

Shelby Presbyterian Church Church Tartan

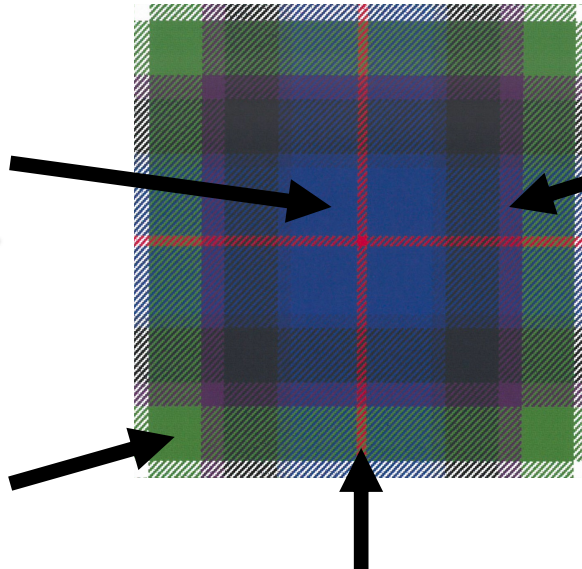


³ How we praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every blessing in heaven because we belong to Christ. ⁴ Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before him covered with his love. ⁵ His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to!
Ephesians 1:3-5

Our new church tartan is designed to reflect the unity of our church family in our shared Christian faith and heritage. The colors that we chose reflect the liturgical colors* found in the paraments in the sanctuary as well as the Scottish blue of our denominational heritage. The following graphic provides more detail about the meaning of the various colors in the tartan.

Scottish Blue:
This color corresponds to the blue color found in the Scottish national flag (the cross of St. Andrews) and the blue found in the Presbyterian Church (USA) denominational colors. Our church logo also uses this color.

Green:
Green is the most prominent of the liturgical colors represented on the tartan because it corresponds to Ordinary Time in the church calendar.



Purple:
The purple liturgical color represents times of reflection and penitence during the church year. Advent and Lent are the most prominent examples.

White:
The white liturgical color is used for joyful celebrations of Christ's time and ministry on earth including Christmas and Easter.

Red:
The liturgical color of red represents our celebration of the Holy Spirit in the church calendar (especially on Pentecost). This color forms a cross in our design and is also reminiscent of the red color of the altar curtain at the back of the sanctuary.

It is our prayer that our church tartan will represent the unity of the Body of Christ at Shelby Presbyterian Church and will serve to welcome new members regardless of their family heritage or background. The tartan symbolizes the diversity of all families and individuals that worship in our congregation. May we continue to Grow as Disciples and Serve the World's Needs for the Praise and Glory of God.

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*For a more complete description of the symbolism in the liturgical colors in the Presbyterian Church (USA) see <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/faq/faq-signssymbols/>