

Combined Worship Service - Sunday, August 17, 2025  
South Kinloss Presbyterian Church

Musical Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

God, our Shepherd,

**gather us together and lead us like a flock.**

God, our Gardener,

**plant us like a vineyard so that we produce good fruit.**

God, our Merciful Judge,

**we call upon your name in prayer and praise.**

We bow before you, O God,

**and offer our worship with glad and humble hearts.**

Opening Hymn #685 'How firm a foundation'

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

*Let us pray our confession together.*

Attentive God; you care for us like a gardener tending a beautiful

vineyard, blessing us with what we need to be fruitful. Yet we

confess that, all too often, we fail to live up to your hopes for us.

Instead of love and kindness, we produce anger and resentment.

Instead of generosity, we produce greed and jealousy. Forgive us,

O God. In your mercy, renew in us the fruit of the Spirit through the  
grace of Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray saying,

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 #746 'What a friend we have in Jesus'

Family Focus

Prayer for Illumination

### Scriptures

**Responsive Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19**

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

**You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**

**Awaken your might; come and save us.**

You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

**The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches.**

**Its branches reached as far as the Sea,  
its shoots as far as the River.**

Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes? Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it.

**Return to us, God Almighty!**

**Look down from heaven and see!**

**Watch over this vine,**

**the root your right hand has planted,  
the son you have raised up for yourself.**

Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish. Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

Then we will not turn away from you;  
revive us, and we will call on your name.  
Restore us, Lord God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

### Hebrews 12: 1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon: Running the race**

**Hymn #644 'May the mind of Christ my Saviour'**

### Announcements

- Pinecrest Worship Service today at 1:30pm. All welcome.
- Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>: Ham & Scalloped Potato Supper. \$15.00. Organized by the Board of Managers. There is a sign-up sheet.

**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 #477 'Your hand, O God, has guided' (Tune #479)

Benediction and Benediction Song

Musical Postlude

**GOD BLESS YOUR DAY AND WEEK AHEAD**