

**South Kinloss and Lucknow Presbyterian Church
Combined Summer Service: Sunday, July 26, 2026**

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

- Welcome to everyone worshipping here this morning
- Thanks to the organizers Ellen, Hazel and Heather of the Summer Festival and all those who made Friday's event a wonderful success

Summer Worship Services

- Aug. 2 at 10 am (inside service) – South Kinloss PC
- August 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 10:00am - Lucknow PC
- September 6 at 10:00am - Lucknow Gazebo

Responsive Call to Worship

Give thanks to God and call on God's holy name.

We will tell of God's wonderful works!

Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

We will sing God's praises!

Give glory to God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

We will remember God's mercy in all our words and actions.

Opening Hymn #757 Come sing, O church, in joy!

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

*With humble confidence in your loving kindness and grace,
we now confess to you our sins:*

Merciful God; we confess we are not always merciful people. We turn away in anger rather than seeking peace and solutions. We criticize those who differ from us in culture or conviction, rather than seeking understanding.

We hold grudges and hurt for a lifetime, rather than forgiving as you have forgiven us. In your mercy, give us peace, amend who we are and direct who we shall be, as we pray the prayer Jesus 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 #389 Breathe on me, breath of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 119:129-136

Your laws are wonderful! That's why I guard them.

Access to your words gives light, giving simple folk understanding.

I open my mouth up wide, panting, because I long for your commandments.

Come back to me and have mercy on me; that's only right for those who love your name.

Keep my steps steady by your word; don't let any sin rule me.

Redeem me from the people who oppress me so I can keep your precepts.

Shine your face on your servant, and teach me your statutes.

Rivers of tears stream from my eyes because your Instruction isn't being kept.

Romans 8:26-39

In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will. We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose. We know this because God knew them in advance, and he decided in advance that they would be conformed to the image of his Son. That way his Son would be the first of many brothers and sisters. Those who God decided in advance would be conformed to his Son, he also called. Those whom he called, he also made righteous. Those whom he made righteous, he also glorified. So, what are we going to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He didn't spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. Won't he also freely give us all things with him? Who will bring a charge against God's elect people? It is God who acquits them. Who is going to convict them? It is Christ Jesus who died, even more, who was raised, and who also is at God's right side. It is Christ Jesus who also pleads our case for us. Who will separate us from Christ's love? Will we be separated by trouble, or distress, or harassment, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,
*We are being put to death all day long for your sake.
We are treated like sheep for slaughter.*

But in all these things we win a sweeping victory through the one who loved us. I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Blessings in disguise

Hymn #500 Open my eyes

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

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #319 Wherever I may wander

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude