

**South Kinloss Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, January 12, 2025**

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Unison Call to Worship**

**Beloved; God chooses us and calls us by name.  
We belong to God. Alleluia!  
Our lives have purpose because we belong to God.  
We are called to be like Christ and follow Him.  
We will find joy, peace, and restoration  
through God's amazing grace.  
Let us worship God who claims us and loves us!  
Praise be to God!**

**Opening Hymn #176** Songs of thankfulness and praise (v. 1, 2, 3, & 5) (Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR – hymn #803)

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

*To you we give all praise, glory and honor, through Jesus Christ, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always.*

**Merciful God; in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, but we confess that we prefer our old, familiar ways. We cling to destructive habits, we harbor grudges, and we are reluctant to welcome a stranger or forgive one another. Nostalgia for the past prevents us from exploring new possibilities. In your loving kindness, forgive us. Have mercy upon us and move among us so that we might pursue new life in Christ together, 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 #476** Amigos de Cristo/Friends of the Lord

**Family Focus**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings**

**Responsive Psalm 29**

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

**The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**

He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.**

The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

**The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

**John the Baptist Prepares the Way**

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire".

**The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus**

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased".

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Claimed and called

**Hymn #182 What was your vow and vision**

(to the Tune: Ellacombe – as in hymn #218)

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Doxology #79**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Mission Moment**

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn #18** Through all the changing scenes of life (v. 1, 2, 3, & 6)

**Benediction and Benediction Song**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Welcome to everyone worshipping here today. Please remain for refreshments following the service.
- Thursday, January 16 at 3:45 pm - session meeting at the church
- If you are interested in baptism or becoming a member of the church, please speak with an elder or Rev. Robert for more details.
- Due to the recent postal strike, the Canadian government is allowing individuals to claim charitable donations made in January and February of 2025 on their 2024 tax return. If you plan to do this, please let Diane know so she can provide a separate receipt. Remember she can now also be contacted by emailing her at [skpreschur@gmail.com](mailto:skpreschur@gmail.com)