

**South Kinloss Presbyterian Church**  
**October 6, 2024**

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

- Welcome to everyone worshiping here today.
  - Today is Rally Day for the Sunday school
  - Please remain for refreshments following the service.
  - There is a sign-up sheet in the main entranceway if you would like to help out with refreshments on any given Sunday.
  - The WMS is planning to put up a mitten tree in Armstrong's Bakery for donations of hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves, etc., starting in early October.
  - Today at 11:00am at Lucknow Presbyterian Church: Outdoor Worship Service with Pet Blessing honouring St. Francis of Assisi; Patron Saint of Animals and the Environment. All animals must be leashed or restrained for safety reasons.
  - October 9 WMS Fall Rally at Lucknow Presbyterian Church. Registration at 10:15 am.
  - October 20 - 9:30am Service and Communion
  - December 1, 2024, at 1:00 pm. Mark your calendar. We are looking forward to the Camp Kintail Christmas Dinner for South Kinloss and Lucknow Presbyterian Churches. We will need numbers interested in going forward. Cost: \$30/ adult. \$15/ youth 16 and under. Infants free.
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**Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that we are gathering on the traditional territory of the Saugeen First Nation. Treaty forty-five and a half of 1836 covers this area.

**Responsive Call to Worship:**

God calls each of us to lead using the gifts given to us;  
**Some to be prophets, some to work miracles,  
some to encourage, and some to teach.**

There are different kinds of gifts,  
**but the same Spirit!**

There are different kinds of ways to serve God,  
**but one God to serve and worship! Let us worship God  
together.**

**Opening Hymn #299** Holy, holy, holy (3 verses)

**Prayers of Approach and Lord's Prayer:**

Wonderful God; we rejoice in your grace and your love. We adore you with hearts, minds, bodies, and souls, and are moved to offer you our worship and praise. You are a God who leads and calls us, who loves and sustains us, who teaches and enlivens us, *through your Word, guidance, and Holy Spirit.*

**We confess that sometimes our desires and our behaviours pull us away from you. We ignore your call, put down those we love, find ways to hate, and turn to superficial sustenance. We ask for your mercy and grace. Hear us now as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, 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:**

Through Christ, we have been born anew into a life of hope, becoming an example of God's compassion. With assurance we can say that we are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

### **Music Ministry**

**Hymn #655** Give me oil in my lamp (4 verses plus chorus)

### **Children's/Family Focus: Commissioning the Church school**

In the sacred story of our faith, women and men have always been called by the One who is the source of truth and wisdom to guide and teach God's people. In the Old Testament we are called to pass down God's commandments to our children and to speak about God's law constantly. At the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus commissioned the disciples to go out into the world to teach and preach the Good News. Today, we celebrate people who have responded to God's call and we joyfully commission the educators of our congregation as they use the gifts they have been given to lead and guide our Sunday School classes.

### **Invite the teachers and Christian education leaders to come forward.**

Through Jesus Christ and by God's Spirit, God has given each of us gifts with which to serve the church and the world. We are blessed by teachers and leaders who use their gifts in creative and faithful ways, and they stand before us now, just having begun a new year of service. With deep gratitude for the blessings we receive through the service of these people, we commission them for service as Christ has called them.

### **Commissioning Questions to Teachers:**

Do you promise to prepare your programs with hearts and minds open to the leading and inspiration of the Holy Spirit? **We do.**

Do you promise to carry out this work with enthusiasm and joy, patience and courage, trust and love? **We do.**

Do you promise to trust in God's guidance, ever seeking to learn as you lead, to listen as much as you speak, and to walk with people with faith and authenticity? **We do.**

### **Question to the Congregation:**

These teachers and leaders have a vital role in the nurturing of our faith. Will you support them with prayer, encouragement, interest and compassion? **We will.**

### **Question to the Children and Young People:**

You are a very important part of our congregation. Thank you for being here! We have a question for you. Will you participate with enthusiasm and joy and will you bring your questions with you as you explore with your teachers God's incredible love for you? **We will.**

### **Presentation of Bible to Olivia**

#### **Commissioning Prayer:**

Guiding God; you have made us all with our own special gifts. Like a body that has many parts, we are a community with many parts. We thank you for all the ways in which you interact with our lives. Today, we ask for your presence with our teachers—those who serve by helping us to go deeper with you. We thank you for each one of them—for the ways in which they illumine

your Word, expand our horizons and endure our curiosities. May each of them be granted wisdom, patience and confidence. May their reliance be placed in you but also may they feel encouraged by us. Inspire us to take the time to participate in Christian education so that we too can live out our baptismal vows—to mature as Christians in the church and to engage in God’s mission to the world. As your Spirit works among us, remind us of our need to learn more. Help each of us to recognize our gifts so that the world may know your love and compassion. Guide us as we represent you to all who we meet. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Father in heaven; as we open Your Word this day, we pray You will open our spirits, hearts, and minds to Your message. Amen.

#### **Scriptures: Responsive Psalm 32**

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

**You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

**Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.**

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

**Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

#### **1 Timothy 4: 1-2, 4-5, 10-15**

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to

teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Sunday school

**Hymn #475** I am the church! You are the church! (5 vs plus chorus)

**Mission Moment**

**Invitation to the Offering**

God has provided us with all we need and more.  
Let us now return a portion of ourselves to God.

**Doxology #79**

**Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious and generous God; we thank you for all your gifts to us, and pray that we can use these monies for the furtherance of Your Gospel in the world. In Jesus name. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer; we thank you for the world around us, for the wonders found in your creation; the gentle patter of rain and the piercing light of a sunny day. We thank you for the gifts in our lives and the joys we find in community, and the redeeming love of your Son. We thank you for the prophets, the encouragers, the generous givers, the caregivers, the leaders, and the teachers of Christs Church. Help us all to discern

our gifts and how they can be used for the building up of our local and faith community. Teach us to love one another, to forgive one another, to be agents of peace in this world, and to serve you by lifting up the oppressed and exploited. Help us to show kindness, humility, and grace. May we live out your call for us to live in the unity of Your Spirit through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Closing Hymn #485** Saviour, like a shepherd lead us (3 verses)

**Benediction**

**Benediction Song:** Walk with the Lord

**Musical Postlude**