

**South Kinloss Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 4, 2026**

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

- Oct. 7 at 2pm at Anne Guay's: WMS Thanksgiving meeting - Roll Call: Items for the Mitten Tree at Armstrong's Bakery
- Oct. 11: Thanksgiving service including Communion
- Oct 20 at 7 pm: Men's gathering at the church

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

We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

Here God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

Here God will write compassion on our hearts.

We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.

Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!

Opening Hymn #78 'This is the day'

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Hear now our prayer of confession:

God of all life and each life; you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes. We confess we are often anxious to see results. We lose patience when we cannot see progress. We blame others rather than seek solutions. Forgive

us. Help us claim your peace when our hearts are anxious as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us 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 #802 'For the fruits of all creation'

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 54

God! Save me by your name; defend me by your might!

God! Hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth!

The proud have come up against me; violent people want me dead. They pay no attention to God.

But look here: God is my helper; my Lord sustains my life.

He will bring disaster on my opponents. By your faithfulness, God, destroy them!

I will sacrifice to you freely; I will give thanks to your name, Lord, because it's so good, and because God has delivered me from every distress. My eyes have seen my enemies' defeat.

1 Samuel 18:6-9 Saul jealous of David

After David came back from killing the Philistine, and as the troops returned home, women from all of Israel's towns came out to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with tambourines, rejoicing, and

musical instruments. The women sang in celebration: “Saul has killed his thousands, but David has killed his tens of thousands!” Saul burned with anger. This song annoyed him. “They’ve credited David with tens of thousands,” he said, “but only credit me with thousands. What’s next for him—the kingdom itself?” So Saul kept a close eye on David from that point on.

1 Samuel 19:1-5 David escapes Saul

Saul ordered his son Jonathan and all his servants to kill David, but Jonathan, Saul’s son, liked David very much. So Jonathan warned David, “My father Saul is trying to kill you. Be on guard tomorrow morning. Stay somewhere safe and hide. I’ll go out and stand by my father in the field where you’ll be. I’ll talk to my father about you, and I’ll tell you whatever I find out.” So Jonathan spoke highly about David to his father Saul, telling him, “The king shouldn’t do anything wrong to his servant David, because he hasn’t wronged you. In fact, his actions have helped you greatly. He risked his own life when he killed that Philistine, and the Lord won a great victory for all Israel. You saw it and were happy about it. Why then would you do something wrong to an innocent person by killing David for no reason?”

1 Samuel 24:1-10 David spares Saul’s life

Even as Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was informed that David was in the En-gedi wilderness. So Saul took three thousand men selected from all Israel and went to look for David and his soldiers near the rocks of the wild goats. He came to the sheep pens beside the road where there was a cave. Saul went into the cave to use the restroom. Meanwhile, David and his soldiers were sitting in the very back of the cave. David’s soldiers said to him, “This is the day the Lord spoke of when he promised you, ‘I will hand your enemy over to you, and you can do to him whatever you think best.’” So David snuck up and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. But immediately David felt horrible that he had cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. “The Lord forbid,” he told his men, “that I should do something like that to my master, the Lord’s anointed, or lift my hand against him, because he’s the Lord’s anointed!” So David held his soldiers in check by what he said, and he wouldn’t allow them to attack Saul. Saul then left the cave and went on his way. Then David also went out of the cave and

yelled after Saul, “My master the king!” Saul looked back, and David bowed low out of respect, nose to the ground. David said to Saul, “Why do you listen when people say, ‘David wants to ruin you’? Look! Today your own eyes have seen that the Lord handed you over to me in the cave. But I refused to kill you. I spared you, saying, ‘I won’t lift a hand against my master because he is the Lord’s anointed.’”

1 Samuel 27:4

When Saul was told that David had fled to Gath, he didn’t pursue him anymore.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: David – On the Run

Hymn #324 ‘Great is thy faithfulness’

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

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #497 ‘Word of God, across the ages’

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude