



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Shelby Presbyterian Church
September 24, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Heritage Sunday
1858 – 2023
Ninth Annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan



Today is Heritage Sunday at Shelby Presbyterian Church. In gratitude to God for our heritage as Presbyterians, we gather for the “Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan.”

In the middle of the 18th century, during a time of persecution, it was illegal for Scots to wear the tartan or play the bagpipes. On Sunday mornings at church, during the years when these bans were publicly enforced, the people would secretly carry a small piece of their clan’s tartan under their clothes. Thus, when the minister ended the worship service with the benediction, the tartan was blessed. This was a continual reminder of God’s faithfulness and blessing upon the people and their Presbyterian heritage.

Today, we celebrate the perseverance and faith of these early Presbyterians by displaying tartans accompanied by the sound of the pipes. You do not have to be from Scotland or have ancestors from Scotland to join in celebrating our Presbyterian heritage. This is a day of thanksgiving for all who worship the living God and seek God’s blessing.

*PROCESSIONAL: *“Highland Cathedral”* Grandfather Mountain Highlanders
Musicians: Kim Elder, Jason Higgins, Gordon Warburton

*PLACING OF THE HOLY BIBLE Amelia Pruitt, Beadle

THE BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

ROLL CALL AND POSTING OF THE TARTANS

Drew Mangione and John Schweppe, III

Amnesty International - Tara Warrick
Armstrong - Sue Breen
Baird - Chuck Lampley & Mabel Lacey
Blue Ridge Highlands Heritage -
Marti Mongiello
Bruce - Stormy Mongiello
Buchan - Barry Mongiello
Buchanan - Elizabeth Schweppe
Burns - Jan Dedmon
Cameron - Ben Brooks
Carolina (Official State Tartan) -
Debbie Hart
Cork (District) - Steve Sisk
Edinburgh - Paxton Warrick
Fraser - Richard Hart
Girl Scout (Girl Guide) - Madison Ormond
Gordon - Bruce & Avery Moser
Hannay of Sorbie - Frank & Barbara Hannah
Kennedy - Foster Warrick
Keith - Laura Lampley
Lindsay - Jon Brownlee
Malcom - Duncan Blount

MacDonald Clanranald - Mary Conner
MacLaine of Lochbuie -
Claire & Lilly McCullough
MacLellan - Joan Martin
MacLeod of Lewis - Ellen Fletcher
MacQueen - Carolyn Ivester
McLaughlin - John Schweppe, III
McMillian - Joyce Boyette
& Anna Grace McCullough
Montreat - Michael & Thomas Pruitt
Munro - Thomas Monroe
Munro (Black Watch) - Mallory Brown
Murray - Michelle & Annie Moser
Renwick - Susan Carlisle Bell
Ross - Marlene Lovelace
St. Andrews - Molly Brownlee
Scots National - Trey & Kesson Warrick
Stewart - Benjamin Pruitt
Thomson - Jim Ivester
Wallace - Florence Brooks
Witherspoon - Rachel White

PROCLAMATION OF FAMILY NAMES FROM OTHER HERITAGES

Congregation

If you did not present a tartan today, you are welcome to rise as you are able and state your ‘clan’ or family name of any ethnic heritage and add it to the roll.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Drew Mangione

We thank you God for calling us to be a community in your name. We give thanks for our families and our Presbyterian heritage. We praise you for the brave women and men who persevered in passing on the faith from generation to generation. As we present these symbols of our heritage to you, empower us to remain true in our faith. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE CLANS AND PEOPLES

Rev. Dr. Joan Martin

On behalf of all clans and peoples represented here, we present these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God's blessing on His servant people in all lands.

O God of wonder and majesty, you created all things and in you, all families in heaven and on earth are named. We rejoice in the opportunity to dedicate these tartans as symbols of the unwavering loyalty, steadfast faith, and great achievements of our Scottish and Presbyterian forebearers.

We lift up and honor their ruggedness, their disdain for hypocrisy, their regard for human personality, and their belief in the equality of all people before you. We praise you that in the Kirk, we are one family of every nation, siblings in Christ.

Grant O God, that we too may be true to the faith of our ancestors and reconcile our beloved land to you. Bless these tartans and the families they represent. Bless all our families, named and unnamed, whatever our ethnic or national origin. Bless all the families of the earth whom you have created in your image and named. Use us here and your servants everywhere to bring peace, goodwill, equality, and justice to all the world in the name of the prince of peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 664: "Morning Has Broken"

Gaelic Melody from Isle of Mull, Scotland

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE KIRK

Drew Mangione

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

John Schweppe, III

Let us call upon our God, the Source of every thread in the fabric of our lives.

God of every seam and stitch, gather and mend us.

Let us call upon our God, the Word of creation who embroiders new designs and weaves new textiles with patience and delight.

God of every seam and stitch, gather and mend us.

Let us call upon our God, our Advocate who looks upon us and our most worn places with compassion and repairs what is loose and torn.

God of every seam and stitch, gather and mend us.

Each of us is a tapestry made by God, woven of our heritage, our talents, and our potential, with ends worth mending when they fray, because every thread is treasured by our maker.

Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in you we find our hope – past, present, and future. Be present to us today as we celebrate our families, our friends, and our neighbors.

Indeed, we are one family, drawn together by the Lord, our Triune God, who loves us all.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

*HYMN NO. 739: "O for a Closer Walk with God"

Tune: CAITHNESS, Scottish Psalter, 1635

CALL TO CONFESSION

John Schweppe, III

Let us now confess our sin with one voice, across every heritage and our shared heritage, to turn away from our mistakes and those of our ancestors, laying down our excuses to join in theirs and our shared desire to turn instead toward the Lord our God. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland)

We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Compassionate God of life, kindly pardon our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech. Forgive us for all that we have left undone, for all that we have done amiss. As we receive the word and knowledge of your forgiveness, shield us and encircle us, each day and each night. Uphold us, be our treasure and everlasting triumph, strong Son of God most high. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, believe the good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

GLORIA PATRI: **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.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

John Schweppe, III

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

A TIME WITH THE WEE KIRK

Carol Ann Hoard

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Schweppe, III

Holy God, by your Holy Spirit, grant that the hearing of your Word would be for us an outward sign of the inward grace that connects us to you.

Father, do not let us receive your word in vain, but grant us the assistance of your grace through our Christ and the Holy Spirit, to worship you in heart, word and deed. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Jonah 3:10-4:11

SECOND READING:

Philippians 1:21-30

Drew Mangione

SERMON:

"It's All About Perspective"

ANTHEM:

"The Lord's My Shepherd" (Blackwell)
(Lyrics available in Hymnal #801)

Chancel Choir

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Scots Confession, 1560): As we believe in one God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the Sanctification of his Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Drew Mangione

Offertory: *“Psalm 23”* (Wagner)

Emily Monroe

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN NO. 30: *“O God, in a Mysterious Way”*

Tune: DUNDEE, Scotland Psalter, 1615

CHARGE, BLESSING, AND UNISON BENEDICTION

Drew Mangione

(adapted from Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall at the first Kirkin’, 1941)

On behalf of all Scots away from Scotland, and in the name of all the Scottish Clansfolk that are here represented, we present these Tartans before Almighty God in appreciation of our Heritage; and we ask His Blessings upon these, His humble servants.

O Lord, you have promised that in all places where you record your Holy Name, you will meet your servants of every heritage and bless them. Fulfill now your promise and make us joyful in our prayer, so that our worship, being offered in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, and by the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, may be acceptable unto you, and profitable unto ourselves.

Bless, we pray, these Tartans, that they may be unto us and unto all people a token of the faith of our Fathers; and a sign of our service unto You. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Josephine Mangione

RECESSIONAL: *“Scotland the Brave”*

Grandfather Mountain Highlanders

(National Anthem of Scotland)

(The tartans will lead us out of the church lining up on Graham Street with the bagpipers.)

*Please rise as you are able.

Music Licenses: 1575277 (CCLI)/ A-739540 (One License)

Sound Board: John Brotherton/Mike Jackson

Ushers: Kyle Aldinger, Mary Ann LaSelva, Thomas Monroe, Michelle Moser

Scriptures read in service are original translations, unless otherwise noted.

Feel free to read a familiar translation and listen for different word choices.

CHILDCARE is available for infants through preschool in

Room 102 and is staffed today by Lindsay Carter & Lilly Hamilton

In order to protect your children, please be sure they are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver.

WE WELCOME all who worship with us this morning. If you are interested in more information or in becoming a member of our family of faith, please call the church office, 704-487-8503. If you have questions about our hearing loop system, please call the church office Monday-Thursday, 9:00-4:00, Friday 9:00-12:00. **After the service, all first-time visitors are invited to the back of the church where a church member will welcome you with a special gift.**

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Rusty Patterson and family to honor the memory of his mother Blanche Teele.

WE THANK all who helped make this a special day including the following: Anne Langley, Marie Jackson, Bill Jobe, Drew Mangione, the Worship and Music committee, Grandfather Mountain Highlanders, and the Kirkin O’ the Tartan committee that included Marlene Lovelace, Steve Sisk, and Ben Brooks.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR would like to thank Carolyn Eddins and Betsy Fonvielle for their time and talents in making our beautiful Carolina tartan stoles in 2017. They will be worn with great pride for many years to come. The stoles are the Carolina tartan, the official tartan of both North and South Carolina.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT IS NOVEMBER 4th & 5th. SPC’s Middle School students have the opportunity to spend the weekend with their peers from throughout the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for an overnight retreat at Camp Grier. Deadline to sign up is TODAY.

WHAT IS A PRESBYTERIAN? In October, Pastor Drew will be offering a new member class during Sunday School at 9 am in Ellis Hall. Find out what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member of SPC. This class is open to anyone considering membership and also current members wanting a refresher on our faith, our tradition, and our church.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH: We will have our Annual Church Picnic at the Wilson’s at 4:00 pm. Check your Newsletter for more details.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, October 17th from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall. If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood or would like to help with check-in, hospitality, or in some other way, please call Elizabeth Schweppe, 704-477-5686, or use one of the following links:

- To make an appointment: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>
- To sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/SPCblood22>

NEWS FROM OUR HABITAT CHURCH PARTNERSHIP BUILD - Our next build day with all churches is Saturday, September 30. The day will begin at 7:30 am and will conclude at noon with lunch. We have space for three Shelby Pres volunteers. Then on Saturday, October 28, we will have a workday just for Shelby Pres volunteers. We can take 10-12 volunteers. Please contact Richard Hart, Susan Grose, or Bill Jobe if you would like to work either of these days.

THIS WEEK (SEPTEMBER 24 – 30, 2023):

Today	11:00 am	Handbell Rehearsal in Bell Room
	2:00 pm	Communion Class in Sunday School Room 203
	5:00 pm	Youth Night in Youth Room
Monday	9:30 am	Soup Kitchen in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Study
	6:30 pm	Media Committee in Back Parlor
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	12:00 pm	Rainbow Connection Early Dismissal
	8:00 pm	AA & AI – Anon in Ellis Hall & Back Parlor

THESE DAYS devotional books for October - November - December are available in the narthex. Please take one for your family.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (also see ongoing prayer list in newsletter) . . .

JoAnn and George Beattie, Pam Birmingham, Debra Blanton, Dick Bowling, J.W. and Pat Brotherton, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Nancy Davis, Chris Denning, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Brooke McCurry, Pauline Persing, Finley Price, Clay Pruett, Diane Richards, Steve Sisk, Grace Teddy, Linda Ware, Doreen Wacaster, Jackie Weathers, Teresa Wingo, and the homeless in our community; all with respiratory illnesses; the victims of natural disasters and wars, including the Ukrainian conflict; all in military service and their families; Food Ministry; Turning Point Academy, Rainbow Connection, our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos; Tenwek Hospital; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith.

About the Kirkin': 'Kirkin'' is the Scottish word for blessing. It has come to describe a special worship service that includes all Presbyterians. Together, we give thanks to God for our Presbyterian heritage and ask for God's continued blessing upon us.

The History: The Kirkin' o' the Tartan is of American origin, though based on history and legend in Scotland. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's 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, plaid, or any tartan that represented Scots' heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill upon sight any person dressed in Highland garb or displaying the tartan.

As the Legend Goes . . . This act prompted the stubborn Scots secretly to carry a piece of their tartan with them as they went to church, known as the 'Kirk.' The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against 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 Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C. held the first Kirkin' during the early years of World War II. The late Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall, an eloquent Scot, then Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and Pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, led the service in April 1941 (or 1943 as some accounts say), choosing "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" for the title of his sermon. He had preached many sermons in support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. His sermons were so popular that a request was made for their publication, with proceeds from the sales designated for war relief programs. As the war continued, the Saint Andrew's Society continued to hold services of unified prayer for the subjects of the British Isles. These became known as Kirkin's.

The Service: The worship service is of traditional content, using much of the Church of Scotland form. Central to its theme is the presentation of various tartans—through the carrying of flags and the wearing of tartans—for a blessing. Clans provided protection and economic, political, and social support. The tartan is a symbol of love and togetherness. The Kirkin’ is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage and to celebrate God’s grace poured out for all generations.

The Beadle: The Beadle leads the worship procession carrying the Bible to the front of the sanctuary and the lectern. Reminiscent of an old custom of the Church of Scotland, this tradition highlights the Bible as the Word of our Lord and the center of our faith. The term beadle comes from the Latin term *bedullus*, a word referring to a messenger or summoner of parties to court, which in this case was the Session. The Latin term ‘*bedullus*’ became beadle.

Carolina Tartan Stoles: The musicians and lay liturgist are wearing Carolina tartan stoles made by Carolyn Eddins and Betsy Fonvielle in 2017. The Carolina tartan was designed in Scotland and adopted as the official state tartan of both North and South Carolina. Both states received their share of immigration from Scotland. The Cape Fear River Valley in particular was home to a large settlement of Gaelic-speaking highlanders. The western region of the Carolinas was settled primarily by Ulster Scots, lowland Scots who migrated to Ireland in the 17th century, and later to the colonies. The Carolina tartan is based on a design associated with King Charles II of England; he and his father, King Charles I, established the original land grants for the colony named after them.

Clergy Tartan Stoles: The stoles worn by Pastors Drew Mangione and Carol Ann Hoard are on loan from retired Pastor Luke Harkey and are made from the traditional tartan for clergy, sometimes called the occupational tartan, for those employed in church ministry.

About John Knox: Before he became a leader of the Reformation in Scotland, John Knox served as a bodyguard. During worship he stood in the front of the church holding a claymore sword to protect the pastor during those dangerous times.

About the Protestant Reformation: The Reformation began in Germany in 1517 with Martin Luther posting the ‘95 theses’ to publicly debate the sale of indulgences. Luther later took on larger reforms and insisted that scripture, grace, and faith in Jesus Christ alone are the heart of Christian faith. John Calvin, guided by the Bible and Luther’s example, helped to establish the Protestant Reformation in Geneva. This included a church governed by elders (or presbyters), which became known as Presbyterian. From Calvin’s Geneva, Presbyterianism spread to Scotland, and then to the United States, among many other places around the world. John Knox would describe his experience in Calvin’s Geneva as “the most perfect school of Christian piety.”

About the Scots Confession: 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. This was the birth of the Church of Scotland, a church governed by elders, which became the parent of Presbyterian churches around the world.

More on the Scots Confession: The 25 Chapters of the Confession spell out a contemporary statement of the Reformed Christian faith in 16th Century Scotland. Although the Confession and its accompanying documents were the joint effort of a committee, its authorship is customarily attributed to John Knox. It sets forth the three marks of a faithful church, which are found in the PC(USA) Book of Order, as “true preaching of the Word of God,” “the right administration of the sacraments,” and “ecclesiastical discipline.”

The Book of Confessions: The Scots Confession is an official standard of the Church of Scotland, but was never meant to stand alone. It was approved along with other Catechisms, confessions, and a Book of Common Order. Similarly today, the Scots Confession does not stand alone. It is part of the PC(USA)’s Book of Confessions that expresses the faith of the church in specific times and places throughout history.

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