



Apr. 23, 2025

The Sunday after Easter, often called the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, provides a time for reflecting on the ongoing impact of Christ's resurrection and the ongoing work of grace in our lives. This day emphasizes the importance of faith, repentance, and the enduring love and mercy of God.

Key Themes for Reflection:

- **The Ongoing Presence of the Risen Christ:**

The Second Sunday of Easter is a reminder that the resurrection is not just a historical event, but a continuing reality that impacts our lives today.

- **Divine Mercy and Forgiveness:**

This day is often celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday, highlighting God's boundless compassion and willingness to forgive our sins.

- **The Importance of Faith and Grace:**

The readings and reflections emphasize the need to trust in God's grace and to persevere in our faith despite challenges.

- **Living out the Gospel:**

The Sunday after Easter calls us to live out the principles of love, compassion, and service, following the example of the early church and the disciples.

- **Renewed Commitment:**

This day can be a time to re-evaluate our commitment to living a life that reflects the resurrected Christ.

But now, Easter has passed. This might not affect you, as you planned for Easter was with the same fervor you exhibit any other week. But maybe you feel like you're on the bus ride home after youth camp; like the crash that comes after an emotional high.

The Sunday after Easter can seem like back to business as usual. You aren't putting in extra effort. Your church isn't offering additional service times. People will not be spilling into the aisles and standing in the back of the auditorium. But that does not mean the next Sunday is less important.

We gather each week on Sunday morning because of the miracle of the risen Christ on the first day of the week. It is because of the resurrection that the church gathers Sunday after Sunday in the power of the resurrection. Any time the church of Jesus gathers together it is a big deal, worthy of our best offerings, and be assured we are carried by his grace.

My prayer is that as worship leaders, we will rest in the finished work of Jesus. It is in this rest that we are able to work wholeheartedly with skill and faithfulness in our task to lead. Whether this Sunday is an all time low attendance, or your church continues to advance numerically, our confidence is not tied to the amount of people in our church but to the steadfastness of Christ's unwavering love. This Sunday, stand in front of your own church wearing your own armor and boldly tell the wondrous story of the life, death, resurrection, and return of Jesus. Every Sunday is Resurrection Sunday. Written By Matt Boswell

The Believers Share Their Possessions

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Acts 4:32-35

Worship Calendar

Apr. 27	Mission Awareness Sunday	Mission Team
May 4	Silver Jubilee Anniversary	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 & Philippians Rev. Jan Hieminga

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Awareness Sunday

This is a reminder that this Sunday, April 27th is **Mission Awareness Sunday**. The mission committee will share what it's been doing and will give an in-depth presentation on all the exciting, wonderful things that happened in Guatemala back in March. This team has put a lot of thought and effort into planning this service. You won't want to miss it!

Thank You's

Many thanks to all who made the Lenten/Easter Season move so smoothly.

Pastor Eric – For leading the Lenten Lunch discussions

Kathy Twynam – For filling in when Pastor Eric was unable to lead the Lenten Lunch discussions

Dave Taylor – For building us a beautiful Candle Liturgy pyramid

Susan Chopp – For finding and facilitating the Lenten Candle Liturgy

Nancy Green and Susan Chopp – For setting up the church for the Stations of the Cross

Lynne Bishop – For decorating the church for Lent and for sending a small team detailed

instructions on how to set up the church for Easter (Kathy Twynam, Susan Chopp, Al Bishop and Norma Hendershot)

Sheila Thomas and the Outreach Team – For organizing and delivering a delicious Pancake Supper and a Good Friday Hot Cross Bun breakfast

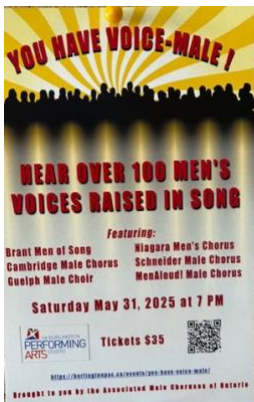
Al Bishop, Nancy Johnston and Helen Cuthbertson – for so ably organizing the Flower Cross for Easter Sunday

All the readers, candle snuffers, etc., etc., etc. – Who made all of our services run so smoothly

As you can see, it does take a village to run things smoothly. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful “village” here at Graceview.

Good-Bye and Best Wishes

This Sunday will make the end of Boris Treivus’ time with us at Graceview. He sadly has decided to move on. We wish him nothing but good fortune and success in his future endeavours. He has pushed the choir to achieve things that we thought were not possible and for that we are truly grateful. Join us downstairs on Sunday, for a “Cupcake Farewell” to Boris.



Our own Kento Stratford’s choir, Men Aloud, (formerly known as the Queensmen) will be part of this “You Have Voice-Male” event on Saturday, May 31 at 7:00 PM at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. It should be a fabulous event with over 100 men raising their voices in song.

A Spring Devotional Update: (Updated Mar. 25, 2025)

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

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Residents of Parkland on Eglinton have booked a Mary Morton bus trip on Wednesday, May 14th to Stratford to see “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” at the Avon Theatre after Chicken Supreme entrée lunch at the Parlour Inn for \$227. 00 each. Please call Maureen at 416-433-8148 if interested.

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.

Apr. 27 - The Choir
May 4 - ???
May 11 – Iris & Carol
May 18 - ???
May 25 - ???

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.

* **Lynne Hieminga** as she recovers from surgery.

* Please keep in your prayers the following:

Family of Charlotte Prentice, Lynne Bishop, Joan Pateman, Debbie Homebrooke and family, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Michael Langstaff, Shelia Thomas' grandson, Carter, Joan and Peter K., the Jarvis family, Olive S., Roman P., Ed. L., Gordon F., and Jean Fox's nephew, Ryan.

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.

Spring Quotes About New Beginnings

* Spring is God's way of saying, 'One more time!' —*Robert Orben, comedy writer*

* No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. —*Hal Borland, writer*

* Life stands before me like an eternal spring with new and brilliant clothes. —*Carl Friedrich Gauss, mathematician*

* The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also. —*Harriet Ann Jacobs, writer*

* Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love! —*Sitting Bull, leader*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * 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
- * Saturday, May 31 @ 7:00 PM – You Have Voice-Male concert in Burlington

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
Apr. 27	Maureen Screen	Anna Cherniak	Robin Telfer
May 4	Rachael Chen	Chris Parr	Lynne Bishop
May 11	Eric Lee	Al Bishop	Bob Twynam
May 18	Nancy Green	Lynne Bishop	Kathy Twynam
May 25	Ethel Waite	Anna Cherniak	Nancy McPherson
June 1	Eric Lee	Nancy Green	Susan Chopp
June 8	Maureen Screen	Harry Learoyd	Lynne Bishop
June 15	Errol Baldeo	Chris Parr	Bob Twynam
June 22	Eric Lee	Susan Chopp	Kathy Twynam
June 29	Susan Chopp	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson
July 6	Nancy McPherson	Jean Fox	Susan Chopp

WEEKLY GIGGLE

Pastor Paul had been advised by his doctor to lose 30 pounds or risk serious health consequences. The good pastor took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to the church building to avoid his favorite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived for Bible study carrying a gigantic devil's food cake. The class chuckled and chided him, but the good pastor's smile remained cherubic.

"This is a very special cake," he explained. "I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window were a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious cakes, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery.' And sure enough," he continued, "the eighth time around the block, there it was!"

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)

April Calendar



APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1 Walking Group 11:00 Lenten Lunch 12:00 noon	2	3 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	4	5
6 "Heavenly Citizenship" Pastor Eric	7 Outreach Team 7:00 PM	8 Walking Group 11:00 Craft Club 11:00 Lenten Lunch 12:00 noon	9	10 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	11 Oleg Samokhin 7:00 PM	12
13 Palm Sunday	14 Mission Team 6:30 PM	15 Walking Group 11:00 Lenten Lunch 12:00 noon	16	17 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross 2-4 Choir practice	18 Good Friday Service 10:30 AM HCBuns @ 9:30	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22 Walking Group 11:00	23	24 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	25	26
27 Mission Awareness Sunday	28	29 Walking Group 11:00	30	1 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	2	3