

South Kinloss Presbyterian Church
Dec., 22, 2024 - 4th Sunday in Advent

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Liturgy – Love

Hope is a star #119 (verse 4)

Opening Hymn #143 Infant holy, Infant lowly

Prayer of Approach and The Lord's Prayer

*Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sins and the sins of this world.*

Although we have found love in Christ, we have not loved as you love us and we have too often been careless with our words, our bodies, and how we treat others and your world. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us. Heal us, forgive us and set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ, 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. 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

Music Ministry (Rachael)

Hymn #109 All earth is waiting

Family Focus

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm 80:1-7

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might; come and save us.

**Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears;

you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

You have made us an object of derision to our neighbours, and our enemies mock us.

**Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

Luke 1:46-55

Mary's Song – The Magnificat

And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. His mercy extends to

those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors”.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Magnify

Hymn #164 O little town of Bethlehem

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology #79

Prayer of Dedication

Mission Moment

Music Ministry (Alex)

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #148 It came upon a midnight clear

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude

Announcements for December 22, 2024

1. Welcome to everyone joining us today on this 4th Sunday in Advent.
2. Thanks to Marilyn for providing refreshments following the service. Everyone is invited to join us.
3. Christmas Eve combined service at South Kinloss Church - Tuesday, December 24, at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome.
4. December 29 - Combined service at Lucknow PC at 10:00 am.
5. Wed., Jan. 8 at 2 pm: WMS meeting at Nancy's. Roll call: payment of annual dues and an idea for the 2025 program
6. If you are interested in baptism or becoming a member of the church, please speak with an elder or Rev. Robert for more details.