

## Musical Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that we are gathering on the traditional territory of the Saugeen First Nation. Treaty forty-five and a half of 1836 covers this area.

### Lighting the Christ Candle

### Responsive Call to Worship

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come

All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Opening Hymn # 172** As with gladness men of old  
**Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord's Prayer**  
*O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.*

**God of goodness and guidance,  
In Christ you sent us light to live by,  
yet we seek shadows in which to hide.  
In him, you promise new life,  
but we prefer with old habits,  
nursing grievances and clinging to familiar opinions.  
You are generous with your love,  
but we reject neighbors and fear strangers who differ from us.  
Remake us in the image of your Son with your mercy,  
and teach us how to follow him in the year ahead  
as we pray the words Jesus taught,**

**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 # 174** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

### Family Focus

### Prayer of Illumination

### Scripture Readings:

### Responsive Psalm 145

I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise you

and extol your name for ever and ever.

**Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.**

**One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.**

They tell of the power of your awesome works—  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.

They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

**The Lord is near to all who call on him.**

**The Lord watches over all who love him.**

**My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.**

**Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever.**

### Ephesians 3:14 – 21

### A Prayer for the Ephesians

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Message:** Wearing the inside out  
**Hymn # 145** In the bleak mid-winter

**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 # 376** Lord, the light of your love is shining

**Benediction**

**Benediction Song: Go Now In Peace**

**Musical Postlude**

# Lucknow Presbyterian Church

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*Minister: Rev. Robert Royal*



## Announcements

- Happy New Year! Welcome to everyone attending today.
- Family Faith is held here each Sunday at 9:30am.
- Pinecrest service cancelled TODAY.
- Mon. Jan 6: Planning meeting for 2025 Shrove Tuesday meal (March 4) at 2 p.m. in Gathering Hall All welcome. Questions: contact Mae 519-528-3502
- Wed. Jan. 8: Soup & Bun lunch from 11:30-1:00pm – donations to Messy Church activities
- Wed. Jan 8 at 7:15pm: Session Meeting
- Thurs. Jan 9 at 2:00pm: WMS
- Please submit all reports for the Annual Report by email to Luke Smith by the end of January. Email: [vashtar@hurontel.on.ca](mailto: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.