South Kinloss Presbyterian Church – January 5, 2025

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come

All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Opening Hymn #172 As with gladness men of old

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

God of goodness and guidance, In Christ you sent us light to live by, yet we seek shadows in which to hide. In him, you promise new life, but we prefer with old habits, nursing grievances and clinging to familiar opinions. You are generous with your love, but we reject neighbors and fear strangers who differ from us. Remake us in the image of your Son with your mercy, and teach us how to follow him in the year ahead as we pray the words Jesus taught, 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 #174 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Family Focus

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 145

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

They tell of the power of your awesome works— and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

The Lord is near to all who call on him. The Lord watches over all who love him. My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Ephesians 3:14 – 21

A Prayer for the Ephesians

For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Wearing the inside out

Hymn #145 In the bleak mid-winter

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology #79

Prayer of Dedication

Mission Moment

Prayers of the People with Response

Our hearts kneel before you, O God.

Receive our humble prayers.

Closing Hymn #376 Lord, the light of your love is shining

Benediction and Benediction Song

Musical Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to everyone worshiping here today on Epiphany Sunday and the first Sunday of 2025.
 Happy New Year!
- Please remain for refreshments following the service.
- The Sunday School children will be collecting change today for Sleeping Children Around the World. Let's support this important mission.
- If you are interested in baptism or becoming a member of the church, please speak with an elder or Rev. Robert for more details.