900