

**Christmas Eve Worship Service**  
**Saturday, December 24, 2025**  
**at 6:30pm**  
**Lessons and Carols**

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**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

- Retiring Offering – please place your offerings in the offertory plates as you leave.
- Tomorrow from 1 to 4pm: WMS hosting an Open House here with snacks and activities. Everyone is welcome.
- Regular Sunday Worship Services:  
9:30am. South Kinloss Presbyterian Church  
11:00am. Lucknow Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Royal's Office Hours at Lucknow PC.  
Tuesday to Friday - 8:30am to noon.  
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**Advent Call to Worship and Candle Lighting**

**Hymn #153 'Joy to the world' (vs. 1)**

**Prayer for Illumination**

God of light and life; open our hearts to hear your promise of new life in the familiar stories of Christmas. Surprise us with new insights and refresh us with deep wisdom. Enfold us in

the light of your Holy Spirit as we attend to the baby in the manger. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Reader: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7**

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

**Hymn #168 'See amid the winter's snow'  
(vs. 1, 3, & 5)**

**Reader: Luke 2: 1-4**

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to their own town to register. So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

**Hymn #165 'O little town of Bethlehem'  
(vs. 1-2)**

**Reader: Luke 2: 5-7**

Joseph went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the

time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

### **Hymn #166 'Once in Royal David's City' (vs.1-2)**

#### **Reader: Luke 2: 8-14**

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born — Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"

### **Hymn #139 'Hark! The herald angels sing'**

#### **Reader: Luke 2: 15-20**

When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us." So, they hurried off and found Mary

and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

**Music Ministry: 'Oh come, all ye faithful'**  
**Soloist: Julie Fetter**

**Reflection: It happened at night**

**Christmas Prayer, Prayer for Gifts and Offerings, and Lord's Prayer**

Loving God; in this season of Christmas, we give you thanks that your love took flesh in the Christ child and that his story still fills us with wonder. In the busy time visiting with family and friends this season, we remember Mary and Joseph and their journey in the midst of another busy time. Watch over all who travel at this time of year, for happy reasons or in the face of difficulties. May they find your peace in the midst of their journeys. We take this moment to offer our silent prayers. (Silence). Hear these our prayers, O Lord, and cradle everyone in your holy wisdom, as we offer this Christmas Prayer and our prayer for the gifts and offerings we give this evening, in Jesus' name, 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.**

**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.**

### **Lighting of the Christmas Candles**

One: Arise, shine, dear people, for our Light has come!

**All: Christ is the World's true Light, on our paths and in our lives.**

One: Receive the light and let its warmth and glow be in your hearts this night.

**All: The glory of the Lord shines around us on this night.**

**Light Candles** (Robert and Elders each light a candle from the Christ Candle, and share the light with the congregation)

### **Benediction**

**Hymn #154 'Silent Night'** (Remain seated)

### **Musical Postlude**