

South Kinloss Presbyterian Church
Sunday, March 2, 2025 - Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome and 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: The church lives to praise God.

All: We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day, Sunday by Sunday.

One: Through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments, in praise, prayer, teaching and fellowship, God sustains the life of the church.

All: We worship God, offering ourselves in the service of Christ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit.

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

Prayer of Approach and The Lord's Prayer

God of grace and God of glory; you reveal your presence to the world in radiant glory and gentle whispers, on mountain tops and lowly plains, in classrooms and hospital beds, in homes and churches, in the silence of nature and the sounds of cities. Yours is the presence that pushes past our fears, yours is the touch that transforms our doubts. We come before you to celebrate your goodness, to focus on your light, and offer you all praise, honour and thanksgiving, for you are our God and we are your people, now and always.

In your mercy, hear us now as we confess our sins:

God of mercy and forgiveness; facing the light of your goodness, we confess all that keeps us from sharing that goodness. We are distracted by the desire to have more than we need. We focus on our own disappointments rather than trust the future you create. Transfigure us by your grace, and shape us into disciples who follow Christ's leading each day 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

Do not be afraid. God's forgiveness shines into the world. The morning star rises in our hearts, and we are made new. Know that you are forgiven and forgive one another in Christ's name. Amen.

Musical Ministry

Hymn #773 Jesus bids us shine

Family Focus

Prayer for Illumination

God of all wisdom and truth; we seek your guidance as we hear the Scriptures read and interpreted today. Send your Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts, to give us fresh understanding and a renewed commitment to follow your Word. Amen.

Scriptures: Responsive Psalm #99

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise your great and awesome name; he is holy.

The King is mighty, he loves justice; you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the Lord and he answered them.

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

Lord our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds. Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

Luke 9:28-36 The Transfiguration

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Wherever we are, God is there

Hymn #585 Christ, you call us all to service

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

God has been revealed in glory for the healing of the world. We have glimpsed that healing in the hope we share in Christ, even in these challenging times. Let us present our gifts to God so that this healing and hope will continue to spread in the world God loves.

Doxology #661, verse 1

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God; you have given us life and blessed us in Christ with new life. Bless the gifts we offer today, and bless our lives, so that others

may see his grace at work in us and what we offer the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mission Moment

Prayers of the People

Revealing God; you bless us with your presence and wisdom, and we marvel at the wonders of your love. You created a beautiful world that reveals your majesty. You sent your Son to show us how to live with compassion. Your Holy Spirit guides us on our way. Thank you for opening our eyes to your presence each day. Help us to recognize you not only in mountaintop experiences, but also in everyday tasks and in times of great challenge. Loving God; Much in this world needs the transformation only you can provide. Where there is violence, bring calm; where there is poverty, send sustenance; where there is confusion, bring wisdom; where there is chaos, create order; where minds and hearts are troubled, bring comfort; where pain is crippling, grant release. Move the hearts of the rich to share with those in need; and call the powerful to act with justice for those at risk. Give us all the will to work for the wellbeing of the earth and to live with respect for the fragile balances within your creation. Eternal God; we pray for your church around the world and for our congregation. Give your people the energy to shine wherever there is persecution, despair or discouragement. Bless each congregation with wisdom and vision, as we face the changes that we see around us. Renew our imagination and commitment to develop new forms of ministry and mission for the days ahead. Inspire us with greater delight in your mystery, and greater joy in seeking your presence. Hear us now in the silence of our hearts. (silence for approximately 30 seconds). We ask all these things through Jesus Christ, who revealed your will to us through your transformational love. Amen.

Closing Hymn #475 I am the church! You are the church!

Benediction

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of God's Holy Spirit be with you now and until time is no more. Amen.

Benediction Song