

Welcome to Outdoor Worship

In Support of the North Huron Community Food
Share

(brought to you by South Kinloss & Lucknow Presbyterian
Churches)

We gather today beneath the open sky, embraced by the beauty of
creation and the warmth of compassionate hearts.

Today, as we lift our voices and prayers, we also lift up those in
need within our community.

Your presence and support for the North Huron Community Food
Share makes a tangible difference, bringing hope and nourishment
to tables throughout our region.

May this time of worship inspire us to share not only from our
abundance, but from our gratitude. May the love we experience
here overflow in acts of kindness and service.

- **Today's free-will offering will be forwarded to North Huron Community Food Share. Ways to contribute include:**
 1. E-transfer to treasurer@nhfoodshare.ca
 2. Cheques payable to North Huron Community Food Share mailed to: Box 133, Wingham Ontario, NOG 2W0
 3. Drop off Groceries and other items
(please email office@nhfoodshare.ca to arrange a drop off time) Healthy school items, canned vegetables and fruits, meat, fish, soup, cheese whiz, peanut butter, hygiene products

Sunday August 31, 2025

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

One: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

All: Darkness has been banished!

One: God's light of hope floods the earth.

All: God's light comes to us all.

One: Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

All: Prepare our hearts to receive this Light.

Opening Song: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]
3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]
4. For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Hear us now as we pray our confession together.

Lord of living Light; break our bonds of comfort and help us to realize the risk of discipleship for those who seek Your Light.

Shine brightly in us and through us. Forgive the blindness we so often offer to You. Give us vision of what You would have us be and do in the Light of Your Love as we pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray,

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

Song: "Breathe on me breath of God"

1. Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love as you have loved
and do as you would do.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, breath of God;
fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heavenly fire.
4. Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Children's Time - *When you wish upon a star*
Prayer for Understanding

Scriptures [The Message Bible]

Matthew 5: 14-16 (You are Light)

You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

Philippians 2:14-16 (Shining as Lights in the world)

The apostle Paul writes, “Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed! Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you on the day that Christ returns. You'll be living proof that I didn't go to all this work for nothing”.
One: This is God's Word.

All: Thanks to our living God.

Message: *Shine like stars in the night sky*

Song: “We seek your kingdom” (Tune of Abide with me).

1. We seek your kingdom throughout every sphere
We long for heaven's demonstration here
Jesus your light shine bright for all to see
Transform, revive, and heal society
2. Before all things, in him were all things made
Inspiring culture, media, and trade
May all our work serve your economy
Transform, revive, and heal society
3. Peace, truth, and justice reigning everywhere
With us be present in our public square

- Fill all who lead with your integrity
 Transform, revive, and heal society
4. Forgive us Lord, when we have not engaged
 Failing to scribe your heart on history's page
 Make us again what we were made to be
 Transform, revive, and heal society
 5. Faithful to govern ever may we be
 Selfless in service, loving constantly
 In everything may your authority
 Transform, revive, and heal society

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Mission Moment

Prayers of the People

Benediction and Song

GOD'S BLESSINGS AND CHRIST'S PEACE FOR YOUR DAY AND WEEK AHEAD

Thank you to *Lucknow Classics Band* for providing music today.

Please remain for refreshments/food after the service.

Announcements

- Next Sunday, September 7th – customary worship returns:
 - 9:30am at South Kinloss Presbyterian Church, 1188 South Kinloss Avenue, Lucknow.
 - 11:00am at Lucknow Presbyterian Church, 578 Havelock Street, Lucknow. Family Faith for Kids at 9:30am
- Sunday, September 21st at 10:30am – Fall Fair Worship Service (inside Arena). The pastors will be Linda Roberts (United Church) and Rob Royal (Presbyterian Church).
 - The keynote speaker will be Ed McGugan promoting opportunities for accessibility in agriculture.
 - A free-will offering will go to the Bruce - Grey and Huron County Farm Safety Day organizations.

- Messy Church – 4th Wednesday of the month at Lucknow Presbyterian from 4:45 to 7pm. Meal included. All ages.
- Sunday, September 28th: Ham & Scalloped Potato Supper at South Kinloss Presbyterian Church. Adults \$15.00, Youth (ages 5 – 12) \$8.00, and 4 and under free. Two sittings at 5:00pm and 6:30pm. Please see a church member for tickets.
- Rev. Royal (pastor South Kinloss and Lucknow Presbyterian Churches)
 - Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 8:30am to 12:00pm at Lucknow Presbyterian Church.
 - You can also contact Rev. Royal at royalmail@hurontel.on.ca and (519) 441-1724.