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Rev. James A Harris

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Ten Forty-Five



CELEBRATING OUR PRESBYTERIAN AND SCOTTISH HERITAGE

The Twenty - Ninth Annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans

If after Kirk ye rise and flee we' all seem cauld and still to ye.
The one that's in the seat with ye is stranger here than ye, maybe.
All here have got their fears and cares, add ye your soul unto our
prayers, Be ye our angel unawares.

(Scottish Blessing used for the Kirkin' o' the Tartans)

The Grand Procession

The CruciferHannah Burnett
The BibleDenver Atkinson
The AcolytesAshleigh Burnett & Children
Pastors: Rev. James A. Harris and Rev. Peter Vial
The Pipes and Drums of St. Andrews

The Procession of Flags, Banners, Clans and Tartans

*The Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome,

Announcements

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card and place in collection plate.

*Call to Worship and Opening Prayer¹

Thank you, O Lord, for your self-revealed Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors, from Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Abraham to David, so onwards to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of his church: our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere.

Never let us forget that a heritage of faith is a blessing to be shared, not a treasure to be hoarded.

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

Thank you, O Lord, for the blessings 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 strangers may be as welcomed as the brothers and sisters.

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

We praise you, O Lord, 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.

Eternal God of every nation, as we raise up these tartans during this special service today we do so in gratitude for our heritage and we pray your blessing on your servant people in all lands.

Bless these symbols of heritage and grant that those who wear them, and the families they represent, may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn #263

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

St. Denio

This hymn was written by Rev Dr Walter Chalmers Smith, DD LLD . He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, December 5, 1824. Smith was a hymnist, author, poet and minister of the Free Church of Scotland.

*Prayer of Confession (A traditional Celtic prayer of Confession: Burnbrae's Prayer)

Almighty Father, we are all Thy poor and sinful children who tired of home and have gone away to the far country. Forgive us, for we didn't know what we were leaving, or the sad heart we gave our Father. It was tired work to live with our sins, but we would never have come back had it not been for our elder Brother Jesus. He came a long road to find us, and a sore distress He had before He set us free. He has been a good Brother to us and we have been a heavy burden to Him. May He keep a firm hand on us, and guide us on the right road, and bring us back before we wander, and tell us all we need to know till the twilight comes. Gather us in, we pray Thee, and all we love, not a child missing, and may we sit down forever in our Father's own house. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness: (The Book of Common Prayer for Scotland, 1637)

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them which with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*Congregational Response - "Gloria Patri" #579

Prayer for Illumination

(John Calvin, 1509-1564)

O Lord, heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 98

Second Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

Sermon "Kirkin O' the Tartan"

Rev. Peter Vial

Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

**Declaration of Faith* (from the Scots Confession of 1560)

With our mothers and fathers in the faith, let us say what we believe:

**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**

Prayers of Intercession

Offerings Gathered

Offertory "Celtic Laud"

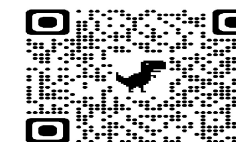
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The Gathering

Offertory Anthem

*The Doxology 🎵

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**



*Prayer of Dedication

The Church Triumphant

The Reverent Reading of the Names of those Members who have entered the Church Triumphant since last Heritage Sunday

Bonnie Sue Coleman December 12, 2023

Guy William Davis January 20, 2024

Herbert Kenneth Longwell February 15, 2024

Bob Hardman April 11, 2024

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Communion of Saints¹

(Book of Common Worship, Church of Scotland, 1662)

Lord God, with thankful hearts we remember before Thee all Thy saints who have entered into rest, especially those with whom we have had communion here, and whom Thou hast called to the closer communion that awaits the faithful within the veil. Keep us united with them in one fellowship of spirit, and at the last gather us together with them into the joy of Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven. . .

The Great Lament

“Amazing Grace”

Pipe Major Carl Henson, Pipe Corporal Larry Koay, and Piper Seth White

**The Kirkin’ o’ th’ Tartans and the Rededication of the Families*

**The Kirkin’ Liturgy*

Bring to God the names of every family and clan and people.

Bring to God the Tartans, the symbols of family heritage,

the symbols of God’s grace, and the symbols of God’s future.

**On behalf of every family and all the clans represented,
we raise up to God every symbol and Tartan in gratitude for our heritage
and in thanksgiving for our redemption in Jesus Christ.**

We pray God’s blessing on those who serve in the Name of Christ.

We pray God’s salvation for those who do not know our Savior.

Speak aloud the names of your families (Scottish or not),
speak them now!... *(please say aloud the names)*

Speak for the names of your clan and Tartan.

Speak them aloud, now!... *(please say aloud the names)*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our Lord and Sovereign,

Bless the names and symbols of our families and clans.

Remind us that no matter what our heritage

from the boundaries of humanity,

we are the work of your hand and the breath of your Spirit.

In Jesus Christ, you have called us by name!

We belong to you!

As we bear our names and wear the symbols of our clans,

send us forth in your power to live as your faithful people,

to work for peace, to declare your mercy,

and to proclaim the good news of salvation.

We give ourselves to you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

*Hymn # 476 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above” (verses 1-4) *Lyons*

This hymn was written by Robert Grant. (b. Bengal, India, 1779; d. Dalpoorie, India, 1838) Of Scottish ancestry, Grant was born in India, where his father was a director of the East India Company. He attended Magdalen College, Cambridge, and was called to the bar in 1807. He had a distinguished public career as Governor of Bombay and as a member of the British Parliament. He was influenced in writing this text by William Kethe’s paraphrase of Psalm 104 in the Anglo-Genevan Psalter (1561). Grant’s text was first published in Edward Bickersteth’s Christian Psalmody (1833) with several unauthorized alterations. In 1835 his original six-stanza text was published in Henry Elliott’s Psalm and Hymns.

**Charge and Benediction*

(Traditional Scottish Blessing)

May the blessing of light be on you, light without and light within.

May the blessed sunlight shine on you

and warm your heart ‘til it glows like a great peat fire,

so that the stranger may come and warm himself at it, and also a friend.

And may the light shine out of the two eyes of you,

like a candle set in the window of the house,

bidding the wanderer to come in out of the storm.

And now may the Lord bless you all, and bless you kindly.

Amen!

Postlude “Allegro Maestoso” By Handel Kay Devono
**The Procession Outward “Scotland the Brave”* The Pipes and Drums of St. Andrews

Resources Used in the Liturgy:

1. Call to Worship and opening prayer adapted from the October 23, 2009 bulletin of Northminster Presbyterian Church of Tucson, Arizona.

The Grand Procession

The Crucifer Hannah Burnett
 The Bible..... Maria Morrison
 The Host Pastor Rev. James A. Harris
 Guest Preacher..... Rev. Peter Vial
 Acolytes Ashleigh Burnett & Children of the Church
 The Christian Flag..... Courtney Nuzum
 The Flag of the United States of America..... Jeff Strange
 The West Virginia State Flag..... David Allman
 The Pipes and Drums of St. Andrew
 The Flag of the United Kingdom Andrea Myerberg
 The Flag of St. Andrew Doris Longwell
 The Lion Rampant..... Jeep Wilson
 The Banner of the West Virginia State Tartan..... Megan Strange
 The Banner of the Nicene Creed..... Hank Lawrence
 The Banner of the Apostles’ Creed David Nuzum
 The Banner of the Heidelberg Catechism Matthew Strange
 The Banner of the Second Helvetic Confession Robbie Mitchell
 The Banner of the Westminster Confession of Faith Bradley Burnett
 The Banner of the Theological Declaration of Barmen Jason Burnett
 The Banner of the Confession of 1967 Jeff Mitchell
 The Banner of the Scots Confession Wayne Duncan
 The Banner of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Lance Kuhens
 The Banner of the First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg, WV Jeanne Lynch

Tartans Represented for the Kirkin’ O’ the Tartans

Ancient Buchanan - The Pipe Band
Ancient Hannah - The Pipe Band
Black Stewart - The Pipe Band
Campbell - Jeanne Gross Lynch
Cunningham - The Pipe Band
Davidson - William Davisson
Ferguson - The Pipe Band
Ferguson - Jane, Trey and Rebecca Simmerman
Ferguson - Doris Longwell
Fletcher - Dawn Woodburn
Galloway - The Pipe Band
Gordon - Denver Atkinson, Jackie Corsini
Hutchison - Doris Longwell
Keith- Jim McQuaid, Radetta McQuaid
Kennedy -Larry Kennedy
Kennedy - Nanette Lafferty
Livingstone - Larry Kennedy, Kaylee Tustin,
Lockhart- Carol Soles
McPherson - James Wilson, Amy Wilson Strange, Megan Strange, Matthew Strange
Mitchell - Jeff Mitchell
Modern Buchanan- The Pipe Band
Royal Stewart - The Pipe Band
Sutherland - Sally Gray
Wilson - Beth Allen



Clans and Societies Participating in the Scottish Celebration

Clan Anderson	Clan Lockhart
Clan Buchanan	Clan MacDonald
Clan Cameron	Clan MacDougall
Clan Campbell	Clan MacDuff
Clan Donald	Clan MacFie
Clan Donnachaidh	Clan MacIntyre
Clan Dunlap	Clan MacKenzie
Clan Farquharson	Clan MacTavish
First Presbyterian Church	Clan McIntire
Clan Fletcher	Clan McWhorter
Clan Freeman	Clan Montgomery
House of Gordon	NCWV Scottish Heritage Soc.
Clan Graham	Clan Smith
Clan Grant	Clan Stewart
Clan Hay	Clan Southerland
Clan Irwin	Clan Wallace
Clan Keith	

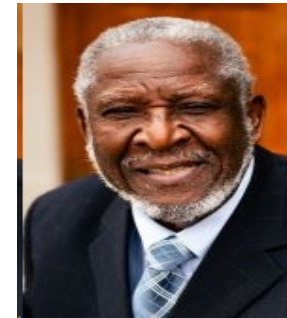
The Pipes and Drums of St. Andrew is a civilian bagpipe band based in Parkersburg, West Virginia. The band is currently under the direction of Drum Major Curt Mitchell and Pipe Major Carl Henson. The band members come from Eastern and North Central WV and Southern Ohio, and range in age from 16-80. The members have many diverse backgrounds but are brought together by their love of Scottish culture and music. The Pipes and Drums of St. Andrew were formed in 1997 by Pipe Major "Seamus" McFadden, and was under the long-time direction of Pipe Major Joe Quick. In honor of Pipe Major Quick the band wears the Ferguson clan tartan.

The band performs at numerous parades and festivals each year in West Virginia, Ohio and Maryland. Their honors include awards from parade performances as well as being the host band for the Scottish Festival and Celtic Gathering in Bridgeport WV since its inception. Individual members of the band perform solos at weddings, funerals, church services and other special occasions as well as school educational programs. The band is currently recruiting pipers/pipe students, drummers and color party members.



Reverend Peter Vial Guest Speaker

Before his retirement in June of 2023, Peter Vial served as pastor of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Elkins for 14 years. Prior to coming to Elkins he served on the staff of the WV Presbytery as Associate for Congregational Development. Earlier in his ministry he served churches in Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee and Kansas. Among his vocations has leading groups of Presbyterians to Scotland to explore our church history and to get to know the land many of us call home. Peter calls Aberdeenshire his spiritual home and to this day has living relatives through out the area.



The Reverend James A Harris Host Pastor and Liturgist

Rev. Harris is the son of the late Elder Johnnie and Mother Minnie Harris. He is the oldest of eight children.

Rev. Harris is married to Jeanne Harris. He is the father of four children, ten grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren. He is the step- father of three children and three grandchildren.

Rev. Harris is a retired Marine who served our country for twenty-six years and obtained the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant (E-9).

Rev. Harris is a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and is licensed funeral director and embalmer in the state of West Virginia. He was a funeral director and embalmer at J.C. Battles & Sons funeral home in Cincinnati, Ohio, Williams Mortuary in Huntington, WV and Chatman Funeral Home in Logan, WV.

Rev. Harris has also pastored four churches in the past thirty years: John Gee AME church in Gallipolis, Ohio; Henderson Chapel AME Church, Wellsburg, West Virginia, Allen Chapel AME Church, Clarksburg, West Virginia Bethel AME Church, Parkersburg, West Virginia. At the present he is the interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Notes on the West Virginia Tartan:

On March 6, 2008, West Virginia House Concurrent Resolution #29 was adopted, creating a tartan for the State of West Virginia. It was designed by Dr. Philip D. Smith, Jr., of the Scottish Tartans Authority USA, after the pattern of the “West Virginia Shawl,” and with the encouragement and assistance of John A. Grant, III. This new state symbol was introduced May 3, 2008, at the Scottish Festival and Celtic Gathering of the North Central West Virginia Scottish Heritage Society. It was kirked for the first time at the First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg, on May 4, 2008. The tartan was presented to the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh and was registered as an official Scottish tartan. The banner that graces our celebration today comes from the first milling of the new tartan!

Notes on the Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans:

On April 16, 1746, on Culloden Moor, the Clan system of Scotland came to a tragic end. The Jacobite Army led by Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) was dramatically defeated by the English forces led by the Duke of Cumberland. No quarter was given the wounded or the captured. Following Culloden, a merciless persecution of the Highlands brought the forbidding of the kilt, the bagpipes and all else Scottish, including the wearing of the Tartan for the men. Tradition has it that the Scots hid small pieces of their tartans and held them as a dear sign of their being an independent people.

These small pieces of tartan they would bring to the kirk to be blessed and to show their faith in the Almighty. In 1944 the Reverend Doctor Peter Marshall, Minister of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, and Chaplain of the United States Senate, introduced this ceremony to American Presbyterians. It was his intent to show honor to World War II Scottish soldiers, as well as to introduce this rich legacy of Scottish heritage to the Church that has its foundations on the rock isles, rugged highlands, and fertile lowlands of Scotland.



Publicity Committee after service today
Monday, May 6th Prayer Group 10 AM
Zoom and in person
Wednesday, May 8th Bible Study 3:00 PM
Zoom & in person

Thursday, May 9th Laundry Ministry -Maria & Beckie
Friday, May 10th AA meeting at noon

Prayer List:

Sean Keener, Sally Gray's brother-in-law John and her sister Beverly, her grandson Micah, Dianne Keller, and her mother Dianne Parker, Mark Ferree and his mother, Sandi Nuzum's brother Greg, Doris Longwell, Janette Elliott, Janice Hardman and family, Karen Tyson's niece Allison and her parents and their disabled son, Abby McCloud and family, Jerry and Jeanne Lynch, Mark Sprouse, Jackie Scott, Tyler Turner, Brooklyn's family, Gayle Byers, Lisa Bartlett, Sandi Nuzum's sister-in-law, Stephanie Shields and family, Renee, Jeanne's niece Maureen, Bodhi Moccia and family, Judy McQuaid and Aunt Anna Martus.

Churches: South Park Presbyterian Church, Charleston
Winfield Presbyterian Church



Special Care Facilities:

Amy Garrett, Peggy Clark, Mark Freeman, Gary Mitchell, Doris Holt, Janice Hardman.

Thank you for coming ! Please join us next Sunday for Mother's Day Service. Sunday School at 10:00 am and service at 10:45.