

**Summer Combined Service
of
Lucknow & South Kinloss Presbyterian Churches**

**August 23, 2026
13th Sunday After Pentecost**

Service Participants

Worship Leader: – Mark Steinacher

Music Director – Norma Raynard

Musical Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Lighting Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

One: Come, all who desire to know God.

MANY: We come, for we want to see Jesus.

One: Come, all who thirst for the Spirit.

MANY: We come, for God is in our midst this day.

One: So let us praise God's holy name.

ALL: We will worship God with heart, mind, strength and soul, and declare God's goodness to us.

Opening Hymn “96 “Let Us With A Gladsome Mind”

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)
Assurance of Pardon

Music Ministry – Julie Fetter

Family Focus

Hymn #625 “Seek Ye First”

Prayer for Illumination –

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 150

Daniel 1

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Sermon: “Daniel's Daring Dietary Denial”

Hymn #644 “May The Mind Of Christ My Saviour”

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology #661

Prayer of Dedication

Mission Moment

Responsive Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #634 “Will You Come And Follow Me?”

Benediction

Benediction Song Go now in Peace (front of hymnbook)

Musical Postlude

Mark's Limerick to share:

There once was a few, bright and clever,

Called by God to a per'lous endeavour.

He said: "Be a pal,

Give me food that's banal,

Then I will be healthier than ever!"

Psalm 150

Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the Lord!

Daniel 1

Daniel's Training in Babylon

¹In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god.

³Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— ⁴young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians.^[a] ⁵The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

⁶Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël and Azariah.⁷The chief official gave

them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishaël, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

⁸But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.⁹ Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, ¹⁰but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."

¹¹Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël and Azariah, ¹²"Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." ¹⁴So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

¹⁵At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. ¹⁶So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

¹⁷To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

¹⁸At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

²¹And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.