

# **Ceud Mile Failte**

This means “**One hundred thousand welcomes**”  
in Scots Gaelic, and is a very common saying.

## ***Scottish Blessing***

***If there is righteousness in the heart,  
There will be beauty in the character.***

***If there is beauty in the character,  
There will be harmony in the home.***

***If there is harmony in the home,  
There will be order in the nation.***

***If there is order in the nation,  
There will be peace in the world.***

***So let it be.***

*The Kirking of the Tartan Worship Service  
is an opportunity for all Christians to  
rededicate themselves to the God of their  
heritage and the Lord Jesus Christ, and  
to renew their commitment to His service.*

## WHAT IS A KIRKING OF THE TARTAN?

The pattern of the tartan is called a sett, consisting of different colored threads that are woven together at right angles. One direction is called the warp and the other is called the waft. When both threads are the same color, then a solid line will be formed. If they are different, then a checked pattern is formed in the weave. This year, we are proud to include a new tartan named the 'American St. Andrews Tartan'. It was originally designed for the American Bicentennial. There are 13 alternating red and white stripes which appear in the sett, meant to symbolize the stars and stripes of the American flag. It honors all American families. Please take a moment to look at it.

A tartan is the pattern, usually plaid, chosen by a Clann (family) to represent its name and identity. The Scottish Gaelic word "clann" means "children" because every member of a clan is a member of a family. It is in the clan that we find a sense of identity and shared heritage and our relationship with the rest of the world. Every Scottish clan has a Chieftan, whose task is to lead and care for the clan. A tartan pattern, usually dating back hundreds of years, is often worn as a kilt, skirt, tie, scarf, or other item of clothing as a badge of membership in a specific clan. A clan is a "family." To bless the tartan is to bless the family to whom it belongs.

At the Kirking Of The Tartan, we bless the "family," recognizing that it is God who creates families, God who sustains families, and it is God who is truly the only "Chieftan" of us all. In Him we all find our identity, heritage, and foundation for our relationship with the rest of the world. These blessings today occur in the context of the larger family of God of which we are all part. Thus this day is for all of us, not only those of Scottish or Irish heritage. It is a day to bless the wondrous diversity of families that are part of our whole church family. As we remember with gratitude the origins of Presbyterianism in Scotland, we celebrate how this Christian tradition has spread to encompass families from all across the globe!

### ***First Presbyterian Church***

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

Director of Family Ministries: James M. Potts

February 18, 2018

Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

Director of Music: Dr. Robert Remek

Church Office: (954) 923-8209

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**\*Please stand if you are able.**

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#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE – *The Rejoicing* . . . . . Charles Callahan**

#### **PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**MARCH TO THE KIRK – *The Crags of Dumbledown Mountain*. . . . . The Pipers**

**\*HYMN – Be Thou My Vision . . . . . # 339**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (in unison) . . . . . Adapted from Jim Cotter**

**Merciful God, prone as we are to blame others and to hate ourselves, take from our eyes the dust that blinds us, that we may treat one another by the light of your compassion, and in the Spirit of Jesus Christ who is the Light of the world. In whose name we pray. Amen.**

**A TIME OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\* GLORY BE TO THE FATHER (#577)**

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

*The Anthem is a prayer. Please, no applause.*

**SOLO – Scottish Psalter Medley . . . . . Robert Remek, baritone**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed age, a lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS – Romans 12:9-21 (pew Bible NT page 162)**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD . . . . . Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan**

**The Power of Faith 5**  
*Bearing Each Other’s Burdens*

**THIS WE BELIEVE (in unison) . . . . . Romans 12:9-15**

**Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Blest Be the Tie That Binds . . . . . # 438**

**FLOWERS OF THE FOREST . . . . . Nigel Macdonald**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in his wonderful face And the things of earth  
will grow strangely dim In the light of his glory and grace.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Response - Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;  
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit  
of the living God, Fall afresh on me**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

*(Visitors, in the pew rack you will find a Guest Information card.  
Please complete the card, then place it in the offering plate.)*

*The anthem is a prayer. Please, no applause.*

**Offertory Anthem – Highland Cathedral . . . . . The Pipers**

**\*THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE ( #593)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise  
Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen. Amen. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**\*OFFERING OF PRAYER . . . . . Adapted from Richard Harries, fmr. Bishop of Oxford, b. 1936**

**O God, the Spirit of truth, help us to be truthful with one another. O God, the Spirit  
of gentleness, help us to be gentle with one another. O God who knows what is in our  
hearts more clearly than we do ourselves, help us to hear one another. O God, lead  
us in the way of truth and love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

## THE KIRKING OF THE TARTANS

### LITANY FOR THE CLANS AND FAMILIES

Thank you, O Lord, for the rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our Scottish forebearers, our ancestors in Abraham, and our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere. Never let us forget that a heritage of faith is a responsibility, not a treasure to be hoarded.

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

Thank you 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 is as welcome as the brother or sister.

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

We praise you 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.

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

**KIRKING ADDRESS** .....JOSEPH MONIZ

**YOU ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD AND  
PLACE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE AN ITEM THAT  
REPRESENTS YOUR FAMILY.**

### CALLING OF THE TARTANS AND CLANS

You who have brought forth these tartans have done so as representatives of a multitude of individuals who seek the restoration of a legacy of faith. You present these families to Almighty God seeking His continued blessing upon us all. As a sign of our submission to His will and desire for His blessing, present these tartans now.

### RAISING OF THE TARTAN FLAGS

### BLESSING OF THE TARTANS AND ALL FAMILIES

### \*PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**As these representatives come to seek your continued blessing upon their clans, bless their tartans and those who wear them that they may be a blessing to all peoples. May their families continue to flourish. Bless each of our families, all those who are represented in this worship service today, and sustain us through difficult times that we may enjoy Your favor forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*THE PIPER'S RESPONSE** – *Amazing Grace*

**\*CONCLUDING HYMN - Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound** ..... #280

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*The congregation may exit once the Piper and Clan Representatives leave the sanctuary.*

**\*POSTLUDE** – *Scotland the Brave* ..... The Pipers

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**Lay Reader – Louise Hardenburg**

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given by Tom and Shari Parker  
in memory of loved ones.

**The flowers in the narthex** are given by Bart & Alice Carlisle in honor  
of the families of First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood.

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**WELCOME VISITORS!**

**Visitors, following worship, please join us on the patio a celebration of Kirking of the Tartans. It is our hope that you will encounter God as you worship with us.** First Presbyterian Church is a family of faith committed to families, peacemaking, and mission. There are educational offerings for all ages, as well as fellowship groups for members and friends of the church. All are welcome. For information, visit us at our web site at: [fpcoh.org](http://fpcoh.org)

**CHILD CARE** for infants is provided in the nursery, located in the Narthex (Lobby) of the church. Children's worship kits are also available for younger children. Please ask an usher for assistance. Our children's Sunday school, Good News Kidz (GNK), gathers at 10am in the sanctuary (September through May).

**FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**, in the narthex we have large print hymnals and a limited number of pew cushions available.

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

**The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.**

**Please check our website: [fpcoh.org](http://fpcoh.org)  
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar; and  
our Facebook page: [facebook.com/fpcoh](https://www.facebook.com/fpcoh)  
Church office e-mail: [landerson@fpcoh.org](mailto:landerson@fpcoh.org)**

**The Church and Learning Center offices will be closed  
Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for the Presidents' Day holiday.**

## **BOOK CLUB 2017- 2018**

The Book Club will meet **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m., in the church office,** with this month's book, ***Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown.** Discussions are led by Ellen Yamrick, retired librarian.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH —**

**Good News Kidz (GNK) —** (Sunday school for ages 4-10), 10:00 a.m., sanctuary

**Boy Scout Troop 420 — February 20<sup>th</sup>,** 7:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building

**Learning Center chapel — February 21<sup>st</sup>,** 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

**Early Learning Center chapel — February 21<sup>st</sup>,** 11:00 a.m., West Wing

**After Care Center chapel — February 23<sup>rd</sup>,** 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

## **CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —**

**Breakfast and the Bible —** Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m., chapel –  
A study focusing on the scripture of the day.

**A Time of Prayer, in the chapel**

**Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 9:00 a.m. – Noon

## **CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —**

**Lenten Film Series – in the chapel, 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent**

(February 21<sup>st</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, and March 21<sup>th</sup>)

**February 21<sup>st</sup>,** we'll start with a little Christmas in February, **Joyeux Noel**, about the remarkable Christmas armistice during World War One. This 2005 French film, lauded by the Philadelphia Inquirer as “a poignant and rousing carol for peace,” was nominated for an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film.

**Please mark your calendars!!**

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**LOOKING AHEAD: Bold Justice Network meeting,** February 25<sup>th</sup>

**MARCH IS FAITH AND FAMILY MONTH:**

**Waumba Worship,** March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Family Movie Night,** March 16<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Egg Hunt,** March 18<sup>th</sup>

**DROP BY FOR COFFEE OR TEA WITH KENNEDY THIS WEEK**

Here are the unscheduled times this week where  
I am available for y'all to come by for a visit!

**Sunday – 2 to 4 PM**

(Bible study, worship and the Kirkin' take up the rest of the day.)

**Monday – Happy Presidents' Day!**

**Tuesday – 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM to 2 to 3:30 PM**

(preschool walkaround and Rotary take up the remaining time.)

**Wednesday – 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM**

(chapels, lunch. mtg. w. James Potts, & Lenten film series take up the remaining time)

**Friday – 10:30 to 11:30**

(sermon preparation and chapel take up the rest of the day)

Please try to call beforehand so I can put the kettle on, and to make sure that the schedule hasn't unexpectedly changed for a hospital visit or some other concern.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, February 18 – Lent 1 - Kirking of the Tartans**

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel . . . . . 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary . . . . . 10:00 a.m.
- Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building/Patio . . . . . 10:00 a.m.
- Kirking Meal – Church Patio . . . . . following worship
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel . . . . . 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### **Monday, February 19 – Presidents' Day**

All church and Learning Center offices closed

### **Tuesday, February 20**

- Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, February 21**

- Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary . . . . . 10:30 a.m.
- Lenten Series Movie – Chapel . . . . . 7:00 p.m.
- Book Club – Church Office . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, February 22**

- Westminster Choir . . . . . 5:15 p.m.
- Westminster Ringers Bell Choir . . . . . 6:30 p.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel . . . . . 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### **Friday, February 23**

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel . . . . . 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- After Care Chapel - Sanctuary . . . . . 4:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, February 24**

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel . . . . . 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

### **Sunday, February 25 – Lent 2**

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel . . . . . 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary . . . . . 10:00 a.m.
- Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building/Patio . . . . . 10:00 a.m.
- Bold Justice Network meeting – Chapel. . . . . following worship
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel . . . . . 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The family seems to have two predominant functions:  
to provide warmth and love in time of need  
and to drive each other insane.

**Donald G. Smith**

In every conceivable manner, the family is the link to our past,  
and the bridge to our future.

**Alex Haley, Writer, Author of Roots**

The best minute you spend is the one you invest in your family.

**Ken Blanchard, Author, The One Minute Manager**

A peaceful home is as sacred a place as any chapel or cathedral.

**Bill Keane, Cartoonist, The Family Circus**

The great lesson...is that the sacred is in the ordinary;  
that it is to be found in one's daily life,  
in one's neighbors, friends, and family, in one's backyard.

**Abraham Maslow, Psychologist, 1909-70**

We cannot be fully human alone. We are made for interdependence.  
We are made for family.

**Bishop Desmond Tutu, God Has a Dream**

A church is a home for love, a home for brothers and sisters to dwell in unity,  
to rest and be healed, to let go their defenses and be free –  
free from worries, free from tensions, free to laugh, free to cry.

**William Sloan Coffin**

The church is God saying: "I'm throwing a banquet, and all those mismatched,  
messed up people are invited. Here, have some wine."

**Rachel Held Evans, Searching for Sunday**

Very few burdens are heavy if everyone lifts.

**Sy Wise**

## **A WORD FROM KENNEDY —**

### **COMING IN MARCH!! FAITH AND FAMILY MONTH!**

Beginning in March, we're launching a special series of family events as get ready for the celebration of Easter, the first Sunday in April! It is an awesome series of events, if I do say so myself!

#### **Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM – Waumba Worship!**

Every week, the children in our Learning Center ministries experience an energizing and fun mix of songs and sharing that we call Waumba Chapel. [Waumba is the Swahili (an African language) word for God.] And now you can experience this event for yourself, as we do a special version of Waumba Worship. It begins with a spaghetti dinner on the patio (\$5.00 for the entire family – what a deal!), and then we go into the sanctuary for a half hour of songs; then James Potts, our Family Ministries Director, will lead you through a very cool way that you can share in your family and build a spiritual connection together called *Faith 5* - and you'll get to do it together as a family right here! We'll even give you a free bookmark to help you remember the practice and make it part of your family. By 7:30 or so, you'll be out the door, and ready to head home!

#### **Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM – Movie Night with *The Star* (just released on DVD)**

It's Christmas in March with the fun and exuberant cartoon-take on the Christmas story, starring Kelly Clarkson, Anthony Anderson, and Oprah Winfrey. Come enjoy pizza on the patio, and then grab a bag of popcorn, and enjoy this family flick!

#### **Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic**

As we ramp up for Easter, we end the *Faith and Family Month* with our amazing Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic. Come out for a worship service at 10 AM and then head over to the Patch for the hunt and an awesome picnic lunch - along with lots of raffles and fun activities! Tickets will go on sale soon, with all proceeds to benefit our Learning Center ministries.

## **SPEAKING OF MOVIES....**

Beginning, this **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**, we'll be launching our annual Lenten film series, with the theme, *Searching for Shalom*. Each film creatively deals with how human beings struggle for a world that is full of peace between one another, and between creation itself. Each film received critical acclaim, even as each is quite different. This week the film is: **Joyeux Noel**, about the remarkable Christmas armistice during World War One. This 2005 French film, lauded by the Philadelphia Inquirer as "a poignant and rousing carol for peace," was nominated for an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film.

Then here is the rest of the line-up for each Wednesday up until Holy Week:

**February 28<sup>th</sup> - *Cry the Beloved Country*** with “superb performances from James Earl Jones and Richard Harris,” (USA Today) based on the acclaimed novel of the same name.

**March 7<sup>th</sup> -** The 2002 thriller, ***Changing Lanes***, with Ben Affleck and Samuel Jackson that Roger Ebert called one of the best movies of the year.

**March 14<sup>th</sup> - *Beasts of the Southern Wild***, “sheer poetry on screen: an explosion of joy in the midst of startling squalor and one of the most visceral, original films to come along in a while.” (Associated Press)

**March 21<sup>st</sup> -** And finally, the stunning, ***Praying the Devil Back to Hell***, winner of Best Documentary at the Tribeca Film Festival, and one of the most universally acclaimed films of 2008.

**Each film starts at 7 PM with a brief discussion afterwards, and there will be popcorn and chips available for all attendees. Come out and enjoy!**

**Our thanks go to the following for their participation  
in making the Kirkin' a meaningful event:**

**Participants**

Scotsman with Claymore Sword ..... Bart Carlisle  
 Beadle ..... Dr. Thomas Parker  
 Pipe Band ..... St. Andrews Pipe Band of Miami  
 Scotsman with Walking Stick ..... Joseph Moniz

**FLAGS**

American Flag ..... Dee Olive  
 St. Andrew's Cross ..... E. C. Burlison  
 Lion Rampant ..... Nicholas Csendas

**BANNERS**

American St. Andrews Clan Baird	Joseph Moniz Cynthia Silvestro for Wilma Baird Paquette
Clan Bruce	Elizabeth Carlisle
Clan Clarke	Bart Carlisle
Clan Douglas	Judith Koerner
Firefighters' Memorial	Bianca Lasica
Gallaecia National	Raquel Cornelles
Galloway	Kristen Desjaden
German National	Andrea Buckman Mulack
Clan MacDonald (Dress)	Louise Hardenburg
Clan MacDonald (Hunting)	Rev. Kennedy McGowan
Clan MacKenzie	Carolyn Moniz
Clan MacKintosh	Marilyn McIntosh
Clan Morrison	Dr. Charles Baird Adams
Morris of Wales	Leslie Young
Pride of Scotland	Barbara Benoit
Clan Ross	Kaden Gaffney
Clan Scott	Carolyn Scott
Clan Sinclair	Tammy Walker
Clan Thompson	Jill Doyle
Clan Young	John Patrick Young

**HONORING**

Families of the U.S.A.  
 Alexander Morrison Baird  
 John Albert Carlisle  
 John Vincent Clarke  
 Families Brownlee and Glenn  
 Firefighters and First Responders  
 Families of Galacia  
 Families Broach and McKinstry  
 Families of Germany  
 Leah McConnell  
 McGowan Family  
 Clan MacKenzie  
 Robert McIntosh  
 Clan Morrison  
 Nicholas Morris  
 Families of Scotland  
 Clan Ross  
 Clan Scott  
 Mason Family  
 Clans Thompson and MacTavish  
 Carl Young

Scottish Refreshments Coordinator ..... Alice & Bart Carlisle  
 Flowers of the Forest ..... Linda Cady, Joseph Moniz  
 Patio Celtic Violinist ..... Don Hicks  
 Pastor ..... Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan  
 Director of Music ..... Dr. Robert Remek

**SPECIAL THANKS to**  
**Alice & Bart Carlisle for organizing and coordinating this event;**  
and a very special thanks to Alice Carlisle who led the charge  
for a Kirkin' service in our congregation.

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### ***Family Blessing***

God made us a family.

We need one another.

We love one another.

We forgive one another.

We work together.

We play together.

We worship together.

Together we use God's word.

Together we grow in Christ.

Together we love all people.

Together we serve our God.

Together we hope for heaven.

These are our hopes and ideals.

Help us to attain them.

O God, through Jesus Christ

our Lord.

## HISTORY OF THE KIRKIN'

The Kirkin' O' Th' Tartan Worship Service seems so ancient that many assume it was brought to America by early Scottish settlers. The Kirkin' actually began in America, though it has deep roots in Scottish history and legend

Those roots go back to the Battle of Culloden in 1746. At that battle, the Scottish forces of Bonnie Prince Charlie were defeated by the English. Thus, Scotland came under British rule. To control the Scots, the English passed a law that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts, plain or any tartan which represented the Scottish heritage. British troops were ordered to kill on sight any person dressed in Highland garb or displaying the tartan. The law prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartan as they went to the Kirk (Church). The pastor then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. This law lasted for nearly fifty years. When it was repealed, the Church of Scotland (the Presbyterian Church) celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expressing for the Lord's blessing. From these origins, the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C., developed the service for the first Kirkin'. It was held on April 27, 1941, at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, where the Scotsman, Peter Marshall, served as pastor/ Later Peter Marshall would go on to serve as Chaplain of the U. S. Senate.

## BAGPIPES

*The song you sing will be like that on a festal night when hearts are gay or when the sound of bagpipe men make a pilgrimage to the mountain of Yahweh, to the rock of Israel, with music of tambourine and harp and dancing... (Isaiah 30:29 JB)*

The bagpipe is one of the oldest instruments on earth. As you can see from the verse above, we even find mention of them in the Bible. Every king in the British Isles and every town had at least one piper for ceremonies and other events. The clans of Ireland and the Highlands had hereditary pipers and some even had a 7 year school. The clan pipers were "men of war," heroes and greatly admired. The bagpipe has continued in popularity through the centuries, and while common throughout Europe, has come to be identified mainly with Scotland.

## THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL FLAG

*The "Cross of St. Andrew," also known as the :Saltire" (meaning cross in the shape of an X) is the oldest flag of any country. A Galilean fisherman called by Jesus (Matthew 4:18) to follow Him, Andrew went to his own cross (thus the angled cross) somewhere in Greece. Tradition tells us his bones were taken to Scotland and placed beneath the Cathedral of (now) St. Andrews in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> century. He thus is celebrated as the patron saint of Scotland and his cross has become the symbol of the flag of Scotland.*

*You will also notice another flag – yellow background with red lion in the center and red border. This flag is the Royal Flag of Scotland first adopted by William the Lyon in 1165.*

## **THE BEADLE**

*During the Middle Ages and through the Reformation, Bibles were rare among the common people. The Bible of the Kirk (the church) was a treasured possession. The value of the sacred scriptures and the danger of theft led to the establishment of a special office within the Kirk, known as "The Beadle." The Session usually elected the Beadle, who served for an indefinite period of time. The Beadle served principally to guard and protect the Bible, though sometimes he also "collected fines," summoned accused parties to trial before the Session, and issuing "decrees" throughout the church. In some Presbyterian churches, the Beadle begins the worship service by carrying the Bible ceremoniously into the sanctuary. The people rise in respect for the Bible, and sit down after the Beadle has opened the Bible and prepared the pulpit for the entry of the pastor.*

## **THE CELTS**

Both the Scots and the Irish are known as Celts. The Celts have played a significant role in worldwide Christianity, with their missionaries bringing faith and education throughout Europe in some of the darkest days on that continent. In addition, the Celtic Christian tradition has always seen deep connections between spirituality and the natural world, connections seen in their prayers and writings.

## **PSALM SINGING**

Today as we begin worship, we will be singing the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm reflecting the psalm singing tradition of Scotland. Originally Scottish Presbyterians believed that only scripture should be used in praise of God. Thus they adapted Biblical psalms into hymns, using equal meter or rhyme to do so. These rhythmic versions of the Psalms were never intended to be Bible translations, and thus they moved words or phrases around to arrange for a proper rhythm to the song. Here at First Presbyterian, we maintain that tradition whenever we sing a Psalm in worship, and our hymnbook has a whole selection of such songs.



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## ***Silver Sponsor***

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## ***Platinum Sponsor***

**Jill Doyle**

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# Haste Ye Back

(in Gaelic)

***Na bi fada gun tilleadh.***

*Haste Ye back, we love you dearly.*

*Call again, you're welcome here.*

*May your days be free from sorrow.*

*And your friends be ever near.*

*May the path on which you wander*

*Be to you a joy each day.*

*Haste Ye back, we love you dearly.*

*Haste Ye back on friendship's way.*





The **Firefighters Memorial Tartan** is our newest acquisition to our tartan family. The colors are predominantly red, which represents fire, and black, in remembrance of those who have given their lives in the line of duty. There are three parallel red lines that intersect each black square and are woven with three red threads on either side and 4 red threads in the middle. This pattern of weave is in honor of the 343 FDNY firefighters who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, while responding to the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York. The green and yellow lines on the tartan signify the long-standing connection of the Irish American community to the Fire Department of New York. The largest number of firefighters and first responders to lose their lives in any single event of US history occurred on 9/11. The Leary Firefighters Foundation has received a portion of the sale of this tartan, as a donation given by the USA Kilt company.

**Interesting facts:** *Did you know that.....*

*The Presbyterian Church is the Church of Scotland  
and that...*

*The Unicorn is the official animal of Scotland. It was used as a heraldic symbol as far  
back as the 12thC  
symbolizing, strength, purity and innocence.*

### **Scottish Blessings**

*Slainte mhor agus a h-uile beannachd duibh  
Good health and every good blessing to you!*

*Go dtuga Dia deoch duit as an tobar nach dtrann.  
May God give you a drink from the well that never runs dry.*

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*The national emblem of Scotland is the thistle, which grows freely over all of Scotland.  
It is a sturdy, prickly plant with a purple bloom and can grow to a height of 5 feet.*

*Legend has it that in 1263, King Haakon of Norway sent a fleet of longships to  
Scotland with the intention of invading Scotland and repossessing land which had once  
been theirs. The Norseman landed in Ayrshire, on the beach of Largs, a coastal town of western Scotland. There,  
they planned their attack to strike after dark, while the Clansmen were sleeping. They removed their shoes to  
make the approach as quiet as possible and maintain the element of surprise. The Scots had a secret weapon,  
though, in the form of the thorny thistle. As the Norsemen crossed the landscape, they ran into patches of thistle,  
which pierced their bare feet and cut their skin. Their cries of pain served to sound the alarm of their attack and  
the Scottish Clansmen were waiting for them. The Battle of Largs was a victory for the Scots and the thistle was  
given much credit for the roll that it played.*



## **Declaration of Arbroath**

*The sovereignty of Scotland has been a concept with a long history. On April 06, 1320, a letter declaring Scotland's position as an independent and free-ruling land, independent of English dominance, was sent to Pope John XXII, who had been a supporter of the English monarchy. The declaration, also, asserted the right of Scotland to defend itself with military force, in the event of an attack. One of the most famous extracts from this declaration reads:*

***For as long as but a hundred of us remain alive,  
it is in truth not for Glory, nor Riches, nor Honours  
that we are fighting, but for Freedom, for that  
alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself.***

*It is recognized that this declaration may have had an influence over the drafting of our own Declaration of Independence, as there are similarities and many members of the Continental Congress were of Scottish heritage. The U.S. Senate Resolution 155, Nov. 10, 1997, has designated April 06 as National Tartan Day, the same date of the drafting of the Declaration of Arbroath.*

