



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 Seventeenth Day of July

Two Thousand and Sixteen 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

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*From a prayer by Peter Marshall (b. Scotland 1902),  
originator of the service leading to the Kirkin' o' the Tartans in the United States.*

One: We do need you, Lord.

**Many: We need you now.**

One: We know that we can do without many of the things that once we thought were necessities,

**Many: But without you we cannot live, and dare not die.**

One: We needed you when shadows were thrown across the thresholds of our lives,

**Many: And you did not fail us then;**

One: When sickness laid a hand upon our families,

**Many: And we cried to you, and you did hear.**

One: Speak to us, that we may have courage for hard times, strength for difficult places,  
determination for challenging tasks.

**Many: We ask of you no easy way, but only your grace that is sufficient for every need,**

One: So that no matter how hard the way, how challenging the hour, how dark the sky,

**Many: We shall be enabled to overcome. 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 FORGIVENESS**

from Psalm 103:8

**One:** *The LORD is tender and compassionate, slow to anger, and always loving.* May we learn the humility, and find the strength, to live as those created in God's image. Friends, believe the Good News:

**Many:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Old Scottish Chant*

Craig Taylor, soloist

**CHILDREN OF THE KIRK**

**LIFE OF THE KIRK**

**\*THE SMALL ENTRANCE**

Scripture Bearer: Leah Kilde

*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**

[Revelation 7:1-17](#)

**SERMON**

*Who Can Stand?*

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**

Invitation

Debbie Bennett

Offertory

*Highland Cathedral*

Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

Prayer of Dedication

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

\*The Great Entrance

Words of Institution

Celebration

*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. Bread and juice are also available in the balcony. Gluten-free elements are available at the front of the sanctuary.*

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Spencer Ayscue

**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.**

\*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

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\*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.

**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** Spencer Ayscue, Thomas Hahn, Leah Kilde, Stan Scheer, and Craig Taylor for their participation in worship today.

**Thanks to** Joyce Lambert and Vicki Lynn Lambert for their artistic contribution to worship.

**The acolyte today is Morgan Kinley.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Ushers:** John Howell, captain; Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, and Ellen Snyder **Elder Greeters:** Debbie Bennett; Jim Carter **Nursery:** Cora Harrison **Toddler Room:** Cici Ly **Preschool Partners:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael **No Children's Church**

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

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Anne Montgomery (auto-immunue disease), Mary Lou Andrew (rehab at Trinity Place for fractured femur), Jim Hesley. **See newsletter for complete list.**

**A Retrospective on the PCUSA's General Assembly on Sunday, July 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the parlor.** Matt represented the Presbytery of Charlotte as a commissioner to this summer's General Assembly in Portland, Oregon. Join Matt for conversation about the decisions made, and the joys and challenges of being a commissioner.

**Final Session of the Summer Study on the Book of Revelation...Monday, July 25 from 5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.** Finley and David (son of Ruth Ann Rogers) Sutton will be guest presenters. We'll have a light supper together with donations accepted. Sign-ups are needed by the Thursday, July 21.

**Visit the First Presbyterian Church Summer Art Gallery Exhibit** featuring The Art of Photography by Lachlann Currie (located in the church basement.)

**The Women's Retreat is set for September 23-25 at the William Black Lodge** in Montreat, North Carolina. To make your reservation, a \$75 deposit is requested by August 1.

#### **REVELATION BIBLE READING**

July 17	Revelation 14:14-20
July 18	Revelation 15:1-4
July 19	Revelation 15:5-8
July 20	Revelation 16:1-9
July 21	Revelation 16:10-21
July 22	Revelation 17:1-8
July 23	Revelation 17:9-18
July 24	Revelation 18:1-13

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE COMMUNITY INN BBQ FUNDRAISER**

The Community Inn will have a BBQ fundraiser on Friday, August 19 at West Albemarle Baptist Church (336 Church Street, Albemarle). Can you help in one or more of these areas?

- Make a pound cake (un-iced & delivered to West Albemarle Baptist Church)
- Set-up and/or Clean-up
- Assemble Take Out Orders
- Assist with the Meal
- Be a Delivery Driver

Sign-up on the Mission bulletin board by Sunday, August 7.



## **Tartan Bearers**

### ***Tartan***

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

### ***Donor Family***

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

### ***Carrier***

Debbie Hahn  
Ben Jolly  
Andy Cotton  
Ruth Cotton  
Ben McLeod  
John Hahn  
Keith Byrd  
Janice Abernathy  
Steve Cumming & Ella Cumming  
Al Andrew  
James Cotton  
Rob McIntyre  
Catherine McIntyre  
Spencer Ayscue  
David Kilde  
Keith Bryson  
Duncan Bryson  
Bill Hall  
Lee Snuggs  
Mike McLeod  
John Montgomery  
Ken Knight  
Abbey Campbell & Rachel Grace Campbell  
Catherine Moeller  
Dick Liles  
Steve Coats  
Adam Jolly  
Witt Snuggs  
Linda Anderson  
Mary Green

## THE SCOTTISH TRADITION

The Presbyterian Church is steeped in Scottish tradition as it was developed in the 16<sup>th</sup> 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

## 2016

**W**orshippers 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.

**O**riginally 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.

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

**S**cotland, in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**H**oly 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.

**I**n 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.

**P**rayer 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
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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
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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



## Fun Scotland Facts for Kids

- Scotland is located in Europe, at the northern end of Great Britain.
- Scotland is part of the United Kingdom.
- Scotland shares a border with England.
- Scotland includes over 700 islands.
- The population of Scotland in 2011 was around 5.3 million.
- The capital of Scotland is Edinburgh while the largest city is Glasgow. Other major cities include Aberdeen and Dundee.
- Aberdeen has become an important centre for the oil industry after the finding of oil in the North Sea.
- The highest mountain in Scotland is Ben Nevis which stands at a height of 4409 feet.
- The Scottish Highlands are a mountainous region of Scotland with historical importance.
- A variety of wildlife can be found in Scotland, including seals, mountain hare, ptarmigan, stoats, and the golden eagle.
- Scotland has over 300 railway stations.
- Scottish drivers use the left-hand side of the road.
- Scotland has a unique culture with traditions such as bagpipes, kilts, and highland dancing.
- In 1872, Scotland played England in the first international game of football (soccer). The result was a 0-0 draw.
- The thistle is a national symbol of Scotland.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, July 17

*Scottish Communion and Kirkin' of the Tartans*

*Circle the Sanctuary*

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

### Monday, July 18

1:00 pm Nominating Committee

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

### Wednesday, July 20

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

### Thursday, July 21

8:00 am SNL Day of Mission – Ramp Building

### Friday, July 22

*Summer Friday – Church Office Closed*

### Sunday, July 24

*Circle the Sanctuary/Lemonade on the Lawn*

10:00 am \*Worship

11:00 am Stewardship Committee

11:00 am General Assembly Conversation with Matt: What Happened & What Does It Mean?  
(Parlor)

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### JULY

17-Matt Carpenter

Michael Laton

Panh Linthavong

19-Owen Johnson

20-Hessie Clark

Vicki Lynn Lambert

23-Jackson Palmer

24-Beth Poolos

Craig Taylor

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### JULY

21- Kent & Shannon Newport

**The Stewardship Committee** will meet following worship on Sunday, July 24.

**The Generosity Committee** will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 28.

## SCCM FOOD CHALLENGE FOR JULY:

**Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Pasta**

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### CIRCLE THE SANCTUARY

The summer months at SCCM find the food pantry in need. 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 out 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 17 and 24.

**Let's make this the biggest collection ever!**

**Food item categories are:**

- **canned meat (tuna, salmon, ham, beef stew)**
- **canned fruit (in light syrup)**
- **macaroni and cheese/ramen noodles**
- **cereal, grits, oatmeal**
- **spaghetti sauce**
- **canned vegetables (peas, beets, potatoes, mixed vegetables, carrots)**
- **no green beans or corn are needed**

