

*Reformation Sunday
October 30, 2022*



*Westminster - Palma Sola Presbyterian Church
6510 3rd Ave West- Bradenton, FL 34209
Kirkin of the Tartans*

The Kirkin' of the Tartans service is an occasion to remember and offer thanks to God for the distinctive part of the Body of Christ known as the Presbyterian Church. Our church derives its identity through the Protestant Reformation begun in Europe by Martin Luther and John Calvin, in Switzerland. The reform movement continued with John Knox in Scotland and the establishment of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

Presbyterianism was carried from Scotland to the American colonies and Presbyterian clergy and elders were influential in the governance of these new lands. The first Presbytery was established in Philadelphia by Francis Makemie in 1706.

The first Kirkin' service was celebrated at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC on April 27, 1941. The Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall, was pastor of that congregation and the Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and the St. Andrew's Society of Washington. Dr. Marshall called our nation's attention to the horrific conditions in the United Kingdom during World War II; as they endured repeated bombings by the German army.

Drawing on historic events from English and Scottish history, the Kirkin' service focuses on the Glorious Rebellion of 1745 – a failed attempt by Bonnie Prince Charles to restore the throne of the United Kingdom to the house of King James and the Stuarts.

Following the Battle of Culloden in 1746 in which more than 1500 Scot Highlanders perished, the English government, attempted to purge the Highlands of its identity through an Act of Parliament that disarmed the Highlanders and made the wearing of tartans a criminal offense until it's repeal in 1782.

During this time of proscription there is evidence that Clansmen would carry banned swatches of their tartan to worship where at a point in the service the clergyperson would offer a blessing.

Our Kirkin' includes the presentation and blessing of Tartans, but the true object of our worship of God who calls everyone family. Reformation Day is our commemoration of the faith of many people from different lands and cultures around the world who constitute Christ's body.

We are glad you have joined us for this service and invite you to join us for lunch afterward. We ask that you consider becoming a regular part of our church – a community of faith – that seeks to be Christ’s hands and feet; that listens and declares God’s goodness and grace; and strives to practice love for neighbors.

The Clans and Tartans

The word clan means family. These family groups were led by a single leader, and consisted of “native” and “broken” men. Native men were those related to the Clan Chief and one another by blood ties. Broken men were those from other clans who sought and lived under the protection of the more powerful clan.

Clans came to be identified by the tartan, or plaid, they wore. Among the Highlanders, these tartans were worn as kilts. It wasn’t until a royal visit in 1822 that tartans and kilts became a symbol of Scotland rather than an icon of the Highland dress. When King George IV visited Edinburgh and called all Clan Chiefs to appear in Highland dress, even the king wore the kilt. Great scurrying was done to locate what tartan each chief would wear. The old sets had been, in some instances, lost or forgotten. New tartans were developed for the royal event and subsequently the tartan made a return to Scottish tradition.

A Scottish Kirk Blessing

By Robert Burns

If after kirk you bide a wee,
there’s some wad like to speak to ye.
If after kirk you rise and flee,
we’ll all seem cold and stiff to ye.
The one tha’s in the seat wi’ ye
is stranger here than you, maybe.
All here ha’s got their fears and cares;
add you your soul unto our prayers;
be you our angel unawares

Thank you for joining us today. You are invited to worship with us each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Participating in our service:

Angie Abbott- Bagpiper
Woody Johnson- Organist
Phyllis Wachunis- Layreader
Rich Wachunis – Minute for Stewardship
Rev. Edward Dunn- Pastor
Billy Burke- Sound
Chris Felix- Sound

Thank you to our planning committee:

Joan Carlson
Gail Dickerson
Joyce James
Jan Jarrell
Sherri Kramer
John Progar
Linda Progar
Emmitt Scott
Jeannie Scott
Nancy Shimandle
Burt Tupper

*Prayer of Confession

You are righteous, O God, and your law is truth. We struggle to be faithful and continually fail to live lives of justice and mercy. Forgive us again, O God; keep covenant with us, as you have promised, and soothe our aching souls, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Response

**Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.**

*Sharing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

By your Spirit, O God, let us hear your word that we may know your truth and follow you, with new resolve to work and to wait for the coming reign of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture	Habakkuk 2:1-4	See insert
Special Music	Highland Cathedral	Bagpipe and Organ
Scripture	Luke 19:1-10	See insert
Message	A vision for this time	Rev. Edward Dunn
* Hymn	Our God, Our Help in Ages Past	687

**Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

***Affirmation of Faith (adapted from the Scots Confession, 1560)**

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom we must cleave, we must serve, we must worship and in whom alone we put our trust. We declare that God is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and distinct in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. We confess and believe that all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, have been created, retained in their being, and guided by God’s inscrutable providence for such end as God’s eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed...

**Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.**

Service of the Blessing of the Tartans

The History of this service

The Presentation of Tartans

Litany for the Blessing of the Tartans

On behalf of all those represented here, the clans and peoples of the earth,
We present our tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and the great gift of family, as we pray for God's blessing as we seek to be a servant people in all times and places.

Eternal God, bless these symbols of heritage and family. Grant that those who wear them and all families of the earth may be faithful. Instill within us a willingness to seek justice, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with you; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We proclaim that all are united in the covenant of Jesus Christ; for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Parent of us all. Amen.

*Hymn	Amazing Grace	Bagpipe and Organ	649
I Bagpipe			
II Bagpipe and Organ			
III Organ and Congregation			

**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.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**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.**

IV Organ & Bagpipe

Blessing
Recessional

Amazing Grace