

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

L: Let us praise the God of Truth!

P: Hallelujah! We seek God's truth.

L: Let us praise the God of Peace!

P: Hallelujah! We seek God's peace.

L: Let us praise the God of Love!

P: Hallelujah! In Christ we know God's love and so we offer our praise!

Opening Hymn #423: Sing your praise to God eternal

Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord's Prayer

Music Ministry

Hymn: This little light of mine (4 verses)

Family Focus/Children's Time

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NIV)

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ²for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸But since we

belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' ²¹"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²²"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' ²³"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²⁴ “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ ²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸ “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Message: Wasted Opportunities

Hymn #663: God whose giving knows no ending (Tune 483)

Mission Moment

Doxology #79: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Hymn #726: May the God of hope go with us every day

Benediction & Benediction song: Go Now In Peace

Welcome To Lucknow Presbyterian Church *November 19, 2023*



Worship Leader: Char Breitmaier

Announcements

- Welcome to all who are worshiping with us. Thanks to Char for leading the service this morning.
- Kirk in the Cedars today at 4pm at Camp Kintail
- Messy Church on Wed. Nov 22 from 4:45 to 7pm
- Wed., Dec. 6: Carolfest at Kingsbridge Community Centre

Upcoming Services:

- Nov. 26: Rev. Jan Hazlett
- Dec. 3: First Sunday of Advent, communion led by Rev. Kathy Fraser, baptism of Craig Raynard
- Dec. 10: Sunday School presentation starting at 9:30 am
- Dec. 17: Annette Proconier with extra Christmas music
- 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