



KIRKIN' OF THE TARTAN

Our Heritage of Love | September 10, 2017 | 8:30 & 11:15

This church welcomes you no matter who you are or from where you come. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, we can learn together. We invite you to return often.

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

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 Presbyterians became a new denomination of Christians. With voices singing, drums beating, and bagpipes playing, let us celebrate our Scottish heritage in this service for the worship of God.

†**GATHERING MUSIC** *Brother James' Air* | Wright

Come Thou Fount | Funderburk

PROCESSIONAL *Highland Cathedral* | Roever

†**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry.

If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.

This morning's Call to Worship is taken from a prayer written by the Reverend Peter Marshall (b. 1902), who originated and led the first Kirkin o' the Tartan service held in the United States.

Who is the "Beadle"?

The office of Beadle dates from pre-Christian times when a doorkeeper was responsible for opening places of worship to the faithful while keeping unbelievers out. Before the printing press, the Beadle was responsible for safeguarding the hand written Bible, as there might be only one in an entire community, and bringing it to church for services. Now largely ceremonial and honorary, the Beadle carries the Bible, the centerpiece of faith, into and out of the Sanctuary.

This morning's Prayer of Confession is taken from the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

This morning's Affirmation of Faith is taken from the Scot's Confession of 1560.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

Rev. Joe Brice, Associate Pastor

Rev. Lisa Majoros, Associate Pastor

Andrew McIntosh,

Director of Youth Ministry

Alesia Jones,

Director of Children's Ministry

Cathy Lipsett, Beadle

Music & Fine Arts

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director

Dr. Cal Johnson, Organist

Will Myers, Violin

Elizabeth Tiscione, Oboe

North Atlanta Pipe & Drum Corps,

Tom Crawford, Director

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(please remain seated)

We do need You, Lord.

We need You now.

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

But without You we cannot live, and dare not die.

We needed You when shadows were thrown across the threshold of our lives,

And You did not fail us then;

When sickness laid a hand upon our families,

And we cried to You, and You did hear.

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

We ask of You no easy way, but only Your grace that is sufficient for every need,

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

We shall be enabled to overcome.

Praise be to God!

THE BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

Raise the Tartans! On behalf of all clans represented here, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God's blessing on His servant people in all lands.

Eternal God, bless these symbols of our heritage, and grant that those whom they represent, those who bear them, those who wear them, and all gathered here today may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with You, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lower the Tartans!

†***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 573** *God of our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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 that they should do to us.

(Silence for personal confession)

Most gracious God, our heavenly Father, Who has 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.

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:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

†***GLORIA PATRI NO. 623** *Glory Be to the Father*

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.

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

***HYMN** *(insert)* *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 33: 7-11 (NRSV) (NIV Pew Bibles, p. 836)

Romans 13: 8-14 (NRSV) (NIV Pew Bibles, p. 1101)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Our Heritage of Love* | Rev. Joe Evans

WE RESPOND TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | 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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS | OFFERTORY *Variations on “Dundee”* | Grocock

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 providence for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness and justice have appointed, And to the manifestation of His glory. Amen.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

***SENDING HYMN No. 202** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

***RECESSIONAL** *Scotland, the Brave*

***SENDING MUSIC** *Rejoicing (on a Scottish Tune)* | Meier

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary and Great Hall on Sunday, September 10, 2017 are given to the glory of God and in honor of Fannette and Bebe Adams on the occasion of the 56th wedding anniversary by Emily, Mark, Diane, Michael, Anna, and Sydney Adams.

Processional Participants

St. Andrews Society

Don Malcolm,

Coordinator

Carol Bockman,

Processional Coordinator

Doug Grey,

Banner Meister

Clans and Tartan Bearers

Buchanan, Buck Buchanan

Cameron, Rod Martin

Campbell, Sue Velardi

Cumming, Russell Cummings

Ferguson, Carol Thomas

Graham, Bob Nethery

Hay, Parker Gilbert

Hay, Joanne MacDonald

Johnston, Will & Fiona VanWinkle

Keith, Margaret Waldrep

MacDonald, Jim MacDonald

MacDuff, Claire Francis

MacFarlane, John Knox

MacGregor, Cheryl Reeves

MacKintosh, Stinson Adams

MacKintosh, Fran Hammond

MacLaren, Nancy Varella

MacMillan, Mikel Vann

MacNeill, Neill Blake

MacPherson, Ken McPherson

Malcolm, Don Malcolm

MacLean, Lucy Cooley

MacRae, Martha Goodlet

Montgomery, Katherine Harrison

Stewart, Tom Hewett,

Cheryl Davenport

St. Andrew’s Flag,

Phil Brand

The Claymore,

Andrew Jones

Christian Flag,

Bill Pardue

U.S. Flag,

Louise Pardue

Tim Hammond

Note:

Leaders: regular font

People: bold font

*Those who are able, please stand.

† Worshipers may be seated.

A Brief History of the Kirkin' of the Tartan

On April 16, 1746, the battle of Culloden was fought between England and Scotland. The relationship between the two countries had been marked by strife for centuries, and when the English emerged victorious from Culloden, Parliament enacted bitter punishment upon the Scots. Wearing tartans, speaking Gaelic, playing the pipes, and singing and dancing to Scottish music were banned. Those breaking these laws could be put to death. Legend has it that during this time, the Scots devised a plan to hide a piece of their tartan, a plaid associated with their clan, or family, within their clothing and then to wear it to the kirk (church) to be secretly blessed.

The tradition of the Kirkin' of the Tartan was begun in this country on April 27, 1941, by the Reverend Peter Marshall, then pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. and himself a Scot. Dr. Marshall, who later served as chaplain of the U.S. Senate, had a particular tie to our congregation here at FPC Marietta. While attending Columbia Seminary in Decatur, he frequently attended functions here and was a great favorite of our congregation. This joyous celebration of Presbyterian heritage has become increasingly popular through the years in not only Presbyterian churches in the U.S. and Canada, but also in other Christian denominations. This service is intended both to give thanks for the Scottish heritage of our church and to encourage all present to reflect upon and to celebrate God's grace poured out for all generations.

*The front cover photograph is of the ruins of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Scotland where John Knox preached his first sermon in 1547, after it was besieged during the Reformation. His ministry was short-lived. With the aid of French troops, Catholic royalists soon retook the St. Andrew's Castle, badly damaging it in the process. John Knox and the others were sent to the galley as slaves. Despite subsequent restorations, the castle ultimately fell into disrepair. It was effectively crumbling by the 17th century. What remains of the scenic ruins of the castle includes a dungeon where Knox and other Protestants were imprisoned for a time following the siege. (Historical information provided by Howard Kramer, taken from *The Complete Pilgrim*)*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

8:30 Traditional, Sanctuary

11:00 Contemporary, Holland Hall

11:15 Traditional, Great Hall

FOCUS

Beginning September 17th
A new 30-minute class with a changing focus on topics like Theology, Bible, Christian Life, Worship, and Missions.

This class is designed for those who do not belong to a class already or are in need of a shorter class. (Sanctuary)

September 17: Jim Speed teaches on Philippians 1-2

BETH
MOORE
BELIEVING
GOD

Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study

Begins Sept. 12 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Anyone is welcome to this casual Bible study!

Questions? Contact Linda Bush at (770) 856-8443.

September 12
1 - 5 p.m. | Sanctuary

DECRIMINALIZING

RACE AND
POVERTY

What's Working & What You Can Do

Please join us for a live stream viewing of the symposium exploring the impact of the criminalization of race and poverty and strategies that are working to end these policies and practices. The larger Marietta community has been invited. Let's demonstrate our commitment to unity.

Presbyterian Women Today Bible Study

2nd Monday of each month beginning Sept 11th

10 a.m. | Holland Hall | followed by a light luncheon

The study books on Hebrews will be available at the first meeting or can be obtained from Day Circle Moderator Marti Miner (404-408-3915) or PWT Moderator Linda Bush (770-856-8443).

Bring any of the following to the meeting: #2 pencils, washable markers, box of 24 crayons, safety scissors, or glue sticks to support Club 3:30.



Home Dedication

Sept. 16th at 11:30 a.m.

Please join us for the Habitat home dedication to Tiffany Evans and her children!
6011 South Gordon Road, Austell, Georgia 30168

Acolyte Training

Sunday, September 17th
12:30 p.m. | Great Hall

All 3rd-8th graders are invited to attend this training to learn how you can help to lead a worship service by lighting and extinguishing the candles on the communion table.

Email kristiduda@yahoo.com for more information or to register!