

## Worship Planner for Sunday, March 30, 2025

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

PWS&D Lenten Liturgy

Opening Hymn #207 Lord Jesus, think on me

Prayer of Approach and The Lord's Prayer

*. . . through the love and mercy we meet  
in Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour.*

God of love and mercy;

when we pause for a moment in your presence,  
the daily details of our lives press in on us.

We recall things left undone, opportunities ignored.

We remember careless words spoken,  
disappointments that trouble our souls.

Forgive us, we pray, and hear us now

as we pray the Lord's Prayer,

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 #632 Help us accept each other

Family Focus

Prayer for Illumination

## Scriptures

### Responsive Psalm 32

Blessed is the one  
whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed is the one  
whose sin the Lord does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

**When I kept silent,  
my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.**

For day and night  
your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped  
as in the heat of summer.<sup>[b]</sup>

**Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and did not cover up my iniquity.**

**I said, "I will confess  
my transgressions to the Lord."**

**And you forgave  
the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore, let all the faithful pray to you  
while you may be found;  
surely the rising of the mighty waters  
will not reach them.

**You are my hiding place;  
you will protect me from trouble  
and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

**Do not be like the horse or the mule,  
which have no understanding  
but must be controlled by bit and bridle  
or they will not come to you.**

Many are the woes of the wicked,  
but the Lord's unfailing love  
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

**Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;  
sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

**Luke 15:1-3, 15:11-32**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Celebrate the return

**Hymn #640** Softly and tenderly

**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.

**Prayer of Dedication****Mission Moment****Prayers of the People****Closing Hymn #759 In loving partnership****Benediction****Benediction Song****Musical Postlude**

## Announcements

- Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent.
- WMS Soup and Sandwich today with donations to Together We can projects, Hummingbird and Nepal. Next month on April 27.
- Today is the North Huron food donation.
- Family Faith is held here each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30am.
- Worship at Pinecrest is the first Sunday of every month.
- Scavenger Hunt – March 21 to April 19.  
Journey through the story of Palm Sunday to Easter. Look for leafy clues at businesses around town for a surprise treat. Pamphlets available with details.
- Our Church Session is looking to add to its number by two (2) elders. The nomination period will be until April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Supper at Camp Kintail.
- Maitland Presbyterial is April 12<sup>th</sup> at South Kinloss. RSVP to Donna Sutton by April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Good Friday Service at Lucknow United Church.
- Easter Sunday Outdoor Service, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am, followed by breakfast and a fun 'egg-type' activity for all ages. Please speak with Dionne for details.
- SWO Synodical, April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at Camp Kintail. RSVP by March 31<sup>st</sup> to Donna Sutton.
- Spirituality Worship, April 24-25, with Rev. Kathy Fraser at Camp Kintail. Contact Camp for details.
- Mission Awareness Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> led by Lucknow WMS.
- Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. 152<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Service, led by The Rev. Kathy Fraser.
- Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Messy Church Camp Day - 'Wild About Woods'.
- Anyone interested in Baptism or Membership, please speak with your elder and/or Rev. Robert.

- Offering plates are found at the entrance.  
Thank you to all who contribute in a variety of ways to our church.

\*\*\* **Ministry Opportunity** \*\*\*

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