

**South Kinloss Presbyterian Church
Thanksgiving Sunday, Oct. 14, 2024**

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

God blesses us with gifts of love,

In relationships that bring joy and gratitude.

God blesses us with talents and opportunities to serve,

All we need for faithful living.

God protects us in times of danger,

And guards us from the time of trial.

So we gather to offer thanksgiving to the Lord our God.

Praise be to God for all good things, now and always!

Opening Hymn #802 For the fruits of all creation

Prayers of Approach and Lord's Prayer

God of all creation; in this season of harvest thanksgiving, we are struck by the beauties of autumn, leaves in bright colours, birds flying south in formation, fields ripe with produce. Such beauty speaks of your goodness that provides what each beloved creature needs. On this Thanksgiving weekend, renew our gratitude for what you give to us in the fruitfulness of creation, and in Christ Jesus who teaches us how to walk wisely on the earth you made. *For all your good gifts we honour you with thanks and praise, now and always.*

God of our lives; even in these challenging times,

we know we enjoy an abundance many cannot imagine.

Yet we confess we do not always recognize these blessings. We

worry about the future, and whether our families can flourish.

Forgive our fears of going without,

and show us how to share the goodness that is already ours, as we

pray the words Jesus taught us, 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

Be at peace this day. Jesus, our High Priest, knows the temptations of the human heart. From the throne of grace, he offers us mercy in our weakness, to renew us in faithfulness. Thanks be to God.

Music Ministry

Hymn #441 Can a little child like me

Family Focus/Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

God of wisdom; send us your Spirit to open our minds to your Word. Move our hearts to deeper love, and our wills to greater service, through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

Scriptures:

Responsive Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Ephesians 5:15-17

Be very careful, then, how you live; not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The morning side

Hymn #457 Now thank we all our God

Mission Moment**Invitation to the Offering**

At Thanksgiving, we celebrate the gifts of God's good earth which sustain us. Today, we offer what we have to share in gratitude, praying our gifts will make a difference in difficult times, trusting that God goes with us, whatever we face.

Doxology #79**Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God; we offer you our thanks for all the goodness we enjoy in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we bring and use them to relieve the need and anxiety many feel these days. May anxious lives see signs of your love and joy in what we can offer them in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and friend. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Kind and Generous God; as we give thanks for the harvest, we pause to praise you for all those things, both great and small, which fill our lives with meaning and offer us a sense of well-being. *(Silence)*

By your Spirit, O God,

May our friends see in us signs of a grateful heart.

Merciful and Generous God; as we give thanks for the harvests of the earth, show us how to live respectfully in creation and protect all that is precious to you. In a year when harvests vary across our country, show us how to share what has been produced so that no one goes hungry: *(Silence)*

By your Spirit, O God,

May our friends see in us signs of a grateful heart.

Just and Generous God; we pray for the wellbeing of your world and our own community. Where there is hostility between nations or neighbours, inspire leaders to show wisdom and courage in decision making. We pray for areas hard hit by flood, storm, fire or earthquake, and for all those struggling in an uncertain economy. May neighbours with resources maintain generosity and compassion for the long work of reconstructing lives and livelihoods *(Silence)* By your Spirit, O God,

May our friends see in us signs of a grateful heart.

Healing and Generous God; we pray for those facing health challenges or difficult times for any reason, and we pray for family and friends under stress or in sorrow. Give us patience and understanding as we draw near to them and help us reach out with compassion. *(Silence)* By your Spirit, O God,

May our friends see in us signs of a grateful heart.

O God; in Jesus Christ we have met your generous love and mercy. Through our lives and by our prayers, reveal his love and mercy in this generation, for it is in his name we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn #324 Great is thy faithfulness

Benediction**Sending Song: Walk with the Lord**

Walk with the Lord. Go from this place,
filled with His everlasting grace.
Walk with the Lord. Go where He leads,
blessed by His love and His peace.
Each day you live, in all you do,
let the light of Christ be found in you.
Walk with the Lord. Trust and obey.
Go now and serve Him in faith.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Musical Postlude