

**Welcome To South Kinloss  
Presbyterian Church  
April 28, 2024**



***Worship Leader: Rev. Kathy Fraser***

**Announcements**

- Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. Thanks to Rev. Kathy for leading the service and to those who brought items for the food bank. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.
- Please continue to pray for Wilma as she recovers in hospital and Bruce as he settles into Nine Mile Villa.
- Today after church: separate Board and Session meetings
- Almost Famous Players presents “Something Old, Something New” at Wingham Town Hall Theatre: Apr. 30 at 7 pm, May 2 at 7 pm and May 5 at 2 pm. See poster in the front entrance.
- May 4 at 5 pm: Secret Pal wrap up barbecue: Margaret will give more details verbally.
- May 10 or 11: Workshop on “Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart” led by author, activist and public theologian, Brian McLaren. In person and online participation options are available. Dale has more details.
- May 12: Sunday School collects change for bedkits distributed by Sleeping Children Around the World

**Upcoming Services:**

- May 5 at 10:30 am: LPC anniversary service led by Rev. Jack Whytock – no church at South Kinloss PC
- May 12: Service led by Annette Proconier
- May 19: Mission service and communion led by Rev. Theresa MacDonald Lee
- June 2: Rev. Robert Royal preaches for a call followed by a congregational meeting and vote. Everyone is encouraged to attend if at all possible.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

L: In the beginning of time, the Spirit of God brought order and peace out of chaos.

**P: At this moment of time, let us allow the same Spirit of God to bring order and peace out of the chaos of our lives.**

L: At the beginning of time, as creation was in the works, God looked around and saw that it was good.

**P: At this moment in time, let us look around and see all that is good.**

L: In the beginning of time, when creation was complete, God rested and declared a day of Sabbath.

**P: At this moment in time, let us rest in the Sabbath, and worship God.**

**Opening Hymn #39 – God of mercy, God of grace**

**Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon**

L: In Jesus Christ we are given new life, so, let us live in the freedom of what that represents:

**P: Our past is redeemed; our present is blessed, and our future is filled with hope. Thanks be to God.**

**Music Ministry**

**Family Focus/Children’s Time**

**Hymn # 420 – Praise, I will praise you, Lord**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Responsive Psalm 67 (NRSV)**

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

**P: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**P: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**

**All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth  
revere him.**

**Scripture Reading: Acts 16: 9-15 (NRSV)**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup> We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed<sup>[b]</sup> there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

**Message:** The Curious Case of Lydia and Paul

**Hymn #634 - Will you come and follow me?**

**Mission Moment, Doxology #79 and Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn:** Draw the Circle Wide

**Benediction**

**Benediction song: Walk With the Lord**