



## *Kirkin' O' the Tartans Service*

October 27, 2024, 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS' CHIMING OF THE HOUR  
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

#### \*PROCESSION OF TARTANS

Celtic Hallelujah

Joe Ashcraft, Piper

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Job 42:1-5

One: Then Job replied to the LORD: "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted."

Many: *You asked, "Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge? Surely, I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know."*

One: "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.'"

Many: *"My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you."*

One: Let us worship God.

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #138

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

from Dr. Peter Marshall

O Lord our God, even at this moment as we come blundering into Thy presence in prayer, we are haunted by memories of duties unperformed, promptings disobeyed, and beckonings ignored. Opportunities to be kind knocked on the door of our hearts and went weeping away. We are ashamed, O Lord, and tired of failure. If Thou art drawing close to us now, come nearer still, till selfishness is burned out within us and our wills lose their weakness in union with Thine own. Amen.

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A Prayer from Iona

by J. Philip Newell

*O Christ, you are a bright flame before me. You are a guiding star above me. You are the light and love I see in others' eyes. Keep me, O Christ, in a love that is tender. Keep me, O Christ, in a love that is true. Keep me, O Christ, in a love that is strong - today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.*

*Note: Iona is birthplace of Christianity in Scotland where St Columba and 12 missionaries started a monastery in 563 AD.*

#### A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

#### A TIME TO BE GENEROUS WITH GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

Highland Cathedral

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### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 1:11-14; Ephesians 1:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks Be to God*

#### \*HYMN

*O for a Closer Walk with God*

- O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame,  
A light to shine upon the road, That leads me to the Lamb!*
- Return, O holy Dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest!  
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, And drove Thee from my breast.*
- So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road, That leads me to the Lamb.*

#### SHARING GOD'S WORD

*"The Tartan: A Symbol of Belonging"*

Dr. William D. Coker

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP** - The Scots Confession was written at a turning point in the history of the Scottish nation. When Queen Mary of Guise died in her sleep in 1560, the Protestant nobility of Scotland was able to secure English recognition of Scottish sovereignty in the Treaty of Edinburgh. To the Scots, this favorable conclusion to the civil war represented a providential deliverance from God. The Scottish Parliament asked the clergy to frame a Protestant confession of faith. Six ministers, including John Knox, completed their work in four days. In 1560, the document was ratified by Parliament as "doctrine grounded upon the infallible Word of God." "Cleave, Serve, Worship, Trust" are key words in this document. As a call to action in a turbulent time, the Scots Confession reflects a spirit of trust and commitment to God who miraculously delivered the Scots from their hard times. Let us stand and affirm our faith using the words of the Scots Confession.

*\*ALL: 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.*

#### \*HYMN # 260 (vss. 1 & 4)

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

### WE CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE

#### PRESENTATION OF THE TARTANS

Pastor: Before God and this loving congregation, the Tartans of the Clans represented are called to assemble before the people.

Piper: **The Call for the Clans to Assemble**

Pastor: On behalf of all Clans and Families, we raise these Tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray for God's blessings on God's servants in every land.

People: *We praise God for choosing us to be his servants and for calling our families to be part of the family of God.*

## PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #280

Amazing Grace

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\*BENEDICTION

Traditional Scottish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face; The rains fall soft upon your fields, and  
Until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.*

\*Postlude (\*) We stand as we are able.

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## Announcements:

- 8 Most Significant Words: "Who will you invite to church next Sunday?"**
- #1 Reason to Be at FPC: Because we know why we're here - to share the Real Jesus**
- We are starting a flower calendar again for those who would like to have to purchase fresh flowers for the sanctuary. We have set up an arrangement with Murray's Flower Gallery to provide the flowers for us. The cost will be on average \$55, but special requests would cost more. An email was sent with more information. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.**
- Plans are underway for our fall festival on November 24<sup>th</sup>; we need volunteers to:**
  - bags of wrapped candy for prizes (it is fine to include chocolate too)**
  - corn hole boards (if anyone has some we can borrow for the day)**
  - small children's slides (if anyone has some we can borrow for the day)**
  - chili chefs (we plan to serve chili for lunch)**
  - cakes and pies for a traditional cake walk**
  - brownies and cookies for dessert**
- Prayer List:**
  - Patsy Rohrer (sister-in-law of Margaret Connor) - Patsy has made tremendous progress in her cancer battle; her tumor has shrunk.**
  - Cathy Martin (Biff's sister) - She has Pancreatic Cancer**
  - Allie Morris (Biff's daughter-in-law) - Hashimoto's disease**
  - Peggy Edwards - Cataract surgery**
  - JD Hart on the loss of her mother during Hurricane Helene**
  - Lindsey Henderson's mother- extensive back surgery**



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