

The Kirkin' o' the Tartans



Welcome to Worship at
Safe Harbor
Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 21st, 2018

Service of the Lord's Day

Bagpipe Concert 1:30 PM

Procession of the Pipes: "Amazing Grace"

Welcome & Announcements

† **Call to Worship (from Psalm 100):**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his.

People: We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

People: And his faithfulness to all generations.

Kirkin' O the Tartan

People: Almighty God, who did command the tribes of ancient Israel to pitch their tents beneath the standards and ensign of their parents, and who set over your holy church the banner of the Cross of Christ: let your blessing rest upon all tartans and symbols set before you here today. Bless all families of the earth. Keep us faithful and grateful. May we always bring all of who we are and where we come from to you and your church for blessing, guidance and inspiration.

In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Leader: Thank you, O God, for your Word that has revealed a rich heritage of faith and witness from our ancestors. The names of your faithful ones are never far from us, the patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, and disciples. Throughout history you have blessed us with the stories of your people. Help us to remember the heritage of faith that is ours.

People: As we touch the ribbons representing our families and all the families of earth, we thank you Lord for those who have taught us the faith.

Bless us that we may be a blessing to others

Leader: Thank you, O God, for the blessing of family, our birth families and the family we choose, our friends. We thank you for the warmth, comfort and security we feel when we are loved. Never let us forget that love is a gift to be shared so that even the stranger may be welcomed as a sibling.

People: We thank you, Lord, for all who have loved us.

Bless us that we may be a blessing to others.

Leader: We praise you, O God, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in a community of faith. Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we, too, have lives to live in faith.

†=If able, please stand

People: We thank you, Lord, for the courage of those who sacrifice for their

faith. We especially thank you for our church family, for the love, support and encouragement we receive here. We thank you for those who heard your call to build a church on this hill and who gave their all to follow your leading. We thank you that you have been with us and led us all of our days. Bless us that we may be a blessing to others.

Leader: On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we stand before God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God's blessing on God's people in every land.

People: **We proclaim that we are united in the covenant of Jesus Christ, for there is but one Lord, one God and Father of us all.**

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† Hymn of Praise: #611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Prayer of Confession: (from Scottish Reformer John Knox's Liturgy of 1560)

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace of mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a love and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/ Sharing of the Peace/Gloria Patri

The Peace

Special Music

Moment with the Children

Scripture: Mark 10:35-45

Sermon: "A Servants Heart"

The Rev. Eugenia A. Gamble

**†Hymn of Response: #45 "I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"
from the Scottish Psalter 1615**

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The Prayers

**Call to Prayer: #726 “Will You Come and Follow Me” verses 1 & 2
(traditional Scottish melody)**

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Response to Prayer: #726 “Will You Come and Follow Me” verses 3, 4 & 5

The Offering

The Doxology

The Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

† **Hymn of Parting: #321 “The Church’s One Foundation**

† Charge & Benediction

Recessional “Scotland the Brave”

Postlude: Bagpipes

The tradition of the **Kirkin O the Tartans** as it comes to us, while American, is rooted deeply in Scottish history. In the year 563 AD, St. Columba, having discovered the tiny isle of Iona in Scotland, had succeeded in converting the previously pagan Picts to Christianity. From that time on, the church (kirk) figured prominently in Scottish history and identity. Scots have always seen Sunday as a holy day and it did not take long for them to develop special ways for keeping the day holy. In addition to their faith, the tartans of the clans, most woven from their own wool and died from vegetables in their own gardens, became symbols of their families and their cherished heritage. On certain Sundays, Scots would wear their most special kilts to worship and say prayers of thanksgiving for the preservation of their families. These services, seen as too Scottish, were outlawed in 1746 and went underground. The Clan folk would usually walk to their nearest Kirk in an orderly fashion, sometimes carrying upon their person swatches of their tartans, appropriately concealed. At a prearranged signal, known only to pastor and parishioners, the people would touch their tiny tartan bits while the pastor blessed the cloth in fluent Gaelic.

In the 21st century, Kirkin O the Tartan services are **opportunities to celebrate the heritages of all people** and acknowledging the special heritage of Scotland out of which the Presbyterian Church was born.

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