

## Lucknow & South Kinloss Presbyterian July 13, 2025

### Musical Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

- June 30<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> : Robert will be on vacation. Rev. Peggy Kinsman will provide Pastoral Care Coverage.  
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- Youth Group Lawn Bowling at the Bowling Greens beside the Tennis Courts Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm.
- FRIDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>! 4-7 at South Kinloss Presbyterian – Summer Carnival – Free Event – Bouncy Castle, music, balloons, face painting – ALL WELCOME.
- The organizers of Carolfest are wondering whether to hold this year's event on Wednesday, Dec. 3 in the evening or Sunday, December 7 in the afternoon. Please let Norma or Dale know if you have a preference.

### Combined Summer Services

July 20<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup> – Lucknow PC at 10:00am.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 24<sup>th</sup> – South Kinloss PC at 10:00am.

August 31<sup>st</sup> – Lucknow Arena Gazebo at 10:00am.

### Call to Worship:

One: My days are like the evening shadow;

**Many: I wither away like grass.**

One: But you, Lord, sit enthroned forever;

**Many: your renown endures through all generations.**

One: You will arise and have compassion on Zion,

**Many: for it is time to show favor to her.**

**ALL: Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord.**

Opening Hymn #65: "All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer (debts)

### Assurance of Pardon:

One: As far as the east is from the west,

**Many: So far does God separate the penitent from their sins!**

**ALL: Thank you, Jesus, for these words of assurance.**

Music Ministry

Hymn #475: "I am the Church! You are the Church!"

Family Focus

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 94:

O Lord, you God of vengeance,

**You God of vengeance, shine forth!**

Rise up, O judge of the earth;

**Give to the proud what they deserve!**

O Lord, how long shall the wicked,

**How long shall the wicked exult?**

They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast.

**They crush your people, O Lord, and afflict your heritage.**

They kill the widow and the stranger, they murder the orphan, and they say,

**"The Lord does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive"**

Understand, O dumbest of the people;

**Fools, when will you be wise?**

Does not God, who planted the ear, hear?

**Does not God, who formed the eye, see?**

Does not God, who disciplines the nations, who teaches knowledge to humankind, chastise?

**The Lord knows our thoughts, that they are but an empty breath.**

Blessed are those whom you discipline, O Lord, and whom you teach out of your law, giving them respite from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked.

**For the Lord will not forsake the people and will not abandon this heritage; for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.**

Who rises up for me against the wicked?

**Who stands up for me against evildoers?**

If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.

**When I thought, "My foot is slipping", your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.**

When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.

**Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who contrive mischief by statute?**

They band together against the life of the righteous, and condemn the innocent to death.

**But the Lord has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge.**

God will repay them for their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness;

**The Lord our God will wipe them out.**

### **Hebrews 12: 7-29**

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children, for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. <sup>9</sup> Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup> Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup> Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Pursue peace with everyone and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup> See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God, that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble and through it many become defiled. <sup>16</sup> See to it that no one becomes an immoral and godless person, as Esau was, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup> You know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, even though he sought the blessing<sup>[a]</sup> with tears.

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something<sup>[b]</sup> that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup> This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: “Whipped Into Shape”

Hymn #629: “Salvation and Immortal Praise”

Invitation to the Offering; Doxology #661; Prayer of Dedication

Mission Moment

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #642: “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Benediction

Benediction Song – Go Now in Peace – back of hymn book

Musical Postlude