

South Kinloss Presbyterian Church
Dec. 8, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Liturgy

Hymn #119 Hope is a star (verse 2)

Opening Hymn #124 People in darkness

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Gracious God; in your gracious presence we confess our sins and the sins of this world.

Merciful God; baptism promises the washing away of our sin and the start of our new life in Christ. But we confess that we still love our old ways. We sin against you and one another, in what we do and in what we fail to do. We excuse ourselves, and take comfort in what is familiar and pleases us rather than what serves you. Forgive us when we mistake such comfort for the peace you offer us in Christ Jesus. Prepare our hearts to embrace new ways of following Him, as we pray the Lord's Prayer together,

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

Hymn #116 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Family Focus

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm 85

You, Lord, showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.**

You set aside all your wrath
and turned from your fierce anger.

**Restore us again, God our Savior,
and put away your displeasure toward us.**

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

**Show us your unfailing love, Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

I will listen to what God the Lord says;

he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.

**Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

**Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.**

Luke 3:1–6

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God’s salvation.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Pointing beyond ourselves

Hymn #126 On Jordan’s bank

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology #79

Prayer of Dedication

Mission Moment

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #118 Hark the glad sound (verses 1, 3, & 4)

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude

Announcements

1. Welcome to everyone worshiping here today on this 2nd Advent Sunday.
2. Please remain for refreshments following the service.
3. Next Sunday December 15 at 9:30am. SK Sunday School Christmas Concert
4. Tuesday December 24 at 7:00pm. Christmas Eve Joint combined service at South Kinloss PC
5. Sunday, December 29 at 10:00am. Final 2024 Sunday combined service at Lucknow PC
6. In the spring of 2025, we are planning the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for infants and adults. If you, or someone you know, would like to be baptized, please speak with Rev. Robert.
7. If you would like to become a Member of South Kinloss Presbyterian Church, there are different ways to make this happen. These include attending Communicant’s classes with Profession of Faith, Membership Transfer, and Act of Session. Please speak with an elder and/or Rev. Robert for more details.