

## Worship Planner for Sunday, November 23, 2025

### Musical Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

- *Advent Devotional – ‘Journey to Christmas’ at Lucknow PC.*  
Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 2:00-3:00pm.  
Please RSVP to Mae by Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at (519) 531-0528.  
Everyone welcome.
- Family Faith is held here every Sunday at 9:30am.
- Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>- Messy Church from 4:45 to 7:00pm
- Santa Claus Parade- Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> Advent begins with Communion at our morning worship service
- Carolfest will be held at Lucknow United Church on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2pm. There is a snow date of Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Soup and Bun Luncheon 11:30am to 1:00pm
- Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am- Christmas Program & Lunch
- Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30pm- Youth Group Christmas Party at Lucknow PC
- Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm Joint Christmas Eve Service at Lucknow PC
- Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – WMS hosting Christmas Drop-in during the afternoon.  
Everyone welcome.
- Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Joint Service at South Kinloss
- Rev. Royal’s Office Hours at Lucknow PC: Tuesday to Friday- 8:30am to noon.

### Lighting Christ Candle

#### Responsive Call to Worship

Say among the nations, The Lord reigns.

**Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

God comes to judge the earth.

God will judge the world with righteousness and the people with truth.  
 Come, let us worship God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God now and always.

Opening Hymn #376 'Lord, the light of your love is shining'

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

*. . . . and now hear our Unison Prayer of Confession:*

God of wisdom and warning;  
 we confess that we often prefer our own plans to your purposes.  
 We shrink from acts of service that seem too demanding.  
 Forgive us when our commitment wavers  
 and we think someone else will take up the challenges we face.  
 Inspire us with the example of Jesus,  
 and energize us with your Spirit to follow him as our Shepherd,  
 in Whose name we 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

Hymn #689 'Simply trusting every day'

Family Focus

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 46- God's Defense of His City and People

God is our refuge and strength,  
 a very present help in trouble.  
 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
 though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
 though its waters roar and foam,  
 though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice; the earth melts.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations;  
I am exalted in the earth.”

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

### **Luke 23:33-43**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in<sup>[g]</sup> your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: Our places of greatest pain**

**Hymn #64 ‘Be still and know that I am God’**

**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 #267 'Rejoice, the Lord is King'

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude