

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

L: I will sing of mercy and justice;

P: For mercy and justice are praises befitting God.

L: I will follow the way of mercy and justice, for it is the way to peace.

P: And on the seventh day peace was created.

Opening Hymn #452 – Jesus, stand among us

Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Assurance (Responsive)

L: Even now, God is at work in the world, reconciling us to one another through the Spirit of the risen Christ.

P: Thanks be to God for the gift of reconciliation offered to all, and for the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called. God being our helper, we will work for Peace.

Hymn #319 – Wherever I may wander

Family Focus/Children's Time

Responsive Psalm 46

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

L: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

P: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

P: Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

L: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow,

and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

P: 'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Micah 4:1-4 (NRSVUE)

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, ² and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

³ He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; ⁴ but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Romans 12:1-12

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world,^[c] but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are

members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. ⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Music Ministry

Message: When will we ever learn

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class – Father, forgive.

P: Father, forgive. The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own – Father, forgive - Father, forgive.

L: The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth – Father, forgive

P: Father, forgive. Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others – Father, forgive – Father, forgive.

L: Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee – Father, forgive –

P: Father, forgive. The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children – Father, forgive – Father, forgive.

L: The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God – Father, forgive

P: Father, forgive.

Hymn #727 – Let there be light (omit verse 4)

Mission Moment

Doxology #79: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Hymn #736 – For the healing of the nations

Benediction & Benediction song: Go Now In Peace

Welcome To Lucknow Presbyterian Church **November 12, 2023**



Worship Leader: Rev. Kathy Fraser

Upcoming Services:

- Nov. 19: Char Breitmaier
- Nov. 26: Rev. Jan Hazlett
- Dec. 3: First Sunday of Advent including communion led by Rev. Kathy Fraser
- Dec. 10: Children's Program
- Dec. 17: Annette Proconier
- Dec. 24 at 7 pm: Combined Christmas Eve service at Lucknow PC led by Mary Jane Bisset (**no morning service**)
- Dec. 31 at 10 am: combined service at South Kinloss PC led by Annette Proconier

Announcements

- Welcome to all. Thanks to Rev. Kathy for leading the service.
- Family Faith Formation continues at 9:30am
- "Let's Cook" class Wed Nov 15 at 9:30am – registration required
- Huron County Christmas Bureau – donations of cash or Cheques in person at: Wingham United Church from Nov 27-Dec 1 10am- 5pm (7pm on Nov 29) – or can donate on line – see poster
- Wed., Dec. 6: Carolfest at Kingsbridge Community Centre