

**South Kinloss Presbyterian Church**  
**Lenton Communion - Sunday, February 22, 2026**

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

- Today, we celebrate Holy Communion, followed by a Soup & Sandwich Lunch and the Annual General Meeting.
- Mark the date! The Secret Pal Program *Wind-up Celebration* is scheduled for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.
- Lent Devotional beginning Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00pm at Lucknow Presbyterian. All welcome as we journey through Lent. Call Mae (519) 531-0528 for more details.
- The Men's Fellowship will gather Wednesday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall here at South Kinloss Church. This will be a time of fellowship, conversation, and a devotion. Let Rob know if you're coming. There will be *allergy-free treats*.

**Responsive Call to Worship**

God holds us in a covenant of grace. The promise to Noah is our promise too: God will never destroy the whole world in order to make things new.

**Rather, God will work through us to make things new.**

We need change that turns us inside out, focusing us on the needs of those around us.

**May we embrace the changes that will leave fear behind and open up a whole new world ahead.**

May the God of the rainbow assure us that the world is in good hands.

**May Christ, who shared our humanity, open our hearts to the pain of all who suffer.**

May the Holy Spirit give us courage and conviction to stand up to oppression.

**May we hear the call of the God of covenant and change.**

**Opening Hymn #815 'New every morning is the love'**

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

*Hear us now as we lift our confessions to you.*

**Merciful God; we confess our sin and the sin of this world.**

**We have found peace in Christ, but we are a people divided against ourselves. We confess that we cling to the values of a broken world rather than the principles of your kingdom. In your mercy, heal us, forgive us and set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying,**

**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**

**Family Focus**

**Hymn #357 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds' (vs 1 – 4)**

**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!**

#### **Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness**

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** From temptation to the cross

**Communion Hymn #534 'All who hunger, gather gladly'**

#### **Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **Communion Liturgy**

##### **Invitation to the Offering**

##### **Doxology #661**

**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**

##### **Mission Moment**

##### **Closing Hymn #744 'Will your anchor hold'**

##### **Benediction**

##### **Benediction Song**

##### **Musical Postlude**