

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Unison Call to Worship

**Beloved; God chooses us and calls us by name.
We belong to God. Alleluia!
Our lives have purpose because we belong to God.
We are called to be like Christ and follow Him.
We will find joy, peace, and restoration
through God's amazing grace.
Let us worship God who claims us and loves us!
Praise be to God!**

**Opening Hymn # 176 Songs of thankfulness and praise (v. 1, 2, 3, & 5)
(to the Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR – as in hymn #803)**

Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord's Prayer

*To you we give all praise, glory and honor, through Jesus Christ,
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always.*

**Merciful God; in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
but we confess that we prefer our old, familiar ways.
We cling to destructive habits, we harbor grudges,
and we are reluctant to welcome a stranger or forgive one another.
Nostalgia for the past prevents us from exploring new possibilities.
In your loving kindness, forgive us.
Have mercy upon us and move among us
so that we might pursue new life in Christ together,
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 # 476 Amigos de Cristo/Friends of the Lord

Family Focus

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.

**The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**

He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.**

The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.**

And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

**The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire".

The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased".

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Message: Claimed and called

Hymn # 182 What was your vow and vision

(to the Tune: Ellacombe – as in hymn #218)

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 with Response:

Our hearts kneel before you, O God.

Receive our humble prayers.

Closing Hymn #18 Through all the changing scenes of life (v. 1,2,3, 6)

Benediction

Benediction Song: Go Now In Peace

Musical Postlude

Lucknow Presbyterian Church

January 12, 2025

Minister: Rev. Robert Royal



Announcements

- Welcome to everyone attending today.
- Family Faith is held here each Sunday at 9:30am.
- January 15: Call or email Camp Kintail to make your reservations for Sunday Suppers in 2025.
- Wed. Jan 15 at 7:15pm: Board of Manager's Meeting
- Please submit all reports for the Annual Report by email to Luke Smith by the end of January. Email: vashtar@hurontel.on.ca
- 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.
- Collection plates are found at the entrance. Thank you to all who contribute financially or otherwise to our church.
- Eight week Bible Study opportunity on Zoom: <https://ministryforum.ca/events/the-bible-course> Thursdays from 7-8:30pm starting January 23
- We are looking for someone (or two) to do the Church Newsletter. Please see a session member for more details.
- Save the date: Coldest Night of the Year service, walk & lunch on Sunday February 16 at 10:00am.