

# Kirkin' of the Tartans



The Current Seals for the Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

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First Presbyterian Church

234 East Main Street  
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730  
Organized 1869

We are a diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ, who seek to glorify God by celebrating and sharing God's renewing and transforming love as we:

*Worship* the living God with joy and thanksgiving

*Teach* the Word of God to deepen our faith and grow in our love of Christ

*Serve* others through sharing our unique gifts of the Holy Spirit

*Fellowship* with one another to energize our life together as a congregation

*Nurture and Embrace* all of God's children.

# A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(Parts of the Service are taken from the Scottish Book of Order, John Knox and John Calvin's Orders of Worship)

## WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

### Preparation for Worship:

On August 17, 1560, Reformer John Knox and five of his colleagues presented the first Reformed Confession of Faith written in the English language to the Parliament of Scotland. "The Scots Confession," as it is now known, united all of Scotland in its politics and in the church. From that day on, the nation was united under a Protestant Flag, emblazoned with the Cross of St. Andrew. It was the birth of the Church of Scotland, and Presbyterians became a new denomination of Christians. With voices singing and bagpipes playing, let us celebrate our Scottish heritage in this service for the worship of God.

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

#### \* PROCESSIONAL AND THE ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Joe Hardy - Bagpipes

#### *Highland Cathedral*

Korb and Roever, arr. Sandy Jones

*(Highland Cathedral was written in Germany by bagpiper Michael Korb and guitarist Ulli Roever in 1982 for the opening ceremonies of a Scottish Games event to be held in Germany. Although not strictly Scottish in origin, it is a much-loved tune, played by pipe bands all over the world.)*

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Celtic Invocations, By Alexander Carmichael, 1899)

Minister: This day we bend the knee to God, our great Chief,  
People: **Before whom the people of every tongue and clan and nation shall one-day bow.**  
Minister: Grant to us, Savior of Glory, the fear of God and the love of God and the will of God,  
People: **To do on earth at all times, as the angels and saints do in heaven.**  
Minister: In the sight of the Father, who created us,  
People: **In the sight of the Son, who died for us,**  
Minister: In the sight of the Spirit, who cleansed us,  
People: **Let us lift up our hearts and voices to worship God!**

#### \* INVOCATION FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER (from John Calvin)

Minister: Most gracious God, our Heavenly Father. In whom alone dwells all fullness of light and wisdom: illuminate our minds, we beseech Thee, by thine Holy Spirit, in the true understanding of Thy word. Give us grace that we may receive with reverence and humility unfeigned. May it lead us to put our whole trust in Thee alone; and so to serve and honor Thee, that we may glorify Thy holy name, and edify our neighbors by a good example. And since it hath pleased Thee to number us among Thy people, O help us to pay Thee the love and homage that we owe, as children to our Father, and as servants to our Lord. We ask this for the sake of our Master and Savior who taught us to pray...

People: **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. Amen**

\* OPENING HYMN #30

O God, In a Mysterious Way

DUNDEE

1 O God, in a mysterious way  
great wonders you perform.  
You plant your footsteps in the sea  
and ride upon the storm.

2 Deep in unfathomable mines  
of never-failing skill,  
you treasure up your bright designs  
and work your sovereign will.

3 O fearful saints, fresh courage take.  
The clouds you so much dread  
are big with mercy and shall break  
in blessings on your head.

4 Our unbelief is sure to err  
and scan your work in vain.  
You are your own interpreter,  
and you will make it plain.

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS**

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* A LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess to God our sins.

People: **Eternal and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty that we are sinners unable of ourselves to do that which is good, transgressing continually your holy commandments, and by your just judgments deserving of condemnation. We beseech thee to show your mercy upon us, to forgive us all our sins, and so increase your Holy Spirit within us that we, acknowledging with contrite hearts our unrighteousness and renouncing our sins, may bring forth such fruits as may be agreeable to your most blessed will, through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Leader: Let us bring petition for the mercy of God.

People: **O merciful God, graciously declare unto us Thy people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of our sins, according to your Word spoken of old: "I have blotted out as a thick cloud your transgression, and as a cloud your sins."**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we find God's grace and forgiveness for our sins.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri (Chanted by the Choir)*

Old Scottish Chant

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: God in Christ has forgiven us. Our Lord has taught us that we, now, are to forgive each other.  
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Leader: Let us give to our neighbors, the peace of Christ

*[with nods, bows, and waves to non-household members; hugs, handshakes, etc. are appropriate for household members]*

**THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED**

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Rev. Kara Wheeler, Director of Family Ministries

*(All children through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome in Children's Church with Ms. Kara)*

SCRIPTURE Joshua 4:1-7

**THE SERMON**

Rev. Dr. William C. Pender

"Tradition: Giving a vote to our ancestors"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (taken from The Scots Confession)

We confess and acknowledge one God, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence, for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

*(The Scots Confession was written at a turning point in Scottish history. When the Queen Regent Mary of Guise died in her sleep in 1560, the Protestant nobility of Scotland was able to secure English recognition of Scottish sovereignty in the Treaty of Edinburgh. The Scottish Parliament, having declared Scotland a Protestant nation, asked the clergy to frame a confession of faith. Six ministers, including John Knox, completed their work in four days. In 1560, the document was ratified by Parliament as "doctrine grounded upon the infallible Word of God." ... "Cleave, serve, worship, trust" are key words in the document. As a call to action in a turbulent time, the Scots Confession reflects a spirit of trust and a commitment to the God whose miraculous deliverance the Scots had experienced firsthand.)*

THE OFFERING: Celebrating "Moving Ahead in Hope"

Bob Norwood

Offertory Anthem

*The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>/arr. R. Vaughan Williams

All people that on earth do dwell sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth his praise forth tell, Come ye before him, and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;  
We are his flock; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.  
For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore. Amen!

\* Doxology

LASST UNS EFREUEN

**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. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* PSALM OF RESPONSE #801

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

CRIMOND

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill,  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint  
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

## THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS and BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES

On April 16, 1746, on Culloden Moor, the Clan system of Scotland came to a tragic end. The Jacobite army led by Charles Edward Stuart, or Bonnie Prince Charlie, was dramatically defeated by the English forces led by the Duke of Cumberland. No quarter was given the wounded or the captured.

Following Culloden, a merciless persecution of the highlands brought the forbidding of the kilt, the bagpipes and all else Scottish, including wearing of the Tartan. Tradition has it that the Scots hid small pieces of their tartans and held them as a dear sign of their being an independent people. These small pieces of tartan they would bring to the Kirk to be blessed and to show their faith in the Almighty.

It was in 1943 that the Reverend Doctor Peter Marshall, a Scot and a minister of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. and who later became Chaplain of the United States Senate, introduced this ceremony to American Presbyterians. It was his intent to show honor to the World War II Scottish soldiers, as well as to introduce this rich legacy of Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church that has its foundations on the rocky isles, rugged highlands, and fertile lowlands of Scotland.

### **INSTRUMENTAL - *Toghail Curs Air Leodhas (Setting a Course For Lewis)***

*(The Island of Lewis is a lonely and remote place in the Outer Hebrides. It is only accessible by ship or by air. This lovely Gaelic air celebrates the return of one who longs for home).*

### **THE KIRKIN' LITURGY: A BLESSING FOR FAMILIES (Beadle: Barry Goodner)**

*(At the appropriate time, you are encouraged to speak forth the family/clan name that you bear. Be ye Scottish or be ye not...EVERY family, EVERY person, speak forth your name in this rededication time.)*

**Beadle:** Sir, on behalf of all Scots away from Scotland, and all those descended from that great land, we present these symbols of our families before almighty God and request you to ask His blessings on them and on every family present in this great sanctuary.

**Leader:** Come to God, bearing the names of every family and clan and people.

**People:** **We come.**

**Leader:** Come to God with the tartans and all the symbols of our family heritage.

**People:** **We come.**

**Leader:** Come to God, bringing our very lives in service—our time, our resources, our talents, our all

**People:** **We come.**

**Leader:** To you, O God, we present every symbol and tartan and claim in gratitude our varied heritages. We claim with thanksgiving our redemption in Jesus Christ. We pray God's blessing on all those who serve in the Name of Christ. And we pray God's salvation for those who do not know our Savior. And, as we speak aloud the name our families (Scottish or not), we hold high our tartan, wear or lift up proudly our heritage symbol, and with bold voice, we speak our family name NOW: \_\_\_\_\_

**Beadle:** Eternal God, our Lord and Sovereign, bless the names and symbols of our families and clans. Remind us, that no matter what our heritage is, we are the work of your hands. In Jesus Christ, you have called us by name! We belong to you! As we bear our names and wear the symbols of our clans, call us in your power to be your faithful people, to live in peace, to work your justice and to proclaim the good news of salvation. We give ourselves to you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* **CLOSING HYMN #649**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

\* **CHARGE/BENEDICTION TO THE PEOPLE**

Leader: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage

**People: We go.**

Leader: Hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil.

**People: We go.**

Leader: Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak.

**People: We go.**

Leader: Help the afflicted; honor all people.

**People: We go.**

Leader: Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**People: We go.**

Leader: May the blessings of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit be with us all. Amen!

**People: Amen.**

\* **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

**The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.**

**The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen!**

\* **RECESSIONAL- MacRae Meadow** by Charlie Glendinning

*(MacRae Meadow lies at the foot of Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC. It is the site of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games which have been held here every year since 1958 (with the sole exception of the pandemic year - 2020))*

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata Sortie*

Theodore Dubois

\* Please rise in body or in spirit

*The flowers today are given by Joan Musselwhite to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gene Musselwhite.*

## Understanding the Kirkin'

**Kirk** is Scottish for church, and the Tartan, with its distinctive cross-lined patterns, represents Scottish clans, families, regions, and regiments. The Kirkin' o' the Tartans was introduced in the United States by Reverend Dr. Peter Marshall on April 27, 1941 at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC.

**What is a tartan?** Scots from the highland regions have been extraordinary weavers since ancient times. They wove brightly colored patterns in wool. The Roman historian, Virgil, reported them wearing such patterns. Tartan comes from the Gaelic *tarsainn*, checkered design (*breacan* in Gaelic). A *plaid* is a blanket in tartan worn over the shoulder, but plaid has become interchangeable with tartan. Weavers would use the same pattern over and over again, thus local purchasers would become known by the pattern they wore. The English Proscription prohibited the wearing of native highland dress, (clothing) including kilts or any tartan from 1746 to 1782.

The Romantic Revival period of the early 1800s saw a renewed interest in highland dress. In 1822, King George IV of England visited Scotland. A grand ball was arranged by the Scottish romantic writer, Sir Walter Scott. Everyone, (even lowlanders whose families never wore kilts) including the King wore tartan kilts.

The English Queen Victoria's love of Scotland made the use of tartans popular throughout the 1800s. Clan (family) tartan patterns were "discovered" and the canny Scots developed the clan tartan industry. Tartans are now made for clans, political districts, military units, merchandisers and organizations. You may find a clan tartan in ancient, modern, dress, and hunting patterns. The Lord Lyon King of Arms is the recorder of official tartan patterns.

**What is a Clan?** Although the popular concept of a Scottish *clann* (clan) is that of an extended family, historically, the members of a clan were those *septs* (families) who aligned with a particular *laird* (chief). Unlike the feudal system under which leaders inherited their positions, the Scottish highland chiefs were elected. The clans identified themselves by what they wore on their *bonnets* (hats). Typically, it was a plant native to their locale such as cranberry, bog myrtle, or a type of pine. They also adopted a *sluggarn* (slogan or motto) to identify themselves.

**What is a kilt?** In ancient times the Scots wore a *feiladh mor*. A long wide piece of wool cloth, it could be pleated and belted around the waist, thrown over the shoulder, tied between the legs and cover a person from head to toe. It could even be used as a sleeping bag! "Kilted" means to be pleated above the knee. The modern men's kilt is pleated in the back, flat in the front and has the opening on the wearer's right. Wearing a kilt also calls for knee socks with "flashed" garters to keep them up. A *sporan* is a pouch worn in front to make up for the lack of pockets. A *sgian dubh*, a short utility knife, is worn in a sock. All types of hats, shirts, vests and jackets may be worn with a kilt. There are many types of accoutrements (the "kit") which can be worn with highland dress including belts, clan badges, kilt pins, *dirks* (small swords), sashes, etc. However, only a clan chief should wear feathers in his hat!

**Who is the "Beadle"?** The office of Beadle dates from pre-Christian times when a doorkeeper was responsible for opening places of worship to the faithful and keeping unbelievers out. The Latin word *bedellus* means summoner. Beadle is the shortened Scottish version. Before the printing press, the Beadle was responsible for safeguarding the handwritten Bible, as there might be only one in an entire community, and bringing it to church for Services. The Beadle called the faithful to church, kept order in it, and also tracked down (summoned) those who did not attend. Now largely ceremonial and honorary, the Beadle carries the Bible, the centerpiece of faith, into and out of the Sanctuary.

**John Knox - Scottish Reformer:** Knox studied under John Calvin (the father of Presbyterian Theology) in Geneva, Switzerland in the 1550s. Upon returning to Scotland, he wrote the 1564 Book of Church Order and established the first Presbyterian churches. He also was the central theologian for the writing of *The Scots Confession*. The church spread to northern Ireland and immigrants from Scotland and Ireland brought the Presbyterian Church to America.

**Worship Care Today:** Kim Crean

**Worship Care Nov 20:** Janelle Chubb

**Extraordinary Children Today:** Heather Dellinger

**Counters for Nov 20:** Charles Gresham, Freeman Sturgis

**Acolytes today:** Brynn Park, Jamison Deese

**Acolytes Nov 20:** Libba Faircloth, Addie Nichols

**Please remember the following in prayer:** Health Concerns: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Audrey Moore, Alvane Deal, Shirley Burton, Izzy Brooks, Ashley Kay, Beth Easley, Rev. Dr. Mark Verdery, George White, Will Read, Susan Read, Gene Black's niece, and Lena Hopkins.

**Help for HOPE:** During November, please consider bringing **one or more boxes of macaroni and cheese to benefit the clients of Project HOPE.** All brands and sizes are acceptable. Leave your contributions in the narthex by November 21<sup>st</sup>. Your contributions are appreciated by the Mission Committee and more importantly, the recipients who need it most.

**Thornwell Offering** will be collected on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. You may also donate through Realm or mail to the church, designating *Thornwell* on the memo line.

**Advent Workshop:** Congregational Life is sponsoring our Advent Workshop on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** in Hopkins Hall. Use a pew reservation card or let Kara know of your family's participation so we can be prepared with Advent Wreath supplies.

**Our Extraordinary Children Need You!** We are excited our Extraordinary Children Classroom is open. We need a volunteer to assist York School District One Special Education teacher, Mary Gump, each Sunday. Contact Tara Park for details if interested in helping. Training will be provided.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in Hopkins Hall. Register to give blood at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Contact Kara to volunteer for a two hour shift as we help host.

**Christmas Dinner - Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.** Your RSVP is kindly requested by December 4<sup>th</sup>. Fill out a pew card to let us know your family will be attending.

**Christmas Post Office:** The Christmas Post Office begins on **November 27<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>**. The youth will be happy to organize and deliver your cards for 25cents per card. Watch for details in the weekly E-news.

**Poinsettias:** We are accepting orders for poinsettias in honor or in memory of friends and loved ones until December 4<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are available in the narthex and can be dropped in the offering plant or left in Joanne's box (#33). You may also use the link in the weekly e-news to place your order. **Cost is \$11.00 each, please include payment with your order.**

**Columbarium Update:** Construction of the Columbarium has been completed, and minor details are all that remain to be completed for the Memorial Garden. As of this date, two niches have been utilized, and two more will likely be used soon. The dedication ceremony conducted on November 6 was well-attended despite the rainy weather.

We still need additional funds from niche reservations, plaque sales, or donations for the Columbarium project to be fully self-funded. Thanks to all who have already taken advantage of this opportunity.

Columbarium Task Force: Bob Ballard, Barry Goodner, Mimi Goodner, Joe Hardy, Bob Norwood, Kathy Pender, Kara Wheeler

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, November 13**

- 9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:40 am Prospective Members Class
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship ~ Kirkin' of the Tartans
- 12:15 pm Ladies Out to Lunch
- 4:30 pm Children's Choirs
- 4:30 pm Handbell Choir
- 4:30 pm Youth Bible Study

### **Monday, November 14**

- 5:30 pm Property Committee

### **Tuesday, November 15**

- 9:00 am Walking Group
- 4:00 pm Seniors Exercise & Yoga Class

### **Wednesday, November 16**

- 6:30 pm Finance Committee

### **Thursday, November 17**

- 9:00 am Walking Group
- 3:00 pm Yarns of Love
- 4:00 pm Seniors Exercise & Yoga Class
- 6:00 pm Session

### **Sunday, November 20**

- 9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Sunday School/Advent Workshop
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Ladies Out to Lunch
- 4:30 pm Children's Choirs
- 4:30 pm Handbell Choir
- 4:30 pm Youth Bible Study

### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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