

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

One Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights.

All: Praise God, sun and moon!

One God's name alone is exalted.

All: God is above the earth and heaven.

One Young and old together, all creatures great and small.

All: Let us praise God's holy name, now and evermore!

Opening Hymn #160 Unto us a child is born

Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord's Prayer

. . . . through Jesus Christ this day and every day by your grace.

God of our lives and the time in which we live; we confess that we prefer our fantasy to your truth, and our plans to your purposes for us and the world. We shrink from costly discipleship and we seek cheap grace. Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and our shallow commitments, and guide us always so that we might walk in your way and follow the way of your son now and always; through the steadfast grace of Christ, who taught us to pray, saying

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Music Ministry

Hymn #466 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet

Family Focus

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm 148

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for at his command they were created,

and he established them for ever and ever—

he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

lightning and hail, snow and clouds,

stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

**kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on
earth,**

young men and women, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for his name alone is exalted;

his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

And he has raised up for his people a horn,

the praise of all his faithful servants,

of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.

Colossians 3:12-17 Living as Those Made Alive in Christ

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with

gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Message: Already and Not Yet

Hymn #692 Where charity and love prevail

(To tune ST. PETER as in Hymn #357)

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology #79

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Offertory Prayer

Mission Moment

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #811 Standing at the portal

Benediction

Benediction Song: Go Now In Peace

Musical Postlude

Lucknow Presbyterian Church

December 29, 2024

Minister: Rev. Robert Royal



Announcements

- Welcome to this Joint Sunday Worship Service at Lucknow Presbyterian Church as we stand at the portal of 2025.
- Please remain after the service for social time.
- Family Faith is held here each Sunday at 9:30am.
- Today, Dianne will collect and deliver our December donations for the North Huron Community Foodshare. Thank you for your donations.
- Tomorrow, from 1 – 2:45pm, Lucknow Messy Church is sponsoring Public Skating. Everyone is Welcome. Even if you are not lacing-up the skates, please come for a time of fun and fellowship. Hot chocolate, apple cider, and cookies, will be provided.
- January 1, 2025 – President’s Levee at the Royal Canadian Legion from 1 – 4pm. Our own Dayle Taylor is the Legion President. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.
- In 2025, we are planning the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for infants and adults, and the Reception of New Members. If you, or someone you know, would like to be baptized, or become a Member of the congregation, speak with your elder and/or Rev. Robert.