The Kirkin' o' The Tartans

October 25, 2026, 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSION OF TARTANS** — *Celtic Hallelujah* — Joe Ashcraft, Piper

CALL TO WORSHIP — Leader

We are here, in the name of Christ Jesus. So, ask right now, and it shall be given to you. Seek right now, and you will find. Knock right now, and the door will be opened. Let us worship God.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #138** (Blue Hymnal) — *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) — by Dr. Peter Marshall

O Lord our God, even at this moment as we come blundering into Thy presence in prayer, we are haunted by memories of duties unperformed, promptings disobeyed, and beckonings ignored. Opportunities to be kind, knocked on the door of our hearts and went weeping away. We are ashamed, O Lord, and tired of failure. If Thou art drawing close to us now, come nearer still, till selfishness is burned out within us and our wills lose their weakness in union with Thine own. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON — *A Prayer from Iona* — by J. Philip Newell

O Christ, you are a bright flame before me. You are a guiding star above me. You are the light and love I see in others' eyes. Keep me, O Christ, in a love that is tender. Keep me, O Christ, in a love that is true. Keep me, O Christ, in a love that is strong - today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.

Note: Iona is birthplace of Christianity in Scotland where St Columba and 12 missionaries started a monastery in 563 AD.

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

A TIME TO BE GENEROUS WITH GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY — *Highland Cathedral* — Joe Ashcraft, Piper

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURES — Habakkuk 1:1-3; 3:17-19; Matthew 7:7-11 (Pew Bible p. 929, 961)

***HYMN # 396** (v. 1-3 Blue Hymnal) — *O for a Closer Walk with God*

SERMON — *"The ACTS of Prayer – Supplication"* — Rev. Dr. William D. Coker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP - The Scots Confession was written at a turning point in the history of the Scottish nation. When Queen Mary of Guise died in her sleep in 1560, the Protestant nobility of Scotland was able to secure English recognition of Scottish sovereignty in the Treaty of Edinburgh. To the Scots, this favorable conclusion to the civil war represented a providential deliverance from God. The Scottish Parliament asked the clergy to frame a Protestant confession of faith. Six ministers, including John Knox, completed their work in four days. In 1560, the document was ratified by Parliament as "doctrine grounded upon the infallible Word of God." "Cleave, Serve, Worship, Trust" are key words in this document. As a call to action in a turbulent time, the Scots Confession reflects a spirit of trust and commitment to God who miraculously delivered the Scots from their hard times. Let us stand and affirm our faith using the words of the Scots Confession.

****ALL:*** *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. Amen.*

***HYMN # 260** (v. 1 & 4 Blue Hymnal) — *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

WE CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE

PRESENTATION OF THE TARTANS

Pastor: Before God and this loving congregation, the Tartans of the Clans represented are called to assemble before the people.

Piper: ***The Call for the Clans to Assemble***

Pastor: On behalf of all Clans and Families, we raise these Tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray for God's blessings on God's servants in every land.

People: ***We praise God for choosing us to be his servants and for calling our families to be part of the family of God.***

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER — Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Be not anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN #280 (Blue Hymnal) — *Amazing Grace* — Joe Ashcraft, Piper

***BENEDICTION** — Traditional Scottish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; The rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

***Postlude** (*) We stand as we are able. — Joe Ashcraft, Piper

Announcements:

1. Welcome Visitors. We're so glad you are here. Please fill out our Welcome/Prayer Requests Card located on the back of the pew and drop it in the Offering Plate or hand it to the pastor.
2. We extend a special thank you to Joe Ashcraft for once again bringing his talents on the bagpipes to our service. Joe has been piping for 40 years, playing today on pipes purchased on his honeymoon 40 yrs ago, in Stirling, Scotland. He led the Tallahassee Pipe Band for 12 years, and competed at many Highland Games in the Southeastern U.S. and in Scotland. He had a solo performance at the '99 International Celtic Music Festival in L'Orient, France and in a massed band at the statue dedication of D-Day Piper Bill Millin at Sword Beach, Normandy, France in 2014. Joe retired from 30 yrs of firefighting 11 years ago and travels our wonderful world practicing on his pipes almost daily.
3. Presbyterian Ladies will have lunch at 11:20 am Thursday, Oct 29th at El Jarocho.
4. The flower calendar for 2027 is now on the bulletin board in the narthex.
5. *Prayer List:*
   a. *Mickey & Mary Bozeman (Melinda's sister & brother-in-law)- Mary has been diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia.*
   b. *New: Wegmann Family – Loss of a son (Friends of Hunter & Abby).*
   c. *Price Coarsey (nephew of Butch & Dela Coarsey)- was in a four-wheeler accident; Price is 11 years old and is at Scottish Rite Hospital where he faces a long recovery. He is having extensive physical therapy for swallowing and speech.*
   d. *Loris Asmussen- longtime member of our Church passed away on October 20th. A graveside service was held on October 24th.*
   e. *Marc & Athelyn Buttrill (Cheryl Coker's parents) -minor health issues*
   f. *Blanche Coker – Biff's mom. Fell, broke wrist, & cut her head, requiring 3-4 stiches. She is recuperating at a rehab facility.*
   g. *Jim Hall (friend of the Cokers) – battling cancer*
   h. *Pray for our Face Book friends who have specific needs that they will feel the grace and love of God.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We will have a brief Congregational Meeting today immediately after worship for the purpose of electing a new Elder for our 1st Pres Session. This will give our Session 6 Elders, instead of 5. The meeting should last only 2 – 3 minutes.

NOTE: The bulletin is printed on Tuesday of each week; any announcements, flower dedications, etc. need to be emailed to the Church or texted to 229-392-6431 by 10:00 am on Tuesdays.



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Our Mission: To share how Jesus and his love are real through all Church activities.

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