

South Kinloss Presbyterian Church
March 30, 2025

Welcome

PWS&D Lenten Liturgy

One: Like the prodigal son, we sometimes waste our lives

All: running toward arrogant and unthinking excess.

One: Like the older brother, we sometimes lose our way

All: resenting the blessings others receive.

One: But to all, Christ offers grace—a new creation and a reconciled world,

All: so let us be glad and rejoice in the steadfast love of the Lord.

Opening Hymn #207 Lord Jesus, think on me

Prayer of Approach and The Lord's Prayer

... through the love and mercy we meet in Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour.

God of love and mercy; when we pause for a moment in your presence, the daily details of our lives press in on us. We recall things left undone, opportunities ignored. We remember careless words spoken, disappointments that trouble our souls. Forgive us, we pray, and hear us now as we pray the Lord's Prayer,

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 #773 Jesus bids us shine

Family Focus

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore, let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Luke 15:1-3, 15:11-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He

longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ ““My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Celebrate the return

Hymn #640 Softly and tenderly

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology #79

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Mission Moment

Announcements

Wednesday, April 2nd at 2:00pm. WMS will meet at Nancy MacIntyre’s. Roll Call will be craft items, etc. for Camp Kintail. A list of requested items is posted at the foot of the stairs.

Friday, April 18th at 11:00am. Good Friday Worship Service at Lucknow United Church.

Scavenger Hunt – March 21 to April 19. Journey through the story of Palm Sunday to Easter. Look for leafy clues at businesses around town for a surprise treat. Detailed pamphlets are available in the basement.

Saturdays, April 12, April 19, May 3, May 10 – Membership classes will be held these 4 Saturdays in the church hall, from 9:30 -11:00am.

Easter Sunday, April 20, we will celebrate the Ordination and Induction of Mary Downey and Ellen Peel as Ruling Elders.

Sunday, May 4th at 10:00am. 152nd Anniversary Service at Lucknow Presbyterian Church. Rev. Kathy Fraser will lead worship.

Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 11, including the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Save the Date! Saturday, May 31^s *Secret Pal* Wrap-Up Dinner at 5pm.

Rev. Royal’s Office Hours and contact information is posted

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #759 In loving partnership

Benediction and Benediction Song