Eighteenth Annual Kirking O' The Tartans

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP—REFORMATION SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. October 29, 2023

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church
Striking of the Hour
Processional: *Highland Cathedral*.....Pipes and Organ

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

Call to Worship

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember to turn to the Lord
People: And all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord
Leader: For dominion belongs to the Lord and the Lord rules over the nations
People: Future generations will be told about the Lord; they will proclaim His deliverance to a people unborn
Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise: *All People that On Earth Do Dwell*..... HB No. 24
*Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Lord's Prayer
*Assurance of Pardon .....2 Corinthians 5:17
Anthem: *We Cannot Measure How You Heal, Scottish Tune*.....arr. Archer

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND SERVICE

First Reading .....Ephesians 6:10-20
Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings
Offertory: *Brother James' Air*.....arr. Wood
*Doxology ..... Hymnbook No. 544
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
Prayer of Dedication
**Children's Message.....Elijah Hoyer
*Hymn: *The Lord's My Shepherd* ..... HB No. 104

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon Text.....Amos 6:1-14
Sermon..... *The Dangers of Being at Ease*
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition
Affirmation of Faith: From **THE SCOTS CONFESSION**

We confess and acknowledge one God, 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 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.

Kirking O' The Tartans

Presentation of the Tartan
The Prayer Blessing
*Hymn of Dedication: *Amazing Grace* (2nd tune).....HB No. 275
*Benediction
Recessional.....Piper and Flagbearers

**Those who are able, please stand.*
**Children through 2nd grade are dismissed to Children's Church.

Flag Bearer	Tartan
Spencer Anderson	Anderson
Bill Cunningham	Cunningham
Jon Oliphant	Erskine
Connor Kulbok	Lesslie
Dick Bridges	MacFarlane
Barry Dagenhart	McNeil Colonsay
Michael Gasque	Sinclair

Tartans in the stand before the procession are:
Davidson (Ginger Smith), **Smith** (David Smith)

We thank Dave McKenzie for participating in the worship service as our Piper. Dave has been a Piper since 1980, and has worshipped with us before.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Roe Roach's 15th birthday and in memory of Tim Harris.

Looking Ahead

- **Christmas Family Event** The church has group tickets for "*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*" at the Children's Theater in Charlotte on Saturday, December 9 at 11 am. Tickets are $25, please register by TODAY with Connie Kiser or on the app.
- **Middle School Fall Retreat** November 3-5 at Bonclarken. Contact Elijah Hoyer for info & details.
- **Surviving the Holidays GriefShare Seminar** Friday, November 10 at 6:30 pm in the Faith Room. Contact the church office for details.
- **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, November 12 at 10:30 am we will have our annual meeting to elect church officers, vote on the budget, and other matters of business.
- **Installation Service for Pastor Jon** Sunday, November 12 at 4 pm we will have a service installing Rev. Jon Oliphant as our senior pastor, followed by a reception—contact Ginger Smith if you are able to contribute heavy hor' duerves.
- **Operation Christmas Child Packing Party** Wednesday, November 15 will be our church-wide packing party. Following dinner, families can "shop" donated items to put together a box. Please consider donating items or funds to help cover shipping ($10/box). Boxes assembled at home on your own time are also encouraged!
- **New Church Website & App Launch** As we transition to our new form of communicating and information access, the church office is available for assistance as we all get acquainted with the new system.

FOR MORE DETAILS on these events and many others:

- Check out our *Newsletter* or *Weekly Update*
- Call or email the church office:
  803-327-2009 or lross@firstarp.org

Usher Captains ..... Beth Logan Roach & Nora Madsen
Counters for today ..... Chet Wingate & Cameron Bunce
Greeting ..... Jamey Dagenhart
Safety ..... Tom Scott
Worship Assistance ..... Elijah Hoyer

General Fund 2023	September 2023	Year-to-date
Receipts	$66,517	$736,780
Expenses	$73,214	$693,715
Surplus (Deficit)	($6,696)	$43,065
Budgeted Monthly	$83,322	—

From the English Standard Version of the Holy Bible

First Reading // Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. [13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. [14] Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, [15] and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. [16] In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; [17] and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, [18] praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, [19] and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, [20] for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Sermon Text // Amos 6:1-14

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!
[2] Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
[3] O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?
[4] "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,
[5] who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
[6] who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
[7] Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."
[8] The Lord God has sworn by himself, declares the Lord, the God of hosts:
"I abhor the pride of Jacob
and hate his strongholds,
and I will deliver up the city and all that is in it."
[9] And if ten men remain in one house, they shall die. [10] And when one's relative, the one who anoints him for burial, shall take him up to bring the bones out of the house, and shall say to him who is in the innermost parts of the house,

"Is there still anyone with you?" he shall say, "No"; and he shall say, "Silence!
We must not mention the name of the LORD."
[11] For behold, the LORD commands,
and the great house shall be struck down into fragments,
and the little house into bits.
[12] Do horses run on rocks?
Does one plow there with oxen?
But you have turned justice into poison
and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood—
[13] you who rejoice in Lo-debar,
who say, "Have we not by our own strength
captured Karnaim for ourselves?"
[14] "For behold, I will raise up against you a nation,
O house of Israel," declares the LORD, the God of hosts;
"and they shall oppress you from Lebo-hamath
to the Brook of the Arabah."

Anthem

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

John L. Bell & Graham Maule // arr. Malcolm Archer
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We cannot measure how you heal or answer ev'ry suff'rer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though blooded on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help, and some have come to make amends
as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.

Inspired by the love of Christ, and enabled by the Holy Spirit, we serve God through worship, education and fellowship that we may proclaim His grace and share His love in the world.

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship here today.
Visitors are invited view our website **www.firstarp.org** *for more information.*

****If you would like to receive the regular church-wide communications via email and/or mail, please contact the church office with your information.****

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, October 29
- 8:30 a.m. ..... Prayer Time, parlor
- 9:00 a.m. ..... Adult Sunday School Showcase & New Member Reception
- 10:00 a.m. ..... Worship Service; Kirking of the Tartans
- 2:00 p.m. ..... GriefShare
- 5:30 p.m. ..... Youth Group

TUESDAY, October 31
- 10:00 a.m. ..... Women's Ministries Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, November 1
- 5:30 p.m. ..... Foundations for the Faith
- 7:15 p.m. ..... Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY, November 2
- 8:30 a.m. ..... First Thursday Prayer Team
- 10:00 a.m. ..... Deborah Circle (No. 2)
- 4:00 p.m. ..... Early Service Singers Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. ..... Esther Circle (No. 1)

FRIDAY, November 3-SUNDAY, November 5
- Middle School Fall Retreat @ Bonclarken

SUNDAY, November 5
- 8:30 a.m. ..... Prayer Time, parlor
- 9:00 a.m. ..... Worship Service; All Saints Sunday
- 10:00 a.m. ..... Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. ..... Worship Service; All Saints Sunday
- 2:00 p.m. ..... GriefShare
- 5:30 p.m. ..... Youth Group

Daily Reading Plan: Week 44—October 29-November 4

Day 1 Ezekiel 16-18, John 6
Day 2 Ezekiel 19-21, Psalm 84, John 7
Day 3 Ezekiel 22-24, Psalm 134, John 8
Day 4 Ezekiel 25-27, Psalm 85, John 9
Day 5 Ezekiel 28-30, John 10

FIVE DAY BIBLE READING