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Seek Him in the Quiet Place

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I have asked one thing from the Lord; it is what I desire: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, gazing on the beauty of the Lord and seeking him in his temple. (Psalm 27:4 CSB)

I'm sure we all have those verses in our Bibles that we have underlined, circled and highlighted, right? For me, the above passage is heavily annotated, But the one word that struck me as I re-read this Psalm recently was the word I had circled: seeking. As I read the circled word again it jumped out and demanded this question: Am I seeking God?

I have a fairly regular routine of praying, journaling and reading that seldom gets interrupted; but this does not necessarily answer the question that rang in my mind. Am I seeking God?

I think of the game Hide and Seek. Did you ever play this as a child? One person hides in a mysterious place and the remaining gang seeks them out of their place of hiding. It requires action to seek something or someone. You have to go – and seek.

Now. I'm not suggesting that God is hiding from us, but I am saying that there is a seeking that needs to take place in our relationship with God.

Let's break it down. According to [Dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com), to seek means "to go in search of, to go in quest of. To try and find or discover by searching or questioning." Questioning. When was the last time you asked God a question?

For me, the stark reality was that I hadn't asked God a question in a long time. The whole concept of asking God questions and talking to Him can sometimes be risky territory. I can't speak for you, but I have never heard the audible voice of God. So, His responses are often made up of a sense that I have, or a feeling of what He wants to say to me. This, by default, means that what I feel of sense, is open to interpretation.

Most of the time, however, I only act on or receive what I sense God saying to me when it is a strong sense – one that I cannot shake.

So, my question remains: have you stopped seeking God? Do you still inquire of His heart?

To remedy this issue that had arisen in my time spent reading the Bible, I made a pact with myself – and God. At least once a week, I would sit quietly and ask God this simple question: “God, what do You want to say to me today?”

Then, with great effort to restrain myself from simply ploughing on with my devotion time, I sit and wait for His response.

Admittedly, sometimes, I do not get a strong sense of anything. But more often than not, a still small feeling will rise within me, and I will get a sense of that the Lord is saying to me that day.

God is a speaking and relational God. He wants to be known. He already knows us, inside out and back to front. But to inquire of the Lord means to deepen the relationship that we have with Him by showing Him that we want to know Him.

Here is a simple prayer that you can pray before you begin this journey”

Father, thank You that You are a speaking and relational God. Lord, I pray that all voices inside my head and heart would hush-the voices of the world around me, the voice of my enemy, even my own voice-and that Your voice would be loudest and clearest. I long to know you, Lord, to know what You are saying to me, and to seek You in the quiet place. Speak now, Lord; Your servant is listening. In Jesus’ name, amen.

May God bless you in your pursuit of Him.



Worship Calendar

Aug. 3	TBA
Aug. 10	TBA

Rev. Jan Hieminga
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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our New Instagram Account

We’re pleased to share that Graceview now has an official Instagram account! It will be maintained by [Rachael Chen](#) and will focus especially on updates and outreach related to our new Young Adults Group. We invite you all to follow our IG account.

Here is the link:

<https://www.instagram.com/graceview.presbyterian?igsh=MnlpeXE5YTYyN2ly>

Egg Cartons Wanted

St. James Food Basket is once again in need of egg cartons, at least for the summer months. Please leave them in the cloakroom at Graceview and they will be taken to St. James. Thank you for your help.

SodaStream

Free to a good home two pink canisters for SodaStream. Contact Maureen at 416-433-8148 or maureenscreen@gmail.com.

A Summer Devotional Update (Updated June 17, 2025):

A **new** edition of **These Days** (July/August/September), as well as a **new** edition of **Our Daily Bread** (June/July/August) 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. Please join us in the Adamson Lounge for a refreshing glass of lemonade and some cookies.

Music Announcement



Glen would like to start a New Bell Ringers Choir. Anyone can join between the ages of 10 and 110 years. No music knowledge or experience is needed. Rehearsals will be once a month, every third Sunday for 20 minutes after church. The first performance will be Thanksgiving Sunday. The next rehearsal of the Graceview Bell Ringers will be on August 17.



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:

Norma Hendershot, the family of Margaret MacLauchlan, Chris Parr, Jean Fox, 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 P., Ed. L., 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 me 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
- * Tuesday, Aug. 26 @ 1:30 PM – Music & Worship Team meeting
- * Tuesday, Sept. 9 @ 6:30 PM – Presbytery of West Toronto meets at Graceview
- * Tuesday, Sept. 23 @ 6:30 PM – Session
- * Sunday, Nov. 2 @ 10:30 AM – Remembering Tree Sunday

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
Aug. 3	Eric Lee	Errol Baldeo	Nancy McPherson
Aug. 10	Margaret Munene	Kathy Twynam	Susan Chopp
Aug. 17	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson	Iris Lee
Aug. 24	Eric Lee	Al Bishop	Bob Twynam
Aug. 31	Rachael Chen	Bob Twynam	Iris Lee
Sept. 7	Nancy Green	Anna Cherniak	Nancy McPherson
Sept. 14	Eric Lee	Nancy Green	Susan Chopp
Sept. 21	Ethel Waite	Harry Learoyd	Kathy Twynam
Sept. 28	Maureen Screen	Chris Parr	Bob Twynam



WEEKLY GIGGLE

Eager to hire the young pastor just out of seminary, the elder of the small country church asked what kind of salary the candidate expected.

"I'd like \$70,000, housing, full medical benefits and a generous retirement plan," said the pastor.

The elder replied, "How about a brand new BMW too?"

"You're kidding!" said the pastor.

"I am," the elder said, "but you started it!"



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)

2025 AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	1	2
3 Rev. Jan Hieminga	4	5 Walking Group 11:00	6	7 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	8	9
10 Rev. Jan Hieminga	11	12 Walking Group 11:00	13	14 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	15	16
17 Bell Ringers	18	19 Walking Group 11:00	20	21 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	22	23
24	25	26 Walking Group 11:00 M&W Meeting 1:30	27	28 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	29	30
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