

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



KIRKIN' O' TH' TARTAN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Welcome to

Th' Kirkin' o' th' Tartan
A Worship Service for Reformation Sunday

ORGAN PRELUDE Larry Blackburn, Organist

THE KIRK AND THE KIRKIN' Elder Wayne Simpson

MARCH TO THE KIRK The Salt Lake Scots

PASTORAL WELCOME Rev. Steve Aeschbacher

†CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 96 Elder Wayne Simpson

Leader: O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: **O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Leader: Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name.

†HYMN OF PRAISE “The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune” arr. R. Vaughan Williams

[Scottish Psalter 1565]

Nora Smith, Bob Peterson *trumpets*

Alla Keoppel, *conducting*

Verse 1 & 2: People & Choir

*All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell, Come ye before Him and rejoice.
The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.*

Verse 3 & 4: Choir Only

*O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.
For why? the Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.*

Verse 5: People & Choir

***To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.***

†INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (in unison) Rev. Christine Myers-Tegeder

**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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Christin Abbott

ULSTER PROJECT

OFFERING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY Dancers performing “Flora” and “Lilt” Gillian and Sophie

†DOXOLOGY “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:14-15, 9:20-27 New Living Translation

14 Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God’s Good News. 15 “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

20 So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth.

21 “How long has this been happening?” Jesus asked the boy’s father.

He replied, “Since he was a little boy. 22 The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.”

23 “What do you mean, ‘If I can’?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.”

24 The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”

25 When Jesus saw that the crowd of onlookers was growing, he rebuked the evil spirit. “Listen, you spirit that makes this boy unable to hear and speak,” he said. “I command you to come out of this child and never enter him again!”

26 Then the spirit screamed and threw the boy into another violent convulsion and left him. The boy appeared to be dead. A murmur ran through the crowd as people said, “He’s dead.” 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up.

SERMON “Immerse: the Gift of the Kingdom” Pastor Steve

†RESPONSE Selections from the Brief Statement of Faith

Leader: In life and in death we belong to God.

People: **We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

Leader: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

People **In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

People: **The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,**

Leader: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen**

#INVITATION TO FAITH

Pastor Chris

DANCE

“Fling” and “Swords”

Mairi and Abbie

THE KIRKIN’

“Highland Cathedral” Roaver and Korb/Arr. McKinney

*Land of my fathers we will always be faithful and loyal to our own country.
In times of danger we will set you free, lead you to glory and to victory.
Gone is the past, let us start anew. Let this hope of peace always remain.
Children of Scotia be strong and true then your children will smile again.*

*Rise Caledonia let your voices ring in this Highland Cathedral of our God and King.
Whom joy and liberty to all will bring. Come let your heart with love and courage sing.*

LITANY FOR THE CLANS

Elder Wayne Simpson: On behalf of all Scots away from Scotland we present these tartans before almighty God and ask His blessings on these His servants.

Pastor Steve: Thank you, O Lord, for the rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our Scottish forebears in faith, and our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere.

Elder Pamela Atkinson: Never let us forget that a heritage of faith is a responsibility to be shared, not a treasure to be hoarded.

***Congregation:* Father God, bless us that we may be a blessing.**

Elder Wayne Simpson: Thank you for the blessing of family; the warmth, comfort and security of family love.

Elder Pamela Atkinson: Never let us forget that our family love is a gift of blessing, that strangers may be as welcome as brothers and sisters.

***Congregation:* Lord Jesus, bless us that we may be a blessing.**

Elder Wayne Simpson: We praise you for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in a community of faith.

Elder Pamela Atkinson: Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we, too, have lives to live in faith.

***Congregation:* Holy Spirit, bless us that we may be a blessing.**

BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

Pastor Steve and Pastor Chris

PIPER’S RESPONSE

“Amazing Grace”

#BENEDICTION

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Clan Representatives: Every clan has a Chieftain and the Chieftain represents the entire Clan. The Chieftain of each clan can be identified by contacting the Utah Scottish Association. Those coming forward to bring their clan tartans have been identified specifically by their Clan Chieftain.

Clan Abercrombie - Joyce Pritchard

Clan Anderson - Robert Allistair Elvis Kincaide Anderson

Clan Baird - Vincent Baird

Clan Bruce - William Pritchard

Clan Ferguson - Brent Ferguson & MacKenzie

Clan Johnston - Steve Johnston

Clan Kerr - Clara and Liliana Kratzer

Clan MacArthur - JC Carter

Clan Macpherson & SL County - Richard D. M. Barnes

Clan Morrison - Bob Gallimore

Clan Roberson - Juliet Chapman

Clan Skeen - Nicholas Anderson

Clan Stewart - Dan L. Stuart

Rev. Steve Aeschbacher, Interim Pastor

Rev. Christine Myers-Tegeder, Pastoral Associate

Elder Pamela J. Atkinson and Elder Wayne Simpson

First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir: Alla Keoppel, Choir Director

Organist: Larry Blackburn

The Salt Lake Scots Pipe Band: Ian S. Williams, Band Manager

WHAT IS THE KIRKIN'O'TH'TARTAN?

The Kirkin' O' Th'Tartan Worship Service is an opportunity for all Christians to rededicate themselves to the God of their heritage, the Lord Jesus Christ, and renew their commitments to His service.

The Kirkin' O'Th'Tartan Worship Service seems so ancient that many assume it was brought to America by our Scottish forefathers. However, the first Kirkin' Service was probably held in Washington's New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, April 27, 1941. Its minister was the Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and the Washington St. Andrew's Society. Since that time, Kirkin' ceremonies have been held throughout America. There is evidence that the American Kirkin' does have its roots in Scotland. It is said that when the English conquerors banned the wearing of the Tartan in 1745 that some Scottish clansmen began to carry swatches of

the material concealed under their clothing into their church services. At some point in the service, when the clergyman would give a blessing, the clansmen would touch their bits of Tartan, and with no outward signals, an underground Kirkin' occurred.

COME ON A VIRTUAL TOUR!

Normally we have a Scottish Festival which culminates in the Kirkin'. Due to the pandemic that was obviously impossible this year. So, we have recorded special videos with additional information about our building, our windows, the banners, and the Reformation. You can find them here: www.fpcslc.org/kirkin

JOIN US NEXT YEAR

First Presbyterian Church was formed in the fall of 1871, next year we will be celebrating our 150th birthday! God willing, our Kirkin' celebration will be especially noteworthy. Plan to join us the weekend of October 30-31, 2021 for a Ceilidh (festival) like never before!

THE ULSTER PROJECT

For additional information please visit www.utahulsterproject.org

The Ulster Project (Ulster is another name for Northern Ireland) began in 1975 as the result of an exchange between Reverend Kerry Waterstone of Tullamore, Ireland, and the pastor of a church in Manchester, Connecticut. The simple plan is to provide a place away from peers and a divided society where Protestant and Catholic teens from Northern Ireland can come together and get to know each other as individuals. For the month of July each summer, 12 Northern Irish teens and 12 Utah host teens participate in a variety of activities, including ecumenical religious services, discussion sessions, field trips, camp-outs and community service projects. The intensive program is designed to open and encourage channels of communication between the Northern Irish teens in the firm belief that this will lead to mutual understanding, tolerance and trust. Seeds of change are planted each year, offering the hope of peace for these young people.

PSALM SINGING

Perhaps the most traditional Scottish custom, still preserved in some Presbyterian churches today, is the tradition of Psalm singing. Originally, Scottish Presbyterians believed that only scriptural material should be used in praise of God. From this tradition developed a long series of "metrical versions" of the Psalms. It is important to know that the metrical versions of the Psalms were never intended to be Bible translations – words and phrases were frequently moved around in order to arrange for proper meters.

WHY WE DISPLAY THE CROSS

Presbyterians, with all Christians throughout the ages and across the world, see the pivotal point of human history in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God became a human being! Jesus is "Emmanuel" (God with us). All of Jesus' life led up to his surprising "being lifted up" on

the cross, where he defeated sin and death and opened the way for us to be part of God's family and to live at peace with God and other people.

We display the cross in our church as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Christians do not worship the cross, but do worship Jesus who died on a cross for our salvation. The empty cross reminds us of Jesus' resurrection from the dead on the third day. The cross is the ultimate symbol of God's self-giving love, of Jesus' victory over death, and the sole means of our salvation.

WHAT IS REFORMATION SUNDAY?

The last Sunday in October celebrates the reformation that began in the 16th century, remembering a rediscovery by the Church of God's extravagant love for us—his unstoppable, never giving up love that rescues us and redeems us even though we are unable to do anything to help ourselves. This is the idea that we are saved from sin and death as a free gift from God, and saved for lives infused with purpose, meaning, love and creativity. Reformation Sunday is celebrated in late October because the beginning of the Reformation is traced to when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on All Saints Eve, October 31, 1517, 503 years ago.

The Reformation was largely a reaction against certain practices and beliefs of the Roman Catholic church of the time. Interestingly, most of those issues are no longer sources of conflict. Over time God has drawn his Church back towards his complete revelation in Jesus Christ as witnessed to in the Bible. Today the universal (catholic) Church is made up of Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Protestant and Charismatic churches around the world—totaling more than 2.5 billion people, about 1/3 of the population of the earth, the largest and second fastest growing religion in the world.

WHAT IS A PRESBYTERIAN?

Presbyterians are Christians—we worship the Triune God and believe that in the person of Jesus of Nazareth God himself came to us and risked everything for our sake. The heart of our beliefs can be summed up in two words: **Grace and Gratitude**. We receive God's free gift of life and salvation and we live lives of gratitude in response.

Presbyterians grew out of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th Century. We affirm the truths emphasized in the Reformation—We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, as revealed in the Bible alone. The name Presbyterian means ruled by elders (presbuteros). Elders are called by God through the voice of our congregation. Our form of government influenced the founding fathers in setting up our U.S. Constitution.

We believe that God calls to himself a church, which is the body of Christ in the world. That church is made up of all people who trust Jesus as Lord and Savior (Master and Rescuer) and who seek to follow him (be a disciple), regardless of denomination or sect. We recognize other Christian congregations and denominations as brothers and sisters in Christ as they affirm the faith declared in the Bible and summarized in the ancient Apostles' and Nicene Creeds.

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORY

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, ancient Christianity spread throughout the Roman Empire with amazing speed. By the fifth century, Christians increasingly looked to the Bishop of Rome—the seat of Roman Government and the city where Peter and Paul had been martyred—as the leader of the world-wide church. Christianity continued to spread.

In the early 1500s, Martin Luther passed through a deep spiritual crisis in which he experienced a profound conversion to Christ. He came to see that it is through God's mercy alone, given through Christ and received by faith alone—not through human good works—that men and women are put right with God.

Luther believed that many abuses in the Church hindered his coming to a saving knowledge of Christ. In 1517 he posted a notice in Latin on a church door in the university town of Wittenberg, Germany. He invited scholars to debate his concerns about ecclesiastical abuse. To his astonishment, these "95 Theses" (or statements) were translated into German (without his knowledge or permission) and circulated to the masses. Soon a popular Reformation was on, and Luther was a leader.

News of Luther's teaching quickly spread through Europe, and others joined the cause. A young Frenchman in Paris by the name of Jean (John) Calvin heard Luther's message and was convinced. He soon discovered that his new-found faith was not welcome in France, and he made a hasty retreat for Switzerland. While passing through Geneva, Calvin was challenged by another Reformer to stay. Calvin reluctantly agreed, and he ended up spending the rest of his life there.

Calvin began to teach the message of the Bible to the Swiss as well as to the thousands of other people who also had sought refuge in Geneva from elsewhere around Europe. His students included those who took the Protestant faith back to Poland, Holland (William of Orange), Scotland (John Knox), and England.

Many early European immigrants to America were Scottish Presbyterians. The first Presbytery (a collection of Presbyterian churches) was established in Philadelphia in 1706. Since then, Presbyterians in several denominations spread across the land, having a combined membership of about 2 million members in the United States. "Presbyterian" describes and defines not a person but a particular way of organizing a church.

WANT TO CONNECT AT FIRST PRES?

Here are a few ways:

- Make sandwiches for people struggling at St. Vincent de Paul's
- Serve dinner at some of our homeless resource centers
- Serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House and visit with families with sick children

- Teach or assist with Sunday School
- Help with Pamela's closet collecting clothes for homeless children
- Plan an outdoor fellowship such as hiking or ski day
- Help building and grounds with our gardens
- Call homebound members
- Or help in a way that we have not listed, but for which you have a passion

Contact the office at 801-363-3889 or office@fpcslc.org and we will get you connected!

Growing in Faith at First Presbyterian Church

10:05 AM Adult Sunday School on Zoom

Multiple groups are reading the New Testament together. Let Pastor Steve know if you would like to join a group! pastorsteve@fpcslc.org

To get the Zoom invite email Pastor Steve at pastorsteve@fpcslc.org

Throughout the Week

WOMEN'S STUDIES

- **Thursdays, 1:00 PM-** Meet with the Women's Bible Study on Zoom!
Contact Joann Armstrong for the zoom link.
- **Thursdays, 6:00 PM** – Meet with the Women's Bible Study on Zoom!
Contact Pastor Chris for the Zoom link: pastorchris@fpcslc.org

MEN'S STUDIES

- **Tuesdays, 7:30 AM** – Meet with the Tuesday Morning Men's group on Zoom for the next few weeks on Tuesday morning at 7:30 am! Contact Chuck Britter for the Zoom link: spyder79cb@gmail.com
- **Thursdays, 6:30 PM** – includes dessert at the church.

IMMERSE BIBLE STUDY

- Multiple groups are reading the New Testament together. Let Pastor Steve know if you would like to join a group! pastorsteve@fpcslc.org

PRAYER

- Call requests in at 801-363-3889
- **Wednesdays, 6:00 PM** - Praying for the Church in Times of Change
Contact office@fpcslc.org

Join us in December for First Presbyterian Church's
2020 Advent & Christmas Celebration
All are welcome!

11/29 Getting Ready
Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37

12/6 Prepare the Way!
Isaiah 40:1-11 Mark 1:1-8

12/13 Mary the Theologian
Isaiah 61:14, 8-11; Luke 1:46b-55

12/20 Announcing the King
2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:26-38

12/24 Christmas Eve -- The Light Shines Out!
Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20

12/27 The Prophecy Coming True
Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Luke 2:22-40

1/3 God Moves Into the Neighborhood
Jeremiah 31:7-14 ; John 1:10-18

THURSDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 24TH

*****CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES*****

4:30 PM ~ *Children and Families Celebrate Christmas*

8:00 PM ~ *Traditional Candlelight Service
Message and Special Music from Praise Band*

10:30 PM ~ *Prelude Concert with Choir and Soloists*

11:00 PM ~ *Traditional Candlelight Service
Message and Special Music from Choir*

Upcoming Special Events

Halloween Organ Concert – Saturday, October 31

Spooky musical things this way comes!

Larry Blackburn, our organist for 20 years, will have a mini-organ concert online near the end of the month.

Many neighborhoods are not doing door-to-door trick or treating this year, so Larry will provide some tricks 'n treats.

Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wednesday, November 25th

Join us at 7:00 PM for a short service of gratitude. We will sing hymns, share praises, pray and remember God's faithfulness to us in all season.

****Community Concert Series at First Presbyterian Church****

Christmas Concert – First Presbyterian Chancel Choir Sunday, December 20th at 4:00 PM

The FPC Choir under the direction of Alla Keoppel and organist Larry Blackburn, lessons and carols, with guest musicians and memorable Christmas music. This event is free, with donations accepted at the door to support the music program at FPC.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“The Church Exists to Help One Another to
Love God, Love Neighbor, Love One Another, Make Disciples”*

Children

Introducing the Faith Explorer Lunch Bunch! Join us Saturday at Noon for a Zoom meeting with your friends. We will play a game, reconnect with each other, and have a short devotional.

Contact Christin Abbott for more information – christin@fpclsc.org

Youth

Our youth group met online (by Zoom!) on Sunday morning for Sunday School.

Contact Nathan Parrish for more information – nathan@fpclsc.org

C Street Child Development Center

*Monday-Friday * Infants through Kindergarten (and older during the summer)*

Full-Time and Part-Time care available

Contact Annie Haile for more information -801-328-3043, annie@fpclsc.org

Music

*Chancel Choir * Praise Band*

Contact Alla Keoppel, alla@fpclsc.org or Pastor Chris, pastorchris@fpclsc.org

Prayer

Contact church office for prayer requests – 801-363-3889

Missions

Support of local mission projects: *Dinner at St. Vincent DePaul; Ronald McDonald House; Pamela's Closet, Crossroads Urban Center*

Support of international mission projects in places such as Kazakhstan; Somalia, Thailand
Mission trip for senior high students planned for summer 2020

WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?

First Presbyterian Church is a place where members and friends alike are invited and encouraged to participate in mission and ministry; creating an environment where gifts, skills, and passions can be developed for service.

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