

An Order for the
Public Worship
of God

SCOTTISH COMMUNION
AND
KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

First Presbyterian Church (USA)

Albemarle, North Carolina

Founded in 1898

Ten o'clock in the morning

The Nineteenth Day of July

Two Thousand and Fifteen A.D.

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

IN 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 Presbyterianism became a new denomination of Christians. Today, First Presbyterian Church celebrates its heritage in descent from the Church of Scotland. It is from an unadorned Calvinist faith of Word and Sacrament, preached passionately in Scotland by the great reformer John Knox during the sixteenth century that First Presbyterian Church continues to draw its life and mission. With voices singing and bagpipes playing, we will celebrate our Scottish heritage in this service for the worship of God.

PRELUDE

Thomas Hahn, bagpipes

*GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

One: O come, let us worship and praise the Lord our God.

Many: For the Lord our God has worked through the lives of women and men, clans and families, to grant us a great legacy of faith.

One: The Lord our God is with us today, as God has been present with his people in the past, and will be present with us in the future.

Many: May our worship proclaim there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

All: Praise be to God.

*PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

Thomas Hahn, bagpipes

Tartans are carried by members and friends of First Presbyterian Church.

*BLESSING OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE TARTANS

One: Raise your Tartans! (*Banner Bearers lift high their tartans.*)

Many: We raise them up to the Lord!

One: Thank you, O God, for your Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors, from Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Abraham to David, so onward to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of his church: our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere. Never let us forget that a heritage of faith is a responsibility to be shared.

Many: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: Thank you, O God, for the blessing of family; the warmth, comfort, and security of family love. Never let us forget that our family love is a gift to be shared, that the stranger may be as welcome as a sibling.

Many: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: 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.

Many: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: 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 servant people in all lands.

Many: We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ, for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all. Let us worship God.

One: Post Tartans. (*Banners are lowered and posted.*)

*HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From The Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

Merciful God, we humble ourselves in Thy presence, confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in Thy sight. We have broken Thy holy law. We have not sought first Thy kingdom and righteousness. We have been anxious and troubled about many things, and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, or done to others as we would hope they would do to us. Most gracious God, our heavenly Father, who hast given Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to save Thy people from their sins; forgive us, we beseech Thee; cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us; through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVNESS

One: Almighty God, who in infinite love has given the Son to take away our sin, also empowers us by the Holy Spirit for new beginnings and daily strength. Friends, believe the Good News. Through Jesus the Christ we are forgiven!

Many: Praise be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Old Scottish Chant

Craig Taylor, soloist

CHILDREN OF THE KIRK

Mr. Drumheller

LIFE OF THE KIRK

*THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Scripture Bearer: Katherine Jolly

God's Word Is Like A Flaming Sword

Old 107th

Craig Taylor, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, as the Scriptures are read, reveal yourself to us, and grant that in this time of holy quiet, the Holy Spirit may renew, illuminate, and refresh our souls. Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

I To the Hills Will Lift My Eyes (Psalm 121)

Scottish Psalter

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:23-29

SERMON

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Scots Confession of 1560*

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. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

Highland Cathedral

Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

Prayer of Dedication

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mr. Drumheller

*THE GREAT ENTRANCE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And with thy spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Many: It is meet and right to do so.

PRAYERS, THANKSGIVING, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

Many: Have mercy upon us.

One: Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

Many: Have mercy upon us.

One: Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Grant us thy peace.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(The Lord's table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ and will be received by intinction. On cue from an usher, worshippers are asked to move forward by the center aisles to receive the sacrament and return to their seats by the side aisles. Gluten-free elements are available at the center front of the worship space.)

*HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

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.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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.

*BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

Thomas Hahn, bagpipes

The congregation is asked to be seated during the recession of the tartans.

*POSTLUDE

*All who are able may stand.

Visitors are always welcome at First Presbyterian Church. We especially welcome those who have come to worship with us today as we celebrate the rich Scottish history of the Presbyterian Church. Summer worship takes place at 10:00 a.m.

A nursery is available this morning.

Plan to stay following worship for refreshments and fellowship in the pit stop.

Special thanks to the Fellowship Committee, the Worship Committee, and the many folks who have shared their gifts to make worship this morning a moving experience.

Thanks to Thomas Hahn, Katherine Jolly, Stan Scheer, and Craig Taylor for their participation in worship today.

The acolyte today is David Kilde. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Al Andrew, Jay Andrew, Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Kalyn Caudle, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Greg Lisk, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, Barbara McManus, and Joe Snuggs

Elder Greeters: Jim Carter; Ruth Cotton **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Cici Ly **Nana**

& Papa Team: Sarah & Ronnie Michael **Preschool Partners:** Jill Neibler; Isabel McLeod

There will be no Children’s Church during July and August.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Kim Caudle, The family of Ben Misenheimer (son of Cindy & Jim Misenheimer), Erin Phillips Taylor (daughter of Jay & Kelley Phillips), Randall Kimrey (father of Bryce Kimrey), Charles Miller (battling cancer; husband of Marion Andrew Miller); Anita Gower, Miriam Williams (grandmother of Michelle Cumming), Karen Niebler (mother of Jill Niebler), Rita Whitley, Barbara McManus, David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges). **See newsletter for complete list.**

Tartan Bearers

Tartan

Buchanan
Clergy
Frazier
Glasgow
Glasgow
Gordon
Keith
Robertson
Leslie
Lindsey
Livingston
MacDonald
MacDougall
MacDuff
MacFarland
MacFarland
MacKay
MacLeod of Harris
MacNaughton
MacNeil
MacQueen
McLeod
Montgomery
Ross
Shaw
Stewart
Tara
Wallace
Wallace
Watson

Donor Family

Hahn
Ayscue
Frazier
Palmer
Palmer
Hahn
Andrew
Knight/Wallace
Abernathy
Cumming
Andrew
Cotton
Sanges
Ayscue
Ayscue
Ayscue
Troutman
Bryson
Carter
Hall
Palmer
McLeod
Montgomery
Liles
Montgomery
Liles
Jolly
Wallace/Knight
Wallace
Green

Carrier

Debbie Hahn
Matt Drumheller
Andy Cotton
Ruth Cotton
Nathan Sanges
John Hahn
Keith Byrd
Ken Knight
Janice Abernathy
Steve Cumming
Jim Carter
James Cotton
Marlene Sanges
Spencer Ayscue
Rebekah Ayscue
Beau Reese
Rebecca Hollis
Duncan Bryson
Benjamin A. Riddle
Bill Hall
Skeet Ayscue
Elizabeth Bryson
John Montgomery
Abbey Campbell & Rachel Grace Campbell
Anne Montgomery
Dick Liles
Ben Jolly
Connie Wallace
Virginia Currie
Luke Davis



Thanks to Grant Lisk
for his artwork based on the book
The Sneetches
by Dr. Seuss.

THE SCOTTISH TRADITION

The Presbyterian Church is steeped in Scottish tradition as it was developed in the 16th century by John Knox. In 1560, he developed the First Book of Discipline which attempted to apply the theocratic system, developed in Geneva, Switzerland by John Calvin, to a whole kingdom. In each congregation, there would be a minister and elders holding office and forming a Session with the consent of the congregation. Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies were part of this plan as well. Besides the ecclesiastical features, the book sketched out notable schemes of national education and relief for the poor.

For conduct of public worship, Knox prepared a Book of Common Order which was approved by the General Assembly in 1564. This document suggests much about the order of Scottish worship and its rugged simplicity included in today's service. A few comments are in order so that worshipers might fully appreciate this service.

1. The Entrances are of strategic importance. The Scottish Presbyterian held in highest honor the open Word of God and the Communion (Great Entrance). Thus, each Sunday the people would stand in honor as the holy items were brought into and taken from the Sanctuary. This custom is still observed in the old parish churches of Scotland.
2. The *Old Scottish Gloria Patri* will be sung as a solo today.
3. Scottish Presbyterians are heard affirming their faith. Today's service includes the Scots Confession. This confession was written in 1560 by six ministers, including John Knox, in a period of four days. It is grounded upon the infallible word of God.
4. The bagpipes are Scotland's traditional music makers. The sounds are stately, joyous, and thrilling. Depending on the particular clan of Scots, the royal dress was that of tartan kilts.
5. While our service order is not an exact replica of the traditional Scottish service, it highlights the tone and distinctiveness of that worship event.

THE SCOTS CONFESSION AND BANNER SYMBOLS

1. The Blue (Presbyterian blue) is the background color of the seal of the Church of Scotland.

2. The Tartan, X-shaped cross is called the St. Andrews cross since he was the apostle, who according to tradition, brought the Gospel to Scotland. The tartan, or plaid, is of the Hamilton clad, because Patrick Hamilton was the first martyr of the Scottish Reformation.

3. The Celtic Cross is associated with early Christians in the British Isles and especially St. Columba and the Isle of Iona, on the West Coast of Scotland. Three stone Celtic crosses still stand on the Island. The Celtic Cross is the traditional symbol of the Presbyterian Church.

4. The Ship is a symbol of the Church. There is also the Biblical imagery of the ark. The Confession contains a remarkable strong doctrine of the church.

5. The Bible and the Sword: Paul called the Word of God *The Sword of the Spirit*. John Knox's preaching of the Word was a major power for Reformation in Scotland. Knox, a teacher himself, put considerable emphasis on the study of the Word of God and Church Education. He said there should be a school in every church parish.

6. The Burning Bush, unconsumed, reminds us of Moses' experience on Mt. Sinai. It is a symbol of God's presence and His call to us in our day and time. *The Scots Confession was written in Scotland in 1560 by John Knox and five other men in several day's time.*



KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

2015

Worshippers gathered 74 years ago on Sunday evening, April 27, 1941, in Washington, D.C., at a special service led by Peter Marshall, famed pastor (1935-1949) of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and Chaplain to the United States Senate (1947-1949). Attended by some members of the St. Andrews Society of Washington, D.C., the service had Scottish airs as a prelude to the service.

Originally designed to raise funds, this service sought to aid Scottish churches during the early days of World War II, as well as the British war effort by providing a mobile kitchen, according to the church bulletin. This service later evolved into what is today the Kirkin' o' the Tartan held in many locations across America. Since 1952, an annual Kirkin' has been held at the National Cathedral in the nation's capital.

Remembrance of early Scottish Presbyterianism, Kirkin' o' the Tartan worship services have spread across America. In Albemarle, our first Kirkin' was held in July 2003.

Scotland in the mid-18th century saw the English parliament and monarch (*The Disarming Act*, 1746-1782) banning weapons, as well as the wearing of tartans or kilts by Highland clansmen (effective August 1747). Some legends and folklore have it that clansmen would carry small pieces of the banned tartan cloth to the Church (Kirk) and the clergymen would slip a blessing into the service.

Holy Scriptures were the responsibility of The Beadle, a lay person in the Scottish Kirk. The Beadle brought the Bible into the Kirk for the worship service, as we do for today's service.

In early history, clans were simply a gathering of peoples for their protection and for economic, political, and social support. They were not necessarily related by blood. Specific tartans developed simply because each area liked to weave a certain design using local herb dyes. Why then do we celebrate clans and tartans? It is because the clansmen and clanswomen demonstrated true brotherhood and the clan was the family. The tartan is a symbol of this love and togetherness.

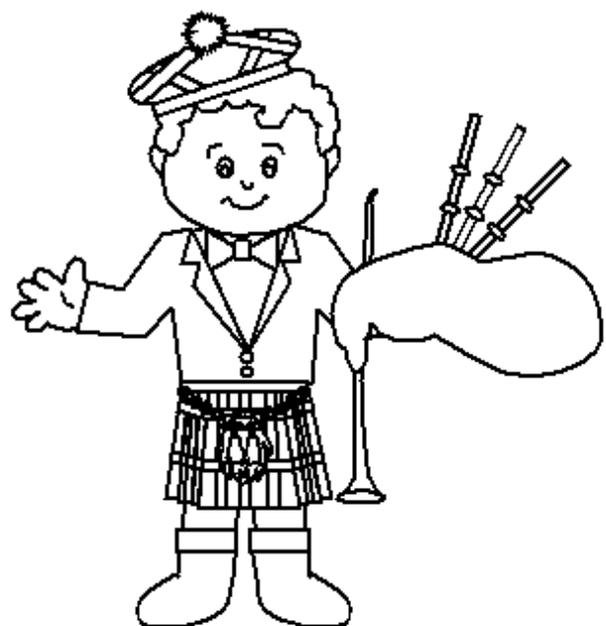
Prayers and praise are central to all Kirkin' worship services. Today, we invite you to remain in prayer as we remember ancient times and our present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings for the future.

Scotland Word Search

T Y J U S T H N S F C I W B C
F F B H L W R R N U W S O A E
F D E I U O E C N A D L G G L
S E K R C I G O L F Y C S P T
P S A I N T A N D R E W A I I
E O N D H A G G I S D P L P C
E U E X I S W D S O Q I G E Z
N E W N S X T Z Y S M D A S Y
R I D F A J J T C K P H Z L J
A A T G O H E G D E H H V L P

bagpipes
Celtic
dance
Glasgow
golf
haggis
hedgehog

kilt
neeps
plaid
reindeer
Saint Andrew
sheep
unicorn



Wish List, Mwandi Mission

The Mwandi, Zambia mission trip participants will depart on July 31 and, after a long flight, will arrive late in the evening on August 1. The congregation can participate in the trip by providing any of the following needed items:

Gloves for doctors and nurses, Gauze, Cotton Balls, and Thermometers

Materials are needed for a new *special needs* class. Students range in grades 1 through 6. Books for pupils with intellectual disabilities:

Math, Pre-vocational, Kkills for daily living, Literacy and Language

Other supplies include:

Crayons, Rulers, Colored Pencils, Play dough, Scissors

Stickers (keep in mind that fairy tale type stickers and books are not appropriate) Story books, Markers, Balls (soft), Paint & Paint brushes, Soccer Balls

Wish List, Montaña de Luz

The Montana de Luz mission trip participants are departing July 22. The congregation can participate in the trip by providing any of the following needed items:

Hygiene Items (Family Size)

Soap & Body Wash, Shampoo & Conditioner , Deodorant-male & female, Moisturizing lotion, Razors, Shaving cream/gel, Feminine Pads, Hair gel, Hairbands, Hair clips-girls, Hand sanitizer, Sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher), Toothpaste (NO toothbrushes needed), Shoe polish

Pharmacy/Medical Supplies

MULTIVITAMINS-Children and Adult, Vitamin C, Antacids:1-Tums,
2: PeptoBismol/Mylanta/Maalox liquid, ACE Bandages-All sizes,
Lice Shampoo kits, Metal Lice Combs

General/Office Needs

USB Memory Sticks (any size/recycled is fine), Printer Ink HP 60
Needles for Ball/Bicycle Pump, Laptops in good condition/cleaned,

Staplers

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 19

Scottish Communion and Kirkin' of the Tartans

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Scottish Communion & Kirkin' of the Tartans

Monday, July 20

8:30 am SNL Monday Morning Mission

Tuesday, July 21

10:00 am Congregational Nominating Committee

Wednesday, July 22

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, July 23

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, July 24

Church Office Closed – Summer Friday

Sunday, July 26

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Adult Christian Education Task Force

7:30 pm Vespers at the home of Robin & John Howell
(20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

- 19- Owen Johnson
- 20- Hessie Clark
Vicki Lynn Lambert
- 23- Jackson Palmer
- 24- Beth Poolos
Craig Taylor
- 25- Bruce Mittendorf
Bill Palmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

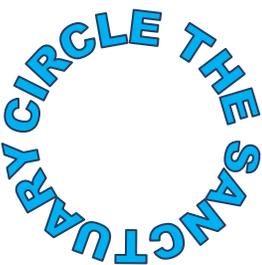
JULY

- 21- Kent & Shannon Newport

POUND CAKES NEEDED

The Community Inn will have a BBQ fundraiser on Friday, August 14. Can you help by providing one or more uniced pound cakes? A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the pit stop.

***childcare provided**



The summer months at SCCM find the food pantry quite bare. Children are home from school and we don't want any of them to go hungry. So, once again, the Mission Committee is asking you to help by bringing the requested food items and placing them in the appropriate places around the perimeter of the sanctuary.

The collection will take place on July 19 & 26.

Let's make this the biggest collection ever!

Food item categories are:

**canned meat, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese/pastas, cereal, grits, oatmeal,
spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned vegetables**

Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream

Sunday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Home of Robin & John Howell

(20959 Old Aquadale Road, Albemarle)

We'll gather for summer vespers and ice cream (let us know what kind you're bringing) to sing, pray, and read scripture together.