

THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

The Kirkin' (Churching) o' the Tartan recalls the period during English occupation of Scotland (after 1745) when the Tartans, Kilts, Bagpipes, and Clans were outlawed, forcing many deportations, often to the American colonies. Small pieces of Tartan Plaid were secretly carried to church (kirk) by the Scots to be blessed when a sympathetic clergy was present. The pieces of Tartan then held up for blessing represented Scots past, present, and future, today scattered throughout the world. In 1941 the practice was brought to the United States by Scottish-born **Peter Marshall**, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, and Chaplain to the US Senate, in an effort to promote solidarity among American-born and native-born Scots who were involved in World War II. Now, the blessing of the Tartan has evolved into a ceremony incorporating Tartan banners, prayers, anthems, and bagpipes. Members of The Robert Burns Society of the Midlands are conducting the ceremony at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church as part of our worship. We warmly welcome them and are pleased to be the host church on this occasion.

The Beadle: During the middle ages, ownership of Bibles was rare. The pulpit Bible was a treasured possession and in order to protect the Bible, each church established a special lay position known as "the Beadle." The Beadle carried the Bible into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service and would remove the Bible following the service.

THE COMPANY OF TARTANS

Black Watch	Edinburgh District	MacBeth	Maxwell
Blair	Ferguson	MacCullough	McKay
Boyd	Fraser	MacDonald	Montgomery
Buchanan	Gordon	MacDougall	Munro
Carolina	Graham	MacGregor	Murray
MacKintosh	Gunn	MacIntyre	Ross
MacPherson	Johnston	MacKinnon	Shaw
Crawford	Kennedy	MacLennan	Smith
Davidson	Leslie	MacLeod	Stewart
Douglas	Lockhart	MacLeod	Sutherland
Dunlop	MacAlister (Hunting)		Wallace

(this is only a partial list of the tartans existing today)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Kirkin' of the Tartans

10:00 AM -Worship

11:00 AM – Covered Dish Luncheon (FH)

5:15 PM – FLY

7:00 PM—B365 Bowman (Zoom)

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:30 AM – Men's Breakfast

9:00 AM – Yoga

10:30 AM – H3-Hunter (S211)

4:30 PM—Decker Collective

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

9:30 AM – H3-O'Bradovich (S211)

4:00 PM – Book Discussion (E201)

6:00 PM—Cyber Security Event (FH)

6:30 PM – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:30 AM—H3 DiSilvestro

9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)

10:00 AM—H3—Collins (S212)

1:00 PM– H3 Nichols (Library)

4:00 PM—H3 Turkey Point

5:30 PM—Property Ministry (E205)

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Earth Sunday

10:00 AM -Worship

11:00 AM – Earth Day Exhibits (FH)

12:00 PM—New Here Class (E205)

4:00 PM—PW Planning event (Parlor)

5:15 PM – FLY and JV FLY Movie Night

7:00 PM—B365 Bowman (Zoom)

MONDAY, MAY 6

10:00 AM—Library Team

6:00 PM—Care & Connections (S211)

TUESDAY, MAY 7

7:30 AM—Men's Breakfast

7:30 AM—Personnel

9:00 AM—Yoga

10:30 AM—H3 Hunter (E205)

10:30 AM—Staff Meeting (E102)

1:00 PM—B365 Black (E205)

4:15 PM—Education (E205)

5:30 PM—Worship Minstry (S211)

5:30 PM—Service & Benevolence Ministry (E205)

APRIL 28, 2024 | KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

*PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

“Highland Cathedral”

*Palmetto Pipes and Drums
Wayne Harris, Beadle*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 100: 1-3*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into the Lord's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is the Lord that made us, and we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's people, and the sheep of the Lord's pasture. Let us worship God together!

*HYMN NO. 248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, later this morning we will confess and acknowledge one God alone, but our actions often suggest otherwise. We often worship money, status, and possessions while often neglecting our neighbor. We often believe we can control all outcomes while neglecting to be still and remember that you alone are God. We often pick from branches that bear no true fruit, neglecting to remember that all good things originate only from you. Forgive us, Lord, and wash us thoroughly from our iniquities and cleanse us of our sins. Amen.

*When this symbol * precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

Worship aids available :

- Hearing devices (available in the Narthex from an usher)
- Large print Hymnals (available in the Narthex from an usher)

A prayer of confession invites to reflect on God's purpose for our lives. When we do this, we realize how we have missed the mark. This confession of our failures is not to make us feel bad, but to speak the truth about ourselves. The truth is that we sin. But the greater truth is that when we confess our sin, God's nature is to forgive so that we are free to try again.

An assurance of pardon is one way of claiming God's promised forgiveness and grace. We believe that when we repent of our sin and ask God to forgive us that God does in fact forgive us. We don't need a preacher or priest to ask on our behalf. God deals with us directly as believers who seek to love and to follow.

The Prayer of Illumination recognizes that Scripture is complex and always interpreted through our own experience. So, before we read Scripture, we pray that God's Holy Spirit will soften our hearts so that we can hear and to learn what is true and right when we study Scripture.

We give to God out of gratitude. And the work of this church depends on your gifts. Offerings may be made online <https://flpc.org/giving/> or use the QR code below.



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *From the Scots Confession*

In faith, we grasp Christ Jesus with the graces and blessings promised in him.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***HYMN NO. 581** **GLORIA PATRI**

*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.*

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Ed Black

(Children through 1st Grade depart to Room #E-107)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

John 15:1-8

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Upside Down"

Rev. Ed Black

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

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.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Still I Sing Alleluia"
Kyle Pederson
(Based on the traditional Scottish melody, LOCH LOMOND)
Chancel Choir

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WELCOME AND BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Scots Confession: Chapter 1 – God

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, 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 and believe 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 his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

***HYMN NO. 649**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RECESSION OF THE TARTANS**

"Scotland, the Brave"
Harry Lauder
Palmetto Pipes and Drums

THE ORDER OF PROCESSION

The Bible
Clergy
The Palmetto Pipes & Drums
The Cross of St. Andrew
The Lion Rampant Flag
Tartan Banners

The Scot's Confession was written after the Scottish Parliament declared Scotland a Protestant nation by six Scottish ministers, including John Knox. The ministers were asked to frame a confession of faith for the nation, and they did so in four days. In 1560 the document was ratified by the Scottish Parliament. While this confession reflects and gives voice to the deep divides and hatred that existed in that era of the struggle of the Reformation, it also gives us a radical statement of trust in and commitment to God.