



Mar. 18, 2026

The Fifth Sunday in Lent marks a transition into Passiontide, shifting focus toward Christ's sacrifice and resurrection. Readings emphasize God doing "something new" (Isaiah), offering unconditional mercy (the adulterous woman), and promising eternal life (raising Lazarus). Key themes include compassion, abandoning judgmental attitudes, and transitioning from spiritual death to new life.

Key Themes and Reflections:

- **Divine Mercy Over Judgment:** The Gospel (John 8) highlighting the woman caught in adultery challenges believers to abandon harsh judgments of others and embrace their own need for mercy. Jesus' phrase "Neither do I condemn you" encourages a shift from guilt to a new life of grace.
- **New Life and Resurrection:** The optional, but frequently used, Gospel of Lazarus (John 11) portrays Jesus as the master over death and a compassionate figure who weeps for human suffering. This prepares the faithful for Easter.
- **Moving Beyond the Past:** The first reading from Isaiah 43 often calls believers to stop dwelling on past mistakes or dwelling in "sinful ways," and instead focus on the "new things" God is creating.
- **Straining Forward in Faith:** Paul's letter to the Philippians (Phil 3) inspires a forward-looking perspective, encouraging followers to "forget what lies behind" and focus on the upward calling in Christ Jesus.
- **Entering Passiontide:** This Sunday is often called "Passion Sunday," signaling that Lent is concluding, and the church is entering the final, intense contemplation of Jesus' passion and death.



Worship Calendar

Mar. 22	When God Arrives Too Late	John 11:1-45	Rev. Eric Lee
Mar. 29	When the King Arrived	Matthew 21:1-11	Rev. Eric Lee
Apr. 3	Watching the Tomb	Gospel of Matthew	Rev. Eric Lee



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Common Scents

Please be advised that our church has a scent-free protocol. It seems that some of our dear parishioners feel unwell due to heavy floral smells. Please be considerate of those in our congregation who are affected by strong smells and odors and refrain from perfumes or colognes when coming to worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you one and all.

Elaine's Craft Club

Here is a picture of the recent donation sent to The Living Rock which is a ministry to street youth in Hamilton. (FYI the St. James Food Basket didn't need any more winter gear).



Soup By Dave Luncheon

Outreach is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the 5th “Soup by Dave” Luncheon on Tuesday, April 14th at 11:30 AM in the downstairs hall. Chef Dave Taylor will be preparing beef and barley soup. Given Dave’s track record, the demonstration will be entertaining, and the soup will be delicious. Every guest will receive a copy of his recipe. We are glad that Chef Dave will once again generously share his culinary expertise with us in an engaging presentation. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the front foyer. Please plan to attend and invite your friends to join you. Free-will offerings will be gratefully received.

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.

Good Friday Hot Cross Bun Breakfast

Outreach will be hosting a Hot Cross Bun Breakfast on Good Friday, April 3rd at 9:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please let us know if you will be attending so that we will have lots of food available. We hope to see many of you on Good Friday morning.

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.

Lenten Candle Liturgy Readers

Mar. 22 - Kathy & Bob
Mar. 29 – Harry & Pat
Apr. 3 – Susan & Evelyn



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. 22 – Paul & Nancy

Mar. 29 – Chuka & Koko

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 (Iran, Ukraine,) 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.
- * Pray for Ali Tavosoli's family who resides in Iran.
- * Pray for Godfrey M. who is taking his last test to become a Go bus driver. His earnest hope and prayer is that his route will be near Graceview so that he can once again attend worship services.
- * Pray for Carolyn M. who will soon begin her GED studies. Her goal is to start nursing school once she passes her GEDs.
- * Pray for all of our congregants who are searching for meaningful employment. May something come their way soon.

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

Shirley Pollock's daughter Nancy, Lynne Hieminga, Ruth Ann Ross, Bob Woolley, Joan and Peter Kohar, Giulietta Ponzini, Ryan Jory, John Thomas, Harold Hussey, Teresia Njoki, Roman and Adrian P., Ed Lattimore, Ethel Waite, Debbie Homebrooke and family, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Sheila 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
- * 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
- * Monday, Apr. 20 @ 6:30 PM – Mission Team meeting
- * Sunday, Apr. 26 @ 10:30 AM – Mission Awareness Sunday
- * Tuesday, May 19 @ 6:30 PM – Session
- * Friday, Sept. 11 @ 2:00 PM – Music & Worship meeting



Prayer/Reader/Announcements for 2026

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
Mar. 22	Chris Parr	Nancy McPherson	Iris Lee
Mar. 29	Chuka Ikele	Al Bishop	Kathy Twynan
Apr. 3 (Good Friday)		Chris Parr & Nancy McPherson	
Apr. 5	Pastor Eric	Vi Lobodowsky	Nancy McPherson
Apr. 12	Bob Twynam	Nancy Green	Susan Chopp
Apr. 19	Nancy Green	Anna Cherniak	Bob Twynam
Apr. 26	Mission Team	Mission Team	Mission Team



Thanks to Carol Thomas for sharing this



WEEKLY SMILE

This is what a helping hand looks like...



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Facebook Page	Graceview Presbyterian Church		
Instagram Page	https://www.instagram.com/graceview.presbyterian?igsh=MnlpeXE5YTYyN2ly		

MARCH CALENDAR



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 Seeing and Seen Rev. Eric Lee	16	 17 Walking Group 11:00 Session 6:30	18	19 Service @ CPP 2:00	20	21
22 When God Arrives Too Late Rev. Eric Lee	23	24 *Walking Group 11:00 *Lenten Lunch and Prayer Hour 12:00 PM	25	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday When the King Arrived Rev. Eric Lee	30	31 Walking Group 11:00			3 Good Friday Communion Watching the Tomb Rev. Eric Lee	

