

Mar. 4, 2026

The Third Sunday in Lent focuses on repentance, God's patience, and spiritual renewal, often highlighting the parable of the fig tree or the Samaritan woman at the well. It calls believers to move past superficial faith, embrace God's "living water," and bear fruit through a change of heart.

Key themes and reflections for this Sunday include:

- **The Patient Gardener (Luke 13:1-9):** Often reflected on in Year C, this parable shows God as a patient gardener who gives us another chance to repent and bear fruit rather than cutting us down.
- **The Living Water (John 4):** Often reflected on in Year A, the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman highlights Jesus as the source of "living water" that provides true, eternal fulfillment.
- **A Call to Repentance:** The readings emphasize that Lent is not just about giving things up but actively turning away from sin and toward God.
- **"Spiritual Spring Cleaning":** It is a time to examine our lives, acknowledging our faults while relying on God's mercy to heal and restore us.
- **God's Presence in the Wilderness:** Similar to the Israelites in the desert, this Sunday highlights trusting in God even when we are tired or thirsty, confident that He is with us.

These reflections encourage a shift toward deeper, more meaningful faith, focusing on God's unconditional love and the opportunity for personal transformation.



Worship Calendar

Mar. 8	Thirsty for Living Water	John 4: 1-42	Rev. Eric Lee
Mar. 15	Seeing and Seen	John 9	Rev. Eric Lee



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daylight Savings Time Begins



A Message from St. James Food Basket

Thank you for so diligently collecting egg cartons. We have once again reached storage capacity. We will let you know when we will need of more egg cartons.

Loonies for Lent

This year the Outreach Committee is asking you to set aside loonies and toonies or other monetary donations in order that we may send a large donation to the St James Food Basket. The money that we send will be used to purchase such basics as tuna, canned tomatoes and pasta which will be distributed to their client families. Each year the number of people relying on food banks continues to grow and the current uncertain times are adding to this need. Outreach is asking our church family to send their monetary donations (loonies/toonies in containers, cash, cheques or e-transfers) to the church to support this initiative. Please mark your envelopes for "Loonies for Lent, Outreach" and include your name and envelope number. We would appreciate receiving your contribution by April 5th.

A Winter Devotional Update (February 24):

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

World Day of Prayer

You are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer meeting at Fellowship Reformed Christian Church on Friday, March 6, at 1:30 PM. The theme is, "I Will Give You Rest" and the host country for whom we will be praying is Nigeria.

Laptops and Tablets Needed

After researching and consulting with the elders of the First Presbyterian Church of Antigua, which Rachael and Pastor Eric visited last March, the mission committee has decided to purchase a laptop and 6-8 months of Wi-Fi for the students of the church, where it will be kept and shared so students can become familiar with this technology.

If you have a laptop or tablet that is in good condition that you'd like to donate, please contact Rachael before mid-March.

The Presbytery of West Toronto team will be bringing the laptop to the church during March break.

Lenten Candle Liturgy Readers

Mar. 8 - Lynne & Al

Mar. 15 – Iris L. & Carol H.

Mar. 22 - Kathy & Bob

Mar. 29 – Harry & Pat

Thank you to the above volunteers. If you have a scheduling conflict. Please let Susan know as soon as possible.



Coffee Sign-Up

It is that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to serve coffee and tea after worship. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Adamson Lounge.

Mar. 7 - Rachael

Mar. 15 – Carol & Iris

Mar. 22 – Paul & Nancy

Mar. 29 - ???

April – Outreach Team

Thank you to all of you who have given so willingly of your time and efforts. We appreciate you!!

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. Pray for our country, Canada.

* **Shirley Pollock's** daughter **Nancy**.

* **Also, please keep these people in your prayers:**

Lynne Hieminga, Ruth Ann Ross, Godfrey Miringu's mother-in-law, Paul Mgobo's family, Bob Woolley, Joan and Peter Kohar, Giulietta Ponzini, Ryan Jory, John Thomas, Harold Hussey, Teresia Njoki, Roman and Adrian P., Ed Latimer, Ethel Waite, Debbie Homebrooke and family, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Shelia Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family (Wayne, Shannon and Dale), Olive S.

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
- * Thursday, Mar. 5 @ 9:30 AM – Sing! Etobicoke @ NPCC
- * Friday, Mar. 6 @ 1:30 PM – World Day of Prayer at Fellowship Christian Reformed Church
- * Sunday, Mar. 8 @ 11:30 AM – Annual General Meeting
- * Tuesday, Mar. 24 @ 12:00 noon – Lenten Lunch followed by a Lenten Prayer Hour
- * Thursday, Apr. 2 @ 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary
- * Friday, Apr. 3 @ 9:30 AM – Hot Cross Buns served before Good Friday service



Prayer/Reader/Announcements for 2026

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
Mar. 8	Halyna Parypa	Bob Twynam	Susan Chopp
Mar. 15	Nancy McPherson	Susan Chopp	Bob Twynam
Mar. 22	Chris Parr	Nancy McPherson	Iris Lee
Mar. 29	Chuka Ikele	Al Bishop	Kathy Twynan
Apr. 5	Pastor Eric	Vi Lobodowsky	Nancy McPherson
Apr. 12	Bob Twynam	Nancy Green	Susan Chopp



How Much Does a Prayer Weigh?

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work. They had seven children, and they needed food.

John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store. Visualizing the family needs, she said: "Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can." John told her he could not give her credit, as she did not have a charge account at his store.

Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family.

The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, "Do you have a grocery list?" Louise replied, "Yes sir." "Okay" he said, "put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries."

Louise hesitated a moment with a bowed head. Then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed.

The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scale went down and stayed down. The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, "I can't believe it." The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales.

The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more. The grocer stood there in utter disgust.

Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement. It was not a grocery list. It was instead a prayer which said: "Dear Lord, you know my needs, and I am leaving this in your hands."

The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. Louise thanked him and left the store. The customer handed a fifty-dollar bill to the grocer and said, "It was worth every penny of it."

It was sometime later that the grocer discovered the scales were broken; therefore, only God knows how much a prayer weighs.

- Author Unknown -



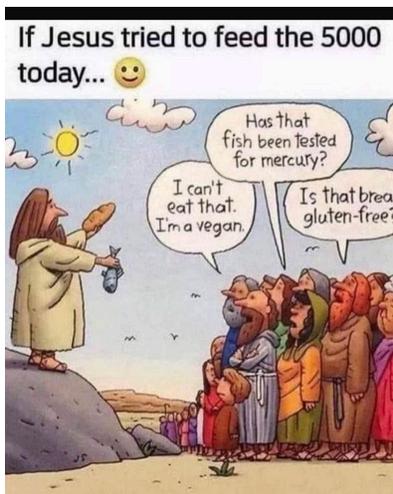
Sing! Etobicoke

Sing! Etobicoke, Encore, 2026 Winter Schedule

2026-03-05	9:30 AM	NPCC	Do I ever Cross Your Mind?	W26ASE9
2026-03-12	9:30 AM	NPCC	Here Comes the Sun (Songs of Spring)	W26ASE10

WEEKLY GIGGLES

This is what a modern-day Jesus would have to contend with.
Thanks to Errol B. For passing this on to me.



Kids Say the Funniest Things

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. - Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kirsten, age 10

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. - Lynnette, age 8

On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. - Martin, age 10



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March 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Seeing Without Hating Rev. Eric Lee	2	3 Walking Group 11:00	4	5 Sing! Etobicoke 9:30 - NPCC Service @ CPP 2:00	6 World Day of Prayer 1:30 PM	7
8 Annual General Meeting	9	10 Walking Group 11:00 Craft Club 11:00	11	12 Sing! Etobicoke 9:30 - NPCC Service @ CPP 2:00	13	14
15 Thirsty for Living Water Rev. Eric Lee	16	 17 Walking Group 11:00 Session 6:30	18	19 Service @ CPP 2:00	20	21
22 Seeing and Seen Rev. Eric Lee	23	24 *Walking Group 11:00 *Lenten Lunch and Prayer Hour 12:00 PM	25	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday	30	31 Walking Group 11:00				

