

Kirkin' O' The Tartans



November 5, 2023 9:00 & 11:00 am

The Session and members of First Presbyterian Church Fargo extend a sincere welcome to you. We are grateful for your presence today!

We welcome all persons regardless of race, nationality, disability, gender or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation

to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services and to serve as an officer of the church.

We recycle! If you are not taking your bulletin, please drop it in the blue bin at the door as you leave.

We Gather in Christ

†Please rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

Scottish Melodies

*Clar'sair Bienn**

Tributum

Nan Avant

Kirkin' Orchestra; Jill Post, director

PROCESSIONAL

Murdo's Wedding

Iain McCleod

Heather & Thistle Pipe Band, Celtic Dancers

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Cathie Bishop

We gather together

in the name of the One who bids us come.

We gather together

to hear the words of the One who is Love.

We gather together

to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

Come, let us worship.

Let us worship God!

†HYMN 340

This is My Song

arr. Jill Post

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

†CONFESSIO

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

Great Shepherd, there are days when we don't really believe that you will provide us with everything we need. Instead of allowing you to restore our souls, we exhaust ourselves with our own plans. We forget that you are with us wherever we go, so we look elsewhere for comfort and protection. But, you are a God of great feasts and overflowing cups. Help us to trust in you more fully, lean on you more completely, and live confident that your goodness and mercy pursue us. May our actions prove to others that your goodness and mercy also pursue them. Amen.

†RESPONSE 587

Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

GIFT OF MUSIC

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

arr. Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir & Kirkin' Orchestra; Shawn Neisen, director

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:14-21

The Rev. Dan Billings

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

All the Families of the Earth

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

†HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

†PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession: Chapter 1

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.

Background: The Scots Confession was written at a turning point in the history of the Scottish nation. The Protestant nobility of Scotland was able to secure English recognition of Scottish sovereignty in the Treaty of Edinburgh after the Queen Regent Mary of Guise died in her sleep in 1560. To the Scots, this favorable conclusion to the civil war with Mary's French-supported forces represented a providential deliverance.

Responding to the Word

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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.

THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

CALLING OF THE CLANS AND PRESENTATION OF THE TRAYS

Clan Caller: Mark Gealy

Tray Bearers: Cynthia Sillers and Sam Wai

Those bringing tartans may come forward by way of the center aisle and return to their pew by the side aisles. Please pick up tartans by the West sanctuary doors following the service.

MUSIC

Scottish Melodies

Clar'sair Bienn*

BLESSING OF THE TARTANS



OFFERING

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RECITATION

Psalm 23

King James Version; recited by Brian McClure

16th Century “Old Scots Tongue”; recited by George Wright

Music: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Clar’sair Bienn*

†DEDICATION 655

What Shall I Render to the Lord (vs. 1-2)

What shall I render to the Lord; what shall my offering be,
for all the gracious benefits God hath bestowed on me?

Salvation's cup my soul shall take while to the Lord I pray,
and with God's people I will meet, my thankful vows to pay.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Highland Cathedral

Rover/Korb arr. Wm. Hunter

Kirkin’ Orchestra, Heather & Thistle Pipe Band,

Celtic Dancers; Jill Post, director

Bearing the Word into the World

†HYMN 649

Amazing Grace

arr. Gary Thrasher/Jill Post

Interludes after verses 3 and 4.

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.

[High Voices] ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

[Low Voices] Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.

‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. [Interlude]

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. [Interlude]

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.

†BENEDICTION

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A Celtic Blessing

Ruth Watson Henderson /

Gary Thrasher

3 CHIMES

RECESSIONAL

Scotland the Brave

Trad. Scottish

Heather & Thistle Pipe Band, Celtic Dancers

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Sally Harmon, organist

(1877-1933)

*Members of Clar’sair Bienn: Krista Clusiau, flute; Kay Forkner, violin; Lisa Horton, piano;
Susan Horton, harp



Serving at Micah's Mission: The sign-up sheets for Nov. 9 and Dec. 14 are posted on the Volunteer Opportunities Board. Micah's Mission is the shelter in the Churches United organization. We provide four volunteers to prepare the meal from 3-5pm and four volunteers to serve the meal from 5-7pm every second Thursday of the month. Come and be a part of this longstanding mission!

Pilgrimage Course: "Spirituality for the Second Half of Life" will continue on Nov. 9th at 6:30-8:00pm in the Jennie Roberts Room. This Pilgrimage course explores the challenges and gifts of aging. Instructor Kit O'Neill will share wisdom from the works of Richard Rohr and Joan Chittister on how to gain a healthy perspective on aging and engage fully in living our best life. If you would like to attend via Zoom, you may find the link on the event in our calendar on our website.

Delivering Thanksgiving Meals: Again this year, we are partnering with Heart n' Soul to deliver Thanksgiving meals. A sign-up for this year's dinner delivery is on the Volunteer Opportunity Board in the west foyer. We'll need about 30 cars to deliver the 500 meals the day before Thanksgiving. We'll add more drivers if we need to. The meals will be picked up from the church this year! Thank you for your continued support of this church tradition!

MSUM in Worship: On Sunday November 12, MSUM's Concert Choir, under the direction of Michael Johnson, will offer several gifts of music during worship! In addition, the Second Sunday Band will return to lead some of the hymns.

Second Sunday Next Week! Sunday, November 12, we meet again for Second Sunday starting at 8:45am in the Social Hall for breakfast, with education and activities to follow!

Deck the Halls Nov. 26: You are encouraged to participate in the decorating of the Sanctuary immediately following worship on Sunday, November 26th in preparation for the season of Advent! The decorating includes hanging the garlands and wreaths and assembling the large tree. A soup and bread lunch will be served to conclude the fun!



History of Kirkin': The Kirkin' o' the Tartans service celebrates the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church. The Scottish word for church is "Kirk", and "Tartans" are plaid-patterned fabrics that distinguish clans - or families. The name translates as "blessing of the tartans", or one could think of it as a blessing of families. This American-Scottish tradition began in the middle 20th century as a result of a ban on Highland Dress following the Jacobite uprising in 1745. In modern celebrations, the display of tartans and a public parade of clans to the sound of bagpipes is a tribute to Highlander patriotism, loyalty, and strong independence.

PW Board Meeting: On Nov. 14th a Board meeting will be held in the Jennie Roberts Room at 10:00am.

PW Bible Study Leaders: On Nov. 15 Pastor Mary Holtey will present the Bible Study on Lesson 3 in the office conference room at 10:00am.

Circles: Circles will meet Nov. 21 in the Jennie Roberts Room; Naomi/Ruth Circles will meet at 9:30am and the Rachel Circle will meet at 1:00pm. All women of the church are invited to attend. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Paula Christensen at 701-219-5795.

Men's Bible Study: The men's Bible study meets again on November 14th at 6:45 a.m. in the Jennie Roberts Room. The group convenes on the second Tuesday of each month, October through May. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be served. The study this year examines the Book of Genesis. A copy of the study guide can be obtained from Bruce Maylath. No advance preparation is required for each month's study.

Town Hall Looking For Supporters: The Town Hall Board is looking for individuals and/or businesses who are interested in supporting our Town Hall Lecture Series in a larger way than just purchasing a season ticket. If you or someone you know would like to discuss how you could impact our program and the level of speakers that are brought to our community, please feel free to contact one of the following people: Cynthia Baumgardner, Mary Haugo, Marcia Foss, Elaine Rudd or Barb Erbstoesser. Help us continue the excellent program that this church started over 50+ years ago.

Calling all single women of the church who are 50 years of age and older! Let's gather for a couple of minutes after church on Nov. 19th in the Jennie Roberts Room to discuss the idea of meeting up a few times a year for just socializing. It could be coffee, lunch, a movie, a play, an art gallery visit... We hope to see you on the 19th. -Elaine Rudd and Marcia Foss

Pie Making Class: On Nov. 11th at 2:00pm, Amy Wilkens will be teaching how to make your own pie crust, and will be demonstrating apple pies. For more information or to sign up, please visit our website.

Hearing devices and large print copies of today's hymns are available, please ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery: Staff will be present **beginning at 8:45** for infants-3 years, in the nursery complex on the 1st floor.

Activity Bags for Children: Fun-filled tote bags are located at both doors.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located in the Gathering Space and on the lower level.

Prayer Request Cards: Cards are in pew racks for your use. Prayers will be committed to God along with the other offerings and also lifted up in prayer by the staff.

Peace Candles: The candle burning on the chancel symbolizes peace. We ask guests to take a candle back to your church as a gift from us. Peace candles can be found at the Welcome Center, near the west doors.

Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi is available throughout the church. (password: community650)

FPC Officers

Session: Abi Carlson, Kim Carter, Deb Dawson, Tom Dawson, Tetteh Dottey, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Jody Hudson, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Carrie Lawrence, Bruce Maylath, Brian McClure, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens. **Deacons:** Paula Christensen, Toby Christensen, Steve Dawson, Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard (treasurer), Gracia Fulwiler, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Donna Rummens, Candy Shultz, Virginia Stern, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

Church Treasurer: Sherri Stern.

Church Staff

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood-*Head of Staff, Pastor*

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Associate Pastor*

The Rev. Daniel Billings-*Parish Associate*

The Rev. Cathie Bishop-*Parish Associate*

Sally Harmon-*Organist*

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Jan Lundgren-*Business Manager*

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Staff emails are: (first initial and last name of person)

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PUZZLE EXCHANGE
December 10

Bring one - take one!

L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom
Times shown in italics indicate am.

Sunday, November 5

10:00 Celtic Dancers

11:00 Kirkin' O' the Tartans Service

12:00 Fellowship

Monday, November 6

5:30 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

5:30 CPMT Meeting

6:30 Nominating Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 7

5:30 Mission Committee Meeting

5:30 Worship Committee Meeting (H)

6:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 8

5:30 St. Andrew's Brass Rehearsal

5:30 Genesis Ringers Rehearsal

6:00 Health Fair Committee Meeting (H)

6:15 Children & Youth Choir Rehearsals

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 9

9:30 Town Hall Board Meeting

5:30 Nurturing Families

6:30 Pilgrimage Course (H)

Friday, November 10

No Church Events

Saturday, November 11

2:00 Pie Making Class

Sunday, November 12

10:30 Worship Service & Communion, MSUM (L)

11:30 Fellowship

Reminder: Use the QR code found in the bulletin to access the secure giving portal on our website. Also, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram!

For Your Information

October 29 Attendance: 210

169 in person

41 households livestreamed



Church Information

Office Hours:

M-TH, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

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