

Feb. 12, 2025

1 Corinthians 15:12-27 is a powerful passage where Paul forcefully argues the centrality of Jesus' resurrection to the Christian faith, emphasizing that without the resurrection, the Christian message loses its meaning and hope, essentially rendering the whole gospel "in vain."

Key points to reflect on:

- **The foundation of Christian hope:**

The resurrection is presented as the cornerstone of Christian belief, offering assurance of eternal life beyond death and providing believers with a reason to persevere through hardship.

- **The reality of Jesus' physical resurrection:**

Paul insists on the physical nature of Jesus' resurrection, not just a spiritual experience, signifying the future bodily resurrection of believers.

- **The implications of denial:**

If Jesus did not rise, then the whole Christian message is false, including the atonement for sin and the promise of new life.

- **The order of resurrection:**

Paul outlines the sequence of resurrection, with Christ rising first, then believers at his return, and finally the final defeat of death.

- **Christ's ultimate authority:**

The passage highlights Christ's dominion over all creation, with everything ultimately being subjected to him, including death.

Overall, this passage serves as a strong reminder of the transformative power of the resurrection, offering believers a firm foundation of hope and purpose in their lives.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
1 Corinthians 15:20



Worship Calendar

Feb. 16

The Resurrection of the Dead

1 Corinthians 15:12-27

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pancake Supper hosted by your Outreach Committee

Tuesday, March 4th, at 6 PM

Everyone is welcome to join us for our famous Down East pancakes, homemade by our in-house chefs! Fellowship time to follow.

Free Will Offering is gratefully accepted

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer

A Message from St. James Food Basket:

Thank you for so diligently collecting egg cartons. We have reached storage capacity at this time. We will let you know when we will need more egg cartons.

TAX RECEIPTS

Due to the Canada Post strike in December, the Canada Revenue Agency has issued legislation that extends the deadline for making donations for the 2024 tax year until February 28, 2025. We will be issuing tax receipts up to December 31, 2024 as usual and then issuing receipts again from January 1 to February 28, 2025.

If you wish to take advantage of this one time change and claim January and February 2025 donations on your 2024 tax return please contact Jackie Taylor, otherwise we will hold the tax receipts for those two months until the end of 2025 and you will receive two receipts then.

Thank you

Jackie

North of Nowhere: Conversation with TRC Commissioner Marie Wilson

Date: Monday, February 24

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Friends House, 60 Lowther Avenue

Free tickets (please register): <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1223563624739>

Join us on Monday, February 24 for an in-person conversation with Marie Wilson about her new book *North of Nowhere: Song of a Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner*. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was critical to establishing a public record of the experiences of Survivors of residential schools and generated 94 Calls to Action for all areas of society to work towards reconciliation. Marie Wilson will speak about her time with the Commission, the ongoing need for truth, healing and justice for Indigenous people in Canada, and where we are today.

Journalist and author Cynthia Reyes will moderate. Marie Wilson will be available to sign books afterward. Her book will be available for purchase on site. Organized by the Anglican Church of Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the United Church of Canada.

More information may be obtained by contacting:

Katharine Sisk
Senior Program Coordinator,
Justice Ministries, Life and Mission Agency
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
1-800-619-7301 ext. 25

Readers Wanted!!

We are looking for 7 readers to read the Lenten Candle Liturgy this year. If you are able to help us out, please let Susan C. know.

Bedroom for Rent

Furnished bedroom for rent, shared common areas in privately owned townhouse at Rathburn & West Mall. \$800 inclusive. Personal and financial references will be required. Preference will be given to a FEMALE roommate, as the house is occupied by a long-term lady occupant. Contact Margretta @ 416.788.6742.

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.

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 AM. 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



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.
- * Please keep in your prayers the following:
- * **Lenore Carty** whose long-term care facility, Bough Beeches, is presently on lock down due to respiratory illnesses and she is confined to her room. Pray that she remains healthy and is not affected by this respiratory illness.
- * Margaret Munene's brother Simon who is currently being treated for pneumonia.

Family of Bob Nancarrow, 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. 24 @ 9:30 AM – Sing Etobicoke at NPCC
- * Monday, Feb. 24 @ 7:00 PM – Outreach meeting
- * Monday, Mar. 3 @ 6:30 PM – Mission Team meeting (Zoom or in person-TBA)
- * Tuesday, Mar. 4 @ 6:00 PM – Pancake Supper
- * Saturday, Mar. 8 @ 10:00 AM – World Day of Prayer at Graceview PC
- * Tuesdays, Mar. 11- Apr. 15 @ 12:00 PM – Lenten Lunches
- * Monday, Mar. 17 @ TBD – Celebrating St. Patrick’s Day with Irish Stew by Dave
- * Sunday, Mar. 23 after service – Annual Meeting 2025
- * Sunday, Apr. 13 – Palm Sunday
- * Thursday, Apr. 17 from 2-4 PM – Maundy Thursday. Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary
- * Friday, Apr. 18 @ 10:30 AM – Good Friday Service. Communion by intinction (Hot Cross Buns and Coffee/tea @ 9:30 AM)
- * Sunday, Apr. 20 @ 10:30 AM – Easter Sunday service (Flower Cross will be featured again)
- * Sunday, Apr. 27 @ 10:30 AM – Mission Awareness Sunday
- * Sunday, May 4 @ 10:30 AM – Celebrating Graceview’s 25th Anniversary
- * Tuesday, May 6 @ 6:30 PM – Music & Worship meeting

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
Feb. 16	Errol Baldeo	Lynne Bishop	Susan Chopp
Feb. 23	Rachael Chen	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

SING! ETOBICOKE WINTER SCHEDULE

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



WEEKLY GIGGLE

The Hand of God

Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother following Sunday worship. It finally stopped raining as they rounded the corner, where to their surprise and delight appeared a vivid double rainbow in the sky. "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this rainbow?" his mother exclaimed. "I bet God painted this just for you!"

"Yes," replied Philip, "God did it and he did it left-handed."

Confused, his mother asked him, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Philip, "we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

Where to Find Us

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."

lease note the following email addresses for all church-related communication:

Pastor Eric: pastor@graceview.ca (416-621-0888) and press #1 for Pastor Eric.

Church Office: office@graceview.ca (unchanged and managed by our Secretary, Halyna)



Wishing you all a very happy Valentine's Day.

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we could be called children of God; and so, we are"

1 John 3:1

Micro-Moments of Zest

Simple ways to infuse your day with
energy and enthusiasm


Start the day with music

**Play an uplifting song as you
get ready or commute**

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 "Good News and Bad News" Rev. Eric Lee	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 The Resurrection of the Dead Rev. Eric Lee	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 * North of Nowhere 7:00 PM *Outreach-7PM	25 Walking Group 11:00	26	27 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	28	1
2	3 Sing Etobicoke @Graceview Mission Meeting 6:30 PM	4 Walking Group 11:00 Pancake Supper 6:00 PM	5 Ash Wednesday	6 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	7	8 World Day of Prayer 10:00 AM Graceview

