

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (from Psalm 100)

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, everyone, everywhere!

**P: Worship the Lord with gladness and joy
Come into God's presence with singing**

L: Know that the Lord is God.

**P: It is God that made us, and we belong to God
We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture**

L: Enter God's gates and courts with praise

P: Give thanks to God always all the time

L: For the Lord is good

P: God's steadfast love endures forever

L: And God remains faithful to all generations

P: So let us worship God together!

Opening Hymn #11: The Lord's My Shepherd

Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord's Prayer

Music Ministry

Family Focus/Children's Time

Hymn #266: King of Kings

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 (NRSV)

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their

pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46 (NRSV)

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a

stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Meditation: What a Surprise!

Hymn #379: From Heaven you came

Mission Moment

Doxology #79: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Hymn #474: The Love of God Comes Close

Benediction & Benediction song: Go Now In Peace

Welcome To Lucknow Presbyterian Church **November 26, 2023**



Worship Leader: Rev. Jan Hazlett

Announcements

- Welcome to all who are worshiping with us. Thanks to Rev. Jan for leading the service this morning.
- Fri. Dec 1 Youth Group from 5-7pm at church
- Wed., Dec. 6: Carolfest at Kingsbridge Community Centre
- Soup & Bun lunch (with dessert) Wed Dec 13 11:30-1:00pm at church

Upcoming Services:

- Dec. 3: First Sunday of Advent, communion led by Rev. Kathy Fraser, baptism of Craig Raynard
- Dec. 10: Children's Program
- Dec. 17: Annette Proconier
- Dec. 24 at 7 pm: Combined Christmas Eve service at Lucknow led by Mary Jane Bisset (**no morning service**)
- Dec. 31 at 10 am: combined service at South Kinloss PC led by Annette Proconier