

Kirkin' O' The Tartans Sunday, October 29, 2023
(Reformation Sunday)

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~

Today, in recognition of Reformation Sunday and in celebration of our heritage in the Church of Scotland, we will “Kirk the Tartans” as part of our service of worship. The “Kirking” is a traditional blessing of the clans (families) of the church.

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Gary Rhody
Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Roxie Davis
Passing and signing the Friendship Pad helps us to know who is here and also to know whom we need to reach out to and say: “We missed you in worship.” Please look around, and discover who is missing from worship today. Take some action this week to tell them you missed them. Find out if they are OK. For those of you who are visiting, please give us your contact information so that we can keep you informed about this church’s ministries. To all of you, new or seasoned, we believe that God rejoices in you taking time to worship.

THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Church Youth, Beadle Jim McCandless

RECOGNITION OF TOM ANDISON

Barb Seymore and Gail Rosales
A True Scotsman with a generous heart. The Draping of his Tartan on the pew that he sat in for so many years.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Matt Lozen

OPENING WORDS

Liturgist Matt

(Responsively, Psalm 146, Various Verses)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

We will praise the Lord as long as we live;

We will sing praises to our God all our life long.

Happy are those whose help is in the name of the Lord;

Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord.

The Lord will reign forever.

Thanks be to God.

***OPENING HYMN**

“For All the Saints”

#526

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Matt

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Matt

Holy God, You call us to love You with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind. Forgive us when selfishness takes up too much of our heart; when worry seems to crowd out faith in Your goodness; when fear causes us to close our minds to anything new. Help us, as You helped those before us, to love our neighbors and love ourselves.

(A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins.) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Matt

Friends in Christ, know this:

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

God’s amazing grace is this: Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Roxie

ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”

Kris Hunt, Bagpipes; Gary Rhody, Organ

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Liturgist Matt

New Testament

Mark 12:28-34

Pastor Roxie

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON “Our Ancestors Gave What They Had”

Pastor Roxie

***SCOTTISH HYMN**

“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”

#478

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Scots Confession”

(See inside of back cover, paragraph 1 only)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"Antiphon"

Muffat

***DOXOLOGY**

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. Amen.

THE CALLING OF THE CLANS

Liturgist Matt

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

***CLOSING HYMN “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #438**

***A SCOTTISH BLESSING** Pastor Roxie and Congregation
May the blessing of light be on you – light without and light within. May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire, so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.

And may light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in the window of a house, bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.

And may the blessing of the rain be on you, may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines, and sometimes a star.

And may the blessing of the earth be on you, soft under your feet as you pass along the roads, soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day;

And may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it. May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly; up and off and on its way to God. And now may the Lord bless you and bless you kindly. Amen

POSTLUDE

Highland Cathedral

Bicknell

Gary Rhody, organ, Kris Hunt, Bagpipes
(Please be seated for the Postlude)

Please join us for coffee, tea, and Scottish favors in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. We will also enjoy Scottish dancing.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Matt Lozen. Our organist today is Gary Rhody. The greeter today is Sid LaFrance. Coffee Hour Host is the Kirking Committee. Sanctuary flowers are provided by the Kirking Committee in memory of Thomas Andison.

Pastor Nominating Committee PRAYER TIME: Prayer is critical as Churches and Pastors discern what is in their future. Please pray each day for insight and energy for the Pastor Nominating Committee: Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION MEETING: There will be a Special Congregational Election Meeting on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 11:15 a.m.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: There will be 7 red 10" poinsettias available to order for this Christmas season. Price is pending. Please sign up at the church office if you would like to order a poinsettia.

BAKE SALE AND CHILI COOK-OFF THANK YOU: The Mission and Membership and Outreach Committees would like to thank everyone who tasted chili or bought baked goods.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS: Please stop by the G.I.F.T. room and have your children pick up their activity bags on their hooks for use during the service. Activity bags are available for visiting children- they are located in the basket on the front pew along with the children's bulletins. Feel free to take the children's bulletins home each week.

G.I.F.T. (age 3-3rd grade) AND MOUNTAIN MOVERS (4th grade-8th grade): Please meet us in the Christian Education wing for fun, faith, and friends following the Children's Message.

NURSERY (0-3 years): The Nursery Room is open and available with Nursery Attendant Elly Block from 9:30-11:30 a.m. She would love to care for your little one while you enjoy the service!

DONATIONS: The Deacons are collecting the following supplies for the local schools: Clorox wipes, Kleenex tissues, cereal snacks, girls leggings sizes 5-10, boys winter coats. Donations may be placed in the bins in the entryway.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND BULLETINS: Large print hymnals and bulletins are available for use during the worship service. Please let the ushers know if you would like one for the service.

PRINTED SERMONS: Pastor Roxie's printed sermons are available on the table near the church office desk.

FUTURE EVENTS

STITCH AND CHAT: A group of women meet each **Wednesday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to Stitch and Chat.** Are you a stitcher or a chatter? Whichever—come! Bring your latest project or just come and chat!

NEW ADULT CLASS "NOOMA": Join the viewing and discussion of the video series "NOOMA" by Rob Bell.

Come watch the first episode on **Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m.** Meet in the Parlor.

ADULT CLASS "THE BACKSTORY": 10:00 a.m. on

Thursdays- We are a curious group! We want you to join us! This class will give you the opportunity to see beyond the Scriptures to be preached on the following Sunday. No previous knowledge of the Scriptures is required. Questions are welcomed.

CHILDREN'S COMMUNION CLASS: Pastor Roxie will be leading a class for children who would like to learn about Holy Communion at **11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on November 5th, 19th and 26th.** In the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. the parents/grandparents decide when the children understand the sacrament and are ready to partake in communion. If this does not work for your family, please let Pastor Roxie know.

BLUE WATER FEED THE WORLD DAY: Serve together and help pack 100,000 meals! Held at Colonial Woods Missionary Church on **Saturday, November 18th,** you can assist packing meals to help feed the future of a global society. You can either volunteer or donate. Please sign up at the church office if you are interested in volunteering. For more information about this event, please look at the flyer located on the table in the Gathering Room.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS: On **Sunday, November 19th,** the Mission Committee will be collecting the annual Peace and Global Witness Special Offering. Sponsored by the National Presbyterian Mission Agency, this offering focuses on supporting peacemaking and reconciliation efforts in our community as well as nationally. It strives to actively share God's presence of peace by seeking the solutions that make peace possible, as well as allowing us to help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone. Of the money collected,

25% remains with us and of the remaining 75% that is given, a portion goes to the Detroit Presbytery while the remainder goes to support global efforts through the national Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./10-30: Financial Counters 9:00 a.m.
Christian Education Committee 4:00 p.m.
Tues./10-31: Worship and Music Committee 10:00 a.m.
Wed./11-1: Stitch and Chat 10:00 a.m.
Adult Class: NOOMA 7:00 p.m.
Thurs./11-2: Adult Class: The Back Story 10:00 a.m.

**Families with children: Please be advised that our worship service, including the Children's Message, is streamed live online. If you would not like your child's face in view, please sit with your child in the Parlor where the service is played on the TV.*

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***OUR MISSION IS KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD,
GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH,
AND GO SHARE OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.***