



Jan. 29, 2025

Luke 4:14-21 presents a powerful moment where Jesus, in his hometown synagogue, declares his mission by reading from Isaiah 61, proclaiming that "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me" to bring good news to the poor, release the oppressed, and proclaim freedom to the captives, essentially announcing himself as the fulfillment of prophecy and the Messiah who will actively bring liberation to the marginalized; however, this message is met with resistance and anger from his own people, highlighting the challenge of accepting new truths, particularly when they disrupt familiar expectations and social structures.

Key points for reflection:

- **The Power of Proclamation:**

Jesus boldly asserts his identity and purpose by directly applying scripture to himself, demonstrating his conviction and authority in delivering God's message.

- **Focus on the Marginalized:**

Jesus specifically mentions the "poor," "captives," and "oppressed," highlighting his concern for those often overlooked and neglected by society.

- **Hometown Resistance:**

The people of Nazareth, familiar with Jesus' background, are not receptive to his message, revealing the challenges of accepting new truths, especially when they come from someone close to home.

- **The Nature of "Good News":**

Jesus' message is not just about personal salvation but also about social justice and liberation for the marginalized, challenging the status quo.

- **Our Response to the Message:**

Do we readily accept the message of liberation and social justice that Jesus proclaims, or do we resist it due to our own comfort or biases?

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Email Contact

Effectively immediately, please note the following email addresses for all church-related communication:

- **Pastor Eric:** pastor@graceview.ca
- **Church Office:** office@graceview.ca (unchanged and managed by our Secretary, Halyna)

A Note from Pastor Eric

Last week's pulpit exchange with St. Giles Kingsway brought a wonderful opportunity - that's right, you get to "enjoy" not just one, but *two sermons* :)

In case you're not familiar, the **Sermons** tab on our church website features a selection of past sermon recordings from various preachers. There you can now find Rev. Tim Bruneau's sermon at Graceview and my message, "**From Now On You Will Fish For People**", a personal testimonial of faith shared at St. Giles Kingsway. Check them out here for your edification during this crisp, cold week.

<https://graceview.ca/sermon-archive/>

May we continue to draw closer to God and His call in our lives.

Joy in Christ,

Pastor Eric

From the Guatemalan Mission Team

The Guatemala mission team will be serving around 1000 children across 4 schools and an orphanage in mid-March.

We're looking for donations of the following items:

1. Summer clothing for orphan babies/toddlers (0-3 years), young children (3-12 years) and young moms (11-15 years)
2. Baby shoes, regular shoes, tennis shoes, socks and towels for children (1-10 years)
3. Diapers, blankets, bottles for newborns
4. Medicine and first aid items, such as Tylenol, Advil, Polysporin, bandages, alcohol swabs
5. Soft cover lightweight notebooks, crayons, watercolor paints, pencils, pens and calculators
6. Laptops and portable projectors in good condition
7. Deflated soccer balls, volleyball nets, ping-pong paddles, tennis balls
8. Uniforms for sports teams
9. Lightweight non-bulky toys such as stuffed animals

The weather in the region (Antigua) ranges from 12-30 degrees Celsius, so the clothing items should be lightweight.

If you have any of these items in good condition, please make sure they are clean, sorted into clean bags by category, and you can place them in the clothing bin previously used for the Canadian/Ukrainian parachute donations. Thank you for your generosity! The babies and school children will be very blessed by your donations.

The deadline is March 2nd.

Eldership Transitions

With heartfelt gratitude, we also want to announce that Maureen and Joan have decided to step down from their roles as elders after decades of faithful service. Their decision is due to personal health issues, and while we will deeply miss their leadership, we honour their incredible dedication to Graceview (formerly Grace) over the years. Please join me in praying for their continued well-being and strength during this new season of their lives.

A Message from Jerina Gacheri Kirema from Nyeri, Kenya

“Happy new year to Graceview presbyterian church, I hope this message find you in great health and high spirit. Am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the payment of my school fees received. Your kindness as played an essential role in my education by ensuring effective and smooth learning with a lot of concentration. I truly appreciate your dedication and support.

This is my last term (trimester) and I will be sitting for my final qualifying exam on march 2025. Once again, thank you so much for your generosity. Your support means a lot, and I look forward to our continued relationship. May Almighty God bless you all.”



A word of thanks from Shannon Jarvis

The words ‘thank you’ do not describe how grateful I am for the donations and support that my Graceview family has provided me with throughout my whole life, but especially over the last few years. I appreciate all of you so much. I wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2025. Thank you, Shannon.

World Day of Prayer 2025

Graceview is the host church for this year’s WDP which will take place on Saturday March 8th at 10:00. The subject this year is the Cook Islands in the south Pacific and the program was written by Christian women who live there. The program title is “I made you wonderful”, based on Psalm 139. We hope we can count on your support. Please mark the date and invite your friends.
Maureen Screen

NEW



A Winter Devotional Update:

A **new** edition of **These Days** (January/February/March), as well as the current edition of **Our Daily Bread** (December/January/February) are available on the table in the church vestibule and in the devotional box on the church porch.

Coffee/Tea Sign - Up



The sign-up sheet for coffee/tea service after worship is on the bulletin board opposite the kitchen downstairs. Please sign yourselves up or sign up your committee so that our Fellowship time after church can continue.
 Feb. 2-23 – Outreach
 Mar. 2 – 30 – Mission Team

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

- * Pray for the people of war-torn countries who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times.
- * The family of **Bob Nancarrow** who are mourning his passing.
- * Please keep in your prayers the following:
 Michael Langstaff, Dexter Ramsumair, Shirley P., Josephine Wong, Shelia Thomas’ grandson, Carter, Ed L., Charlotte Prentice, Joan and Peter K., the Jarvis family, Olive S., Roman P., Jean Fox’s nephew, Ryan, and Gordon F.

Please keep these folks, and indeed, everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

Note from your editor: Could you please advise us from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Monday, Feb. 3 @ 9:30 AM – Sing Etobicoke at Fellowship
- * Saturday, Mar. 8 @ 10:00 AM – World Day of Prayer at Graceview PC
- * Monday, Mar. 17 @ ??? – Celebrating St. Patrick’s Day with Irish Stew by Dave
- * Sunday, Mar. 23 after service – Annual Meeting 2025
- * Sunday, Apr. 27 @ 10:30 AM – Mission Awareness Sunday
- * Sunday, May 4 @ 10:30 AM - Celebrating Graceview’s 25th Anniversary

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
Feb. 2	Eric Lee	Nancy Green	Kathy Twynam
Feb. 9	Maureen Screen	Anna Cherniak	Nancy McPherson
Feb. 16	Errol Baldeo	Lynne Bishop	Susan Chopp
Feb. 23	Eric Lee	Harry Learoyd	Lynne Bishop

Mar. 2	Susan Chopp	Chris Parr	Bob Twynam
Mar. 9	Nancy McPherson	Susan Chopp	Kathy Twynam
Mar. 16	Eric Lee	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson
Mar. 23	Kathy Twynam	Jean Fox	Susan Chopp
Mar. 30	Chris Parr	Maureen Screen	Lynne Bishop
Apr. 6	Eric Lee	Margaret Munene	Bob Twynam
Apr. 13	Margaret Munene	Georgena Engineer	Kathy Twynam

SING! ETOBICOKE WINTER SCHEDULE

Feb. 3	9:30 AM	Fellowship	Guest Day III	W25SE5
Feb. 10	9:30 AM	GV	Love Songs	W25SE6
Feb. 24	9:30 AM	NPCC	Troubled Water	W25SE7
Mar. 3	9:30 AM	GV	Over the Rainbow	W25SE8
Mar. 10	9:30 AM	NPCC	Unforgettable	W25SE9
Mar. 17	9:30 AM	NPCC	Spring Sing (Guest Day IV)	W25SE10

Note: we will not be meeting on Family Day, Feb. 17, 2024

Worship Calendar

Feb. 2	Jesus' Mission Statement	Luke 4:14-21
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WEEKLY GIGGLE

Someone asked the other day,,,,,,,,,,,,,

'What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?'

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up, I informed him, 'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'at home,' I explained!

'Mom cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, & if I didn't like what she put on my plate, I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

Do you have any news or prayer requests that you would like to share? Drop me a line and I will be happy to include it in the Weekly Email. Have a blessed week, everyone.

Susan choppertini@hotmail.com

* Message from **Pastor Eric**: “FYI the Graceview website page has been revamped, so as to keep people updated of our activities and events. Visit us and enjoy all that is good about Graceview”.

<https://graceview.ca/calendar-events>

* We also have our own Facebook page. (Graceview Presbyterian Church). This site shows the world all that we are and what we have to offer as a church. Check it out and be sure to “follow.”

Contact information for Pastor Eric Lee: 778-791-1741; pastor@graceview.ca

NB: If the phone number for Pastor Eric does not connect you immediately (technical issues?) call the church (416-621-0888) and press #1 for Pastor Eric.

Email for Iris: ericirishk@gmail.com

FEBRUARY CALENDAR



FEBRUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	31	1
2 "Jesus' Mission Statement" Rev. Eric Lee	3 Sing Etobicoke @Fellowship	4 Walking Group 11:00	5	6 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	7	8
9	10 Sing Etobicoke @Graceview	11 Walking Group 11:00 Craft Club 11:00	12	13 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	14	15
16	17	18 Walking Group 11:00	19	20 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	21	22
23	24 Sing Etobicoke @NPCC	25 Walking Group 11:00	26	27 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	28	1
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