



Sunday, January 25, 2026

The Parables of the Kingdom
Matthew 13:31-35; 44-52

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WELCOME TO EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

We're so glad you are here to join us in our corporate worship of God this morning. Below is some information about our church.

Washrooms

Washrooms are located down the hall (towards the gym). Please accompany all children who need to leave during the service. Please note our main washrooms now have handicap access.

Children's Ministry

Nursery (0-24 months) and Preschool (2s and 3s) are open before the service. Children can be signed in at their respective rooms opposite the washrooms. Kindergarten (JK to Grade 1) and Children's Sunday School (Grades 2 to 5) are dismissed partway through the service. Children must be registered at the Welcome Centre prior to the service.

Nursing Mothers' Room

There is a private room in the nursery for nursing mothers where you can listen to the service. If you'd like to use this room, please ask one of the nursery workers.

Gymnasium

The gym will be open for fellowship and play following the morning service. There is no childcare provided during this time, so please keep an eye on your children to ensure their safety.

Financial Support

The members of Eastwood happily support the work of this church. If you would like to give, you may leave cash or a cheque donation in the mail slot next to the office door or send an e-transfer to tithe@eastwoodchurch.ca. All donations are tax receiptable provided your name and address are included on the donation.

Questions? Contact Rita Charron (Office Administrator) at office@eastwoodchurch.ca or 519-633-4131

ORDER OF SERVICE

Pre-Service

Welcome & AnnouncementsJohn Hood
Opening Prayer.....John Hood

Corporate Worship Service

Call to WorshipJohn Hood
Psalm 99:1-5

Worship in SongPraise Band
Praise to the Lord the Almighty
Oh How Good It Is

Corporate Word of ThanksgivingJohn Hood
Psalm 100

Prayer of Thanksgiving.....John Hood

Worship in SongPraise Band
Jesus Thank You

Pastoral PrayerSteve Kim

Dismiss ChildrenSteve Kim

Scripture ReadingSteve Kim
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Sermon.....Steve Kim

Worship in SongPraise Band
You Are My All in All
All I Have Is Christ

Commission.....Steve Kim

BenedictionSteve Kim
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Post-Service

Please join us for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the foyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Corporate Prayer Meeting (Today, 3:00-4:00 PM)

All church members and guests are welcome to join us in the Chapel for a time of prayer.

2. Members' Meeting (Sunday, February 1)

Following a short break for refreshments after the morning worship service, we will gather for our Members' Meeting. The agenda was emailed to members last Sunday. A limited number of printed copies are still available at the Welcome Centre.

3. Church Membership Class (Sunday, February 15, 3:00-5:00 PM)

This membership class will cover biblical local church membership and what that looks like in practice.

To join, please sign up at the Welcome Centre.

CORPORATE WORD OF THANKSGIVING

Responsive Reading from Psalm 100

Leader

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Congregation

Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Congregation

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.¹

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SERMON

Title: The Parables of the Kingdom

Text: Matthew 13:31-35; 44-52

1. The Exponential Growth of the Kingdom of Heaven (31-33)

A. The Parable of the Mustard Seed (31-32)

B. The Parable of the Leaven (33)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review: What is the definition and the purpose of a parable?
2. Is there anything in particular that stood out to you from the sermon?
3. In your own words, what is the main point of this passage?
4. Are you ever tempted to think that the kingdom of heaven is losing ground? If so, what circumstances or experiences lead you to think that way? How does this passage challenge or correct your understanding of how the kingdom grows and advances?
5. What are you prone to value in this life more than the kingdom of heaven? How do those values shape your time, energy, and desires?
6. Those who will be separated from the righteous are described as the evil—those who persist in sin without repentance and harden their hearts against the words of Christ. Are there sins you need to repent of today? What are they, and what would genuine repentance look like in your life right now? Take a moment to pray, confess these sins to the Lord, and ask him to cleanse you from all unrighteousness.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MINISTRY UPDATES

This Week

- Men's Floor Hockey (Monday, 7:00 PM)
- Women of Power (Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 AM)
- Moms & Tots (Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 AM)
- Men's Book Study (Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 PM)
- Prayer Meeting (Thursday, 10:00-11:00 AM, in the Chapel)
- Eastwood Youth – Grades 6-12 (Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM)
- Digging Deeper – Grades 6-12 (Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM)
- Members' Meeting (Sunday, after the morning worship service)

Family Day: Skating, Potluck, & Games (Monday, February 16)

Join us for a fun day of skating, a potluck lunch, and an afternoon of fellowship and board games!

Skating: 10:15-11:45 AM

Location: Joe Thornton Community Centre (Presstran-Formet Ice Rink), 75 Caso Crossing, St. Thomas

Potluck Lunch: 12:30 PM (*bring a dish to share*)

Location: Eastwood Baptist Church (Chapel)

Board Games: Bring your favourite game and stay for games after lunch.

Sign up at the Welcome Centre and let us know what type of dish you'll be bringing.

Baptism Service (Sunday, February 22, During the Morning Worship Service)

Join us as we celebrate Christ's work through the public profession of faith of those being baptized.

Free Food and Clothing

The first and third Saturdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

Men's Floor Hockey

The second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM. Participants must be 13 years or older. All participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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The third Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM.

Adult Volleyball

The third Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. Participants must be 18 years or older.

Corporate Prayer Meeting

The last Sunday of each month from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.