

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Liturgy – lighting of the candle

Hymn #119 Hope is a star (verse 3)

Opening Hymn #124 People in darkness

Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord's Prayer

God of Mercy; in your gracious presence we confess our sins and the sins of this world.

Merciful God; baptism promises the washing away of our sin and the start of our new life in Christ.

But we confess that we still love our old ways.

We sin against you and one another,

in what we do and in what we fail to do.

We excuse ourselves, and take comfort

in what is familiar and pleases us rather than what serves you.

Forgive us when we mistake such comfort

for the peace you offer us in Christ Jesus.

Prepare our hearts to embrace new ways of following Him,

as we pray the Lord's Prayer together,

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 #116 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Family Focus

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm 85

You, Lord, showed favor to your land;

you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

Restore us again, God our Savior,

and put away your displeasure toward us.

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what God the Lord says;

he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—

but let them not turn to folly.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,

that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;

righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,

and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed give what is good,

and our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Luke 3:1–6: John the Baptist Prepares the Way

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.
And all people will see God's salvation.'"

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Message: Pointing beyond ourselves

Hymn #126 On Jordans' bank

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 #118 Hark the glad sound (verses 1, 3, & 4)

Benediction

Benediction Song: Go Now In Peace

Musical Postlude

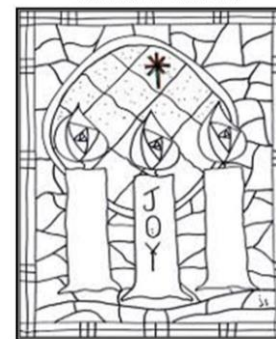
More Announcements

- Charitable Donations may be made to Lucknow Presbyterian Church by E-transfer at lpcfin@hurontel.on.ca
* Mailing address is required for a Tax Receipt. *
- If you, or someone you know, would like to be baptized, please speak with Rev. Robert.
- 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.

Lucknow Presbyterian Church

December 15, 2024

Minister: Rev. Robert Royal



Announcements

- Welcome to the Third Sunday of Advent
- Family Faith – Sundays at 9:30am.
- December 18 - Board of Managers Meeting at 7:15p.m.
- December 22 - Soup and Sandwich after church. Donations support the 'Child to Camp' project. Please bring sandwiches.
- Christmas Eve Joint Service - South Kinloss PC
December 24th at 7:00pm
- Final 2024 Sunday Service Joint Service - Lucknow PC Sunday, December 29th at 10:00am
- December 25 - 1:30 to 4 p.m. WMS hosting a Christmas Day Drop-in, refreshments, games, and fellowship.
- December 29 - Dianne will pick up and deliver our December donations for the North Huron Community Foodshare.
- December 30: 1 to 2:45 p.m. Lucknow Messy Church is sponsoring public skating. Everyone welcome. Cookies and hot chocolate/apple cider for snack.