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KIRKIN

O' THE TARTANS



Hendersonville Presbyterian Church
Hendersonville, North Carolina

October 22, 2023

11:00 am

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

*Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision* No. 642

Offertory Prayer Rob McClelland

*Benediction Rob McClelland

*Recessional: *Scotland the Brave* Traditional
Worship Leaders, Tartans, and Pipe Band

*Given to the Glory of God for His beautiful flowers in memory of Jim Davey.
Memories live on. By Darlene Davey.*

****Those who are able may stand.***

*The custom-made tartan racks were designed and built by Richard A. McDonald,
Peter Summerville, and the late Kevin Patterson.*

Participating in this morning's service:

Rev. Rob McClelland, Pastor

Rev. Dwayne Durham, Pastor Emeritus

Marti Dushak, Accompanist

Tom Dushak, Classical Guitarist

Joe Bailey and the Montreat Scottish Pipes and Drums

Calling of the Clans: Kathleen Guice Reid, Chuck Rouse

Harpist: Carroll Ownbey

Paraments made by Carol Saluppo

The History

“Kirkin” comes from the Scottish Gaelic word, “kirk”, which means church, and “Tartan” refers to the traditional plaid emblem of Scottish clans. The ceremony of Kirkin' O' the Tartans service is of American origin, though based on Scottish history and legend. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, a special Act was passed that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts, plain or any tartan which represented Scottish heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill upon sight any person dressed in Highland garb or displaying the tartan.

This Act prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartan as they went to the Kirk. The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against the tartan lasted for nearly 50 years. At the repeal of the Act, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.

The First Kirkin'

The Kirkin' O' the Tartans service was created, or “revived”, during World War II by the late Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall. The first Kirkin' was hosted by the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C.. Dr. Marshall, himself an eloquent Scot, and pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, led the service in 1943, choosing "Kirkin' O' the Tartan" as the title of his sermon. In 1947, he was elected Chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

Since then,

The ceremony was at that time held in Presbyterian churches of Scottish heritage across the United States. Today, the celebration is not limited to Presbyterian churches, but can be found in Episcopalian, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other denominations around the world. In the present-day celebration, the Highlander patriotism, faithfulness, and strong independence are remembered by the displaying of tartans and public parade of the clans to the bagpipe. In churches, and even at Scottish Highland Games, the Kirkin' is celebrated by Scots – and those who would be Scots.

***Human nature must be changed if we are ever to
have an end to war or to correct the wrong
situations that make our lives uneasy and our
hearts sore. No Christianity, the power of Jesus
Christ, the Holy Spirit of God, is the only force
that can change people for good.***

-Rev. Peter Marshall

Clan Crests

The Clan Crest, or Coat of Arms, goes farther back in Scotland's history as a clan identifier than does the tartan. A clan's official crest design was approved and granted to the chief of the clan by the Lord Lyon King of Arms. Its acceptance and authenticity were then recorded in the Public Register of All Arms and in Bearings in Scotland – a register established in 1592 during the reign of James VI (before he also became James I of England) and kept today in the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh. It is acknowledged as the most magnificent heraldic manuscript in Europe.

In ancient times, it was the custom for clan chiefs to give their relations and followers a metal plate of their crest to wear as a badge indicating clan allegiance. It was affixed to their clothing by a buckle and strap usually inscribed with the Chief's motto. Only a Chief or his direct heir was permitted to wear the crest without the strap and buckle.

The Evolution of the Kilt

No doubt the most identifiable garment worn by the Scots is the kilt, regardless of the fabric. The kilt of modern times is made with eight yards of tartan, pleated together in the back, left unpleated in the front, and designed like a wrap-a-round apron. Laid out flat it would have pleats in the middle, with two unpleated, flat sections on either side. In examining its history, it also helps to remember that the modern kilt is made to cover only the lower half of the body, from the waist down to the knees. In the late 1500's, the "Feileadh Mhor," or the Great Kilt, as we saw on William Wallace in *Braveheart*, was made to cover most of the body, from the knees to the neck, and sometimes even the head. It was made using twice the width of cloth as a modern kilt. One laid out the yardage of the very wide cloth on the ground and proceeded to pleat the center on the fabric, leaving the two flat sections on either side. It would look much the same as the modern kilt when spread out, but with the two flat side sections being twice as long.

Source: Clothing I: What's up with the Guy in the Skirt?
(www.Shetlandpiper.com: Volume I, Issue 5, April 30, 2001)

Opportunities for Worship and Service

WELCOME GUESTS!

We would like to welcome all our guests who are joining us for worship today, both in-person and online! We are so glad you are here. If you have any questions about the HPC Family, please make a note on the comment bar, message us through Facebook, or email the office. Thank you for joining us today! We hope you will have an encounter with the Living God and join us again in worship.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: We are One Church with Two distinct styles of worship:
Contemporary Worship Service at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
Traditional Worship Service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

CHILDRENS MINISTRY:

Our Children's Ministry meets each Sunday morning at 11:00 am in the Rec Room. This is a fun-filled time of singing, study, and fun application at an age-appropriate level. If you would like to receive more information, please contact the Church Office – 828-692-3211

YOUTH MINISTRY:

6th-12th grade youth meet Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm in the Youth Room. We also have fun activities planned each month outside of Sunday morning. If you have questions about our Youth Ministry or would like to receive more information, please contact Rev. Charles Reed at ckreed@hendersonvillepc.org

Response:

The Doxology
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy
Ghost. Amen**

Scripture Reading:

Acts 2:42-47

Rob McClelland

Sermon:

Connected – Part 1

*Affirmation of Faith: (*please stand*)

Dwayne Durham

Leader: The church has its ongoing story with God. The church's story with God did not end with the latest events recorded in Scripture.

People: Across the centuries, the company of believers has continued its pilgrimage with the lords of history.

Leader: It is a record of faith and faithlessness, glory and shame.

People: The church has been persecuted by hostile societies, but it has also known times of privilege and power when it joined forces with dominant cultures.

Leader: It has sought holiness through separation from society, as well as through involvement in the world's affairs.

People: It has experienced life-giving reformations.

Leader: It has known missionary expansion throughout the world, but also periods of dwindling resources and influence.

People: It has divided into rival orders, sects and denominations, but it has also labored for cooperation and union.

All: We confess we are heirs of this whole story. We are charged to remember our past, to be warned and encouraged by it, but not to live it again. Now is the time of our testing as God's story with the church moves forward through us. We are called to live now as God's servants in the service of people everywhere.

*Response of Praise:

Gloria Patri

No. 735

**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.**

The Blessing of the Clans and Families of our Church:

Kathleen Guice Reid

Leader: The Tartans! (Pause until all Banner bearers lift high their tartans.)

People: On behalf of all clans and families 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.

Leader: Eternal God, our Father, bless all the families represented in our church that they may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Posting of Tartans:

*Hymn: *Amazing Grace* No. 460

Unison Prayer of Confession: (adapted from Peter Marshall) Dwayne Durham

Heavenly Father, we confess to You the wrong ideals and sinful living which have cut us off from You. We have been greedy. We have sought to hide behind barricades of selfishness. We have tried to isolate ourselves from the wounds of the world. In our self-sufficiency, we have not sought Your help. We have wasted time while the world bled. We have sought to solve our differences only through self-interest. Lord God of Hosts, forgive us, we pray. O God, by Your guidance and Your power, may we be keenly sensitive to all the unresolved injustice and wrong still in our midst. Hear this prayer, and grant that we may confidently expect to see it answered in our time, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession and 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.

Assurance of Pardon: (from the Scots Confession)

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of people chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace God by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

The Service of the Lord's Day

October 22, 2023 - - 11:00 am

Preparatory Meditation

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. Just as the clans of Scotland were united by faith in Jesus Christ, we cry out to God today to unite our country and bring peace to a warring world in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. So, with voices singing, drums beating and bagpipes playing, let us celebrate our faith heritage while lifting up the Name of Jesus, "the only name that is above every name, that at the mention of the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of those in heaven, those on earth and those under the earth and that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9)

Tolling of the Hour: Three tolls to honor God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Welcome: Rob McClelland

Prelude: *"The Summons"* (Will You Come and Follow Me) a Scottish hymn
Marti & Tom Dushak by John Bell

Call to Worship:

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

People: And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Leader: In the shadow of God's peace, in the powerful name of Jesus, and with the hope of the Holy Spirit, let us worship Almighty God!

All: All glory, honor, and praise to God today and forever!

Procession of Pipes: *Highland Cathedral* Traditional
Worship Leaders, Pipe Band, and Tartans
(Please remain seated throughout the entire processional.)

Calling of the Clans: Kathleen Guice Reid & Chuck Rouse

Carriers in the Processional

McClellan	Reverend Rob McClelland
Morrison (Ancient)	Chuck Rouse
Hamilton (Dress)	Kathleen Guice Reid
Blair	Larry Blair
Bruce	Stephen Charles Lipe
Buchanan	Sara Emel
Burns	Robert Burns
Cameron	Stacy McClelland
Campbell of Bredalbane	Andrew Reed
Cunningham	Bobby Currier
Davidson (Ancient)	Turner Rouse Sr.
Davidson (Modern)	Edwin Story
Farquharson	Paxton Keever
Fraser	Travis Ginn
Galloway	Stacey Barrett
Gordon	Vicki Gordon Clauson
Gunn	Peter Reed
Hay	Douglas Bruce DiRienzo
Henderson	Michael Slingsluff
Irvine (Ancient)	John Irvin
MacDonald	Mary Lavery-Perry
MacDonald of the Isles (Ancient Hunting)	Richard A. McDonald
MacDonald (Lord of the Isles)	Darlene Davey
MacKay (Weathered)	Maureen DiRienzo
MacMillan	Robbie Hever Lipe
MacPherson	Sally Hursey
Magill	Steve Byrd
McClintock	Lynette Stark
McKean	Eva House
McLeod of Harris (Ancient Hunting)	Cathey Ridings Gilbert
McLeod of Harris (Hunting)	Anne McLeod Ridings
McLeod of Lewis (Dress)	Chip Gilbert
Morgan	Caryl Mobley
Murray of Atholl (Dress)	Bob Murray
Taylor	Larry Mobley

Wallace	Robert Wallace
District of Aberdeen:	Ragena White
District of Perthshire House of Edgar	Jessica Wallace
District of USA	Clay Haskins

Tartans displayed in the loft for Blessing

Anderson
Buchanan
Campbell (Dress)
District of Carolina
Elliott
Galloway (Hunting)
Graham of Montrose (Ancient), Graham of Montrose (Modern)
Hamilton (Ancient Hunting)
Hardie
Lindsay
MacArthur (Modern)
MacDonald (Dress); MacDonald of Glencoe
MacGregor (Ancient); MacGregor (Modern)
MacKay (Modern)
MacNaughton
MacRae
McCauley
McLeod of Raasay
Nisbet
Richardson
Stewart (Dress)
Watt

After reading the names of the clan tartans presented for blessing, we will ask the congregants to say their family name so that each family present may be blessed.