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Bulletin
&
Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

February 16, 2025
11:00am

Kirkín' o' the Tartan

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
February 16, 2025
6th Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 AM Worship Service

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WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Highland Cathedral” arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

PREPARATORY DECLARATION

One: Bring forth the Tartans!

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

“Colin’s Cattle”

Dunedin High School Pipe Band

***LITANY OF BLESSING OF THE TARTANS AND CLANS OF THE KIRK**

One: Thank you O Lord, for your Holy Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors: from Adam and Eve to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of his church everywhere. Never let us forget that our heritage of faith is a gift to be shared and celebrated with others, not a treasure to be hoarded.

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

One: 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.

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

One: Raise the Tartans! *(a pause as all lift high their tartans)*

All: **On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God's blessing on his servant people in all lands.**

One: Place the tartans. Eternal God, our Father, bless these symbols of heritage and grant that those who bear them, and the families they represent, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #12**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

All: **Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You adorn us with the armor of light, but we hide ourselves in darkness. You trust us with the message of grace, but we bury that treasure in fear. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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, for ever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends”

Damien Webb, Bagpipes

arr. Mack Wilberg

Thou gracious God, Whose mercy lends the light of home, the smile of friends,

Our gathered flock Thine arms enfold, as in the peaceful days of old.

Wilt Thou not hear us while we raise, in sweet accord of solemn praise,

The voices that have mingled long in joyous flow of mirth and song?

For all the blessings life has brought, for all the sorrowing hours have taught.

For all we mourn, for all we keep, the hands we clasp, the loved that sleep.

The noontide sunshine of the past, these brief, bright moments fading fast,

The stars that gild our darkening years, the twilight ray from holier spheres.

We thank Thee Father; let Thy grace our loving circle still embrace,

Thy mercy shed its heavenly store, Thy peace be with us evermore.

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Evermore, evermore. Amen! Amen! Amen!

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #664

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:28-35; 37-39 (NRSVUE)
Romans 11:33 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

Tartan Sunday:

“How Strongly Presbyterians believe in the Power of God’s Love!”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

(stanzas 1,2,5)

**The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his only bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

**Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

***BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING PROCESSION “Heroes of Vittoria”
Dunedin High School Pipe Band**

*(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing
voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service,
please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)*

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you,
feel free to remain seated.*

Please ensure all electronic devices are on silent during the service.

Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music; David Furr, Organist