



June 4, 2025

Pentecost is a Christian holiday, observed on the seventh Sunday after Easter, that celebrates the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). The day of Pentecost is known in the Christian Church as the day on which the Spirit descended upon the apostles. Guided by Peter's preaching, many thousands were converted in Jerusalem.

Why do Christians celebrate Pentecost?

According to [Ray Pritchard](#) from [Christianity.com](#), “Modern Christians observe Pentecost as a holiday, not to celebrate a wheat harvest, but to remember when the Holy Spirit invaded the Church in [Acts 2](#).”

The description in Act 2 states that, after Jesus ascended into heaven, Jesus’ followers were gathered together for the Feast of Harvest (aka Pentecost), and the Holy Spirit “filled the whole house where they were sitting” ([Acts 2:2](#)). “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them” ([Acts 2:4](#)). This unusual event drew a large crowd, and Peter stood up to speak to them about repentance and the gospel of Christ ([Acts 2:14](#)). By the end of the day that the Holy Spirit came, the Church grew by 3,000 people ([Acts 2:41](#)). This is why Christians still celebrate Pentecost.

John Gill expresses the significance in his commentary:

“Through this baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, the apostles became more knowing and had a greater understanding of the mysteries of the Gospel, and were more qualified to preach it to people of all nations and languages.”

Worship Calendar

June 8

Pentecost: What Does it Mean?

Joel 2:28-32 & Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Eric Lee



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elaine's Craft Club Spring Luncheon

When: Tuesday, June 10 @ 12:00 noon

Where: The Open Cork; 2101 Dundas St. E., Mississauga

Please sign up for this event on the sheet which is on the bulletin board in the entryway of our church.

You Have Voice Male – a review

Oh, what a night!!! Nothing prepared me for the initial sight of the curtain rising and the stage being filled to the brim with row upon row of men prepared to sing their hearts out. With the first notes of the first selection, I was wrapped in the warmth of those wonderful voices as they sang one of my all-time favourites, Homeward Bound. After performing 3 pieces "en masse", we then got to hear each choir individually. They were not all of equal calibre, but the support each choir received from the audience was stellar. Our own Kento Stratford was the emcee, and he did a great job with his dry, hysterical sense of humour. Everyone in the audience loved every note of every choir. If you ever get a chance to go to an Ontario Sings event, I encourage you all to do so. You will not be disappointed.

Below is a photo I took of Kento conducting the massed choir.



Welcome Dr. Glen DeLine

This Sunday we will have a new organist/choir director. Dr. Glen DeLine will begin his leadership of the musical portion of our worship services. He comes to us with a wealth of experience and has many ideas on how to improve and expand our choir. Welcome, Glen and we all look forward to musical expertise which will, no doubt, enhance our worship every Sunday.

A Spring Devotional Update: (Updated May 28, 2025)

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

Lemonade



Lemonade will now be served (self-served that is) after worship during June, July and August. Thank you to Jean Fox who donated money so that cookies could be purchased. So, for the next foreseeable future we will enjoy lemonade with cookies! Thank you, Jean.



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.
- * **Margaret M.** wanted to update us that **Simon** has a blood infection. Kindly keep him in our prayers.
- * As announced last Sunday, **Chris Parr** is still in hospital and is expected to stay for another week or two.
- * Please keep in your prayers the following:
Eftekhar (grandmother of Ali), **Earl** Nixon, Lynne Bishop, Joan Pateman, Debbie Homebrooke and family, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Shelia Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family, Olive S., Roman & Adrian 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Monday, June 9 @ 6:30 PM – Mission Team meets
- * Tuesday, June 10 @ 12:00 – Elaine's Craft Club's Luncheon at the Open Cork
- * Tuesday, Aug. 26 @ 1:30 PM – Music & Worship Team meeting
- * Tuesday, Sept. 16 @ 6:30 PM – Session
- * Sunday, Nov. 2 @ 10:30 AM – Remembering Tree Sunday

Prayer Roster

June 8 Maureen Screen
June 15 Errol Baldeo
June 22 Eric Lee
June 29 Susan Chopp
July 6 Nancy McPherson
July 13 Eric Lee
July 20 Kathy Twynam
July 27 Chris Parr

Lay Readers

Kathy Twynam
Chris Parr
Paul Mbogo
Bob Twynam
Jean Fox
Maureen Screen
Margaret Munene
Georgena Engineer

Welcome and Announcements

Iris Lee
Bob Twynam
Kathy Twynam
Nancy McPherson
Susan Chopp
Iris Lee
Bob Twynam
Kathy Twynam

Respond with Love



But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. – Luke 6:27-28 (NIV)

“Love your enemies” are words from Jesus that can be challenging to live out. However, responding with compassion instead of negativity is a powerful way to show God’s unconditional love. Let the hurtful words and actions of others become an opportunity to grow in grace and forgiveness.

Lord, help me to see difficult people with Your eyes and to pray for them, as You have instructed.

WEEKLY GIGGLE

“I’m a millionaire,” the boastful parishioner testified, “and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I can still remember the turning point in my faith, like it was yesterday:

I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I had only a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God’s work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give all I had to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today.”

The congregation applauded, and as he took his seat a little old lady rose and said, “I dare you to do it again!”



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."

Please 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)

June Calendar





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion: Witnesses of the Risen Lord Rev. Eric Lee	2	3 Walking Group 11:00	4	5 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	6	7
8 Pentecost: What Does it Mean? Rev. Eric Lee	9 Mission Team Meeting 6:30 PM	10 Walking Group 11:00 Craft Club Luncheon 12	11	12 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	13	14
15	16	17 Walking Group 11:00	18	19 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	20	21
22	23	24 Walking Group 11:00	25	26 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	27	28
29	30					