

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are Here!



Pick up a shoebox today and fill it with gifts for a boy or girl overseas. Return your gift-filled shoebox to Eastminster by Sunday, November 24. Spread the love of Jesus to a child who needs Christmas joy!

Hurricane Relief Efforts Continue



Thank you to all who have donated items or to EPC's Disaster Relief Fund. Scan the QR Code above to learn more about how to help.

Support Family Promise on Tuesday, October 29

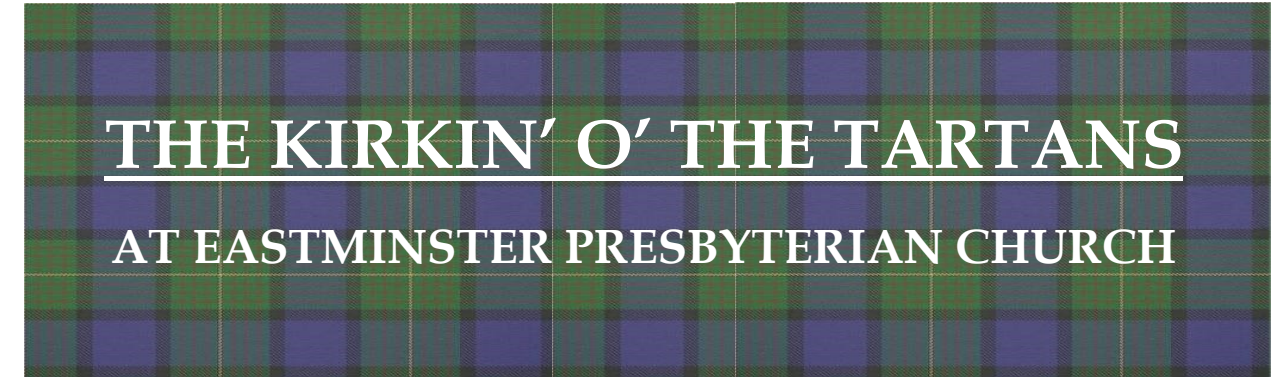


Join us at 7:00 pm, in the Sanctuary for "Sing, Pray, Love." She Sings performs concerts to raise funds for charities benefiting women and children in the Columbia area. All proceeds go to Family Promise.

USC-Clemson Food-Off for Harvest Hope



Drop canned goods in USC, Clemson or generic bins around campus in November. We'll keep score with weigh-ins to win it. Go Football...Go Harvest Hope!



Today is a day of multiple celebrations. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther penned *Ninety-five Theses*, and nailed them to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany, thus signaling the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Secondly, we offer our pledges today to support Christ's work through this church in the coming year.

Celebrating God's work throughout history and through previous generations, today is also Eastminster's Kirkin' o' the Tartans service. As we worship, may the sounds of the bagpipe and drums remind you how God's Spirit works through history, reaching from Jesus Christ to the first disciples to John Calvin in Switzerland, and from Calvin to John Knox in Scotland to our ancestors to us. Similarly, may the tartans remind us, not only of the Scottish families that asked God's blessing centuries ago, but also of our opportunity to live for God in ways that may impact our own families and communities for generations yet to come.

The Kirkin' in its present form was first held in Washington's New York Ave. Presbyterian Church in 1941, led by Dr. Peter Marshall, a Scot, who was Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and a pastor.

Kirk is the Scottish word for church, and the tartans represent specific Scottish clans, families, regions, and regiments. Perhaps no symbol is more associated with Scotland and the Scottish tradition than the colorful Highland dress.

The tartan is an old tradition, with many references to it in early Scottish literature. The ancient tartan was described as "chequered" or "striped." The pattern and length of tartan is made of one "sett" repeated over and over again until the desired length is reached. For many centuries, tartans formed part of the everyday dress of the Highland people, and it was there that its use continued and developed, until it became recognized as a symbol of clan kinship.

John Knox, the Scottish Reformer, studied under John Calvin, the father of Presbyterianism, in Geneva, Switzerland, in the 1500s. Upon returning to Scotland, he wrote the first Book of Church Order and established the first Presbyterian churches. The church spread to Ireland, and it was immigrants from Scotland and Ireland who brought the Presbyterian Church to America. The Scots Confession was the first Reformed confession in the English language. It has been called the charter of the Church of Scotland and of world Presbyterianism.

The Scottish Parliament, at the conclusion of a civil war, invited John Knox and five colleagues to prepare a confession of faith for the church and the nation. During the Middle Ages and through the Reformation, Bibles were rare among common people. The Bible of the Kirk (church) was a treasured possession. The value of the sacred scriptures and the danger of theft led to the establishment of a special lay office within the Kirk known as "the Beadle." The Beadle begins the worship service by carrying the Bible ceremoniously into the sanctuary. The Beadle removes the Bible from the Kirk for safekeeping following the service.

The bagpipe is a musical instrument now regarded as the national instrument of Scotland. Each clan had its own bagpiper, and its fame was based to some extent on the bagpiper's ability. Crimond, the bagpiper of the clan McLeod, wrote a tune to the Twenty-Third Psalm still used today.

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KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS
October 27, 2024
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

God Calls Us to Gather and Worship

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, BWV720

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE KIRK

REV. DR. BRADLEY D. SMITH

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

Highland Cathedral

Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

ORDER OF PROCESSION

The Beadle, Clerk of Session, Jimmy Long
Pipes and Drums, Christian Markle and Russell Davis
The Reverend Doctor Bradley D. Smith
The Reverend Doctor J. Ben Sloan
The Reverend W. Croskeys Royall
The Reverend Doctor Douglass D. Key

CALL TO WORSHIP

(From Psalm 90)

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

People: **Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Leader: A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

People: **Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

All: **Help us find satisfaction in your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

HYMN OF ADORATION #321

The Church's One Foundation

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

REV. W. CROSKEYS ROYALL (9:00 AM)

REV. DR. J. BEN SLOAN (11:15 AM)



Price and Britany McCaskill
with Bowen and Mills



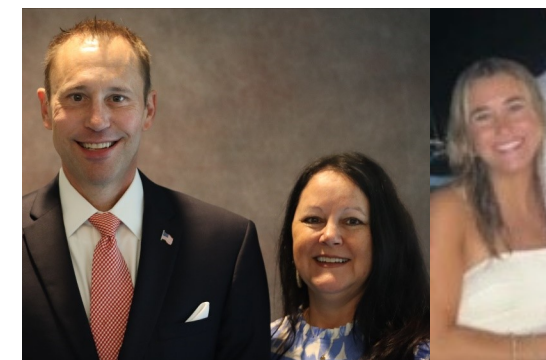
Patrick and Olivia McLean



Michael Rothenberg



Rachel Scott and Patrick Frenz



David and Lauren Sharpe, with Emma Kate



Austin and Leah Shumpert



Dani and Patrick Sullivan
with Emma and Peyton



Jake and Charli Tillery



Courtney and Tripp Ulmer
with Caroline



Emily and Jeff Walker

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Jenni Asman



Marcia and Ted Autterson



Cliff and Elizabeth Ballew
with Charlotte



Caroline Chester and Harrison Long



David and Judy Doty



Caroline Schraibman and Patrick Fawcett



Tyler and Lauren Garvin



Chad and Margaret Anne Howard



Buddy and Janet Jennings

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

REV. DR. J. BEN SLOAN (11:15 AM)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Scots Confession, 1560)

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom we must cleave, whom alone we must serve,
whom alone we must worship, and in whom we put our trust.
Who is 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.**

**GLORIA PATRI (Please send the children forward.)

**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.**

A TIME WITH THE WEE KIRK (9:00 AM)

REV. W. CROSKEYS ROYALL

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

REV. DR. DOUGLASS D. KEY

**Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence because of our many sins. If
You dealt with us as we deserve, we would not deserve any grace or mercy from You. We
have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we
acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God,
a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to You. We humbly ask You, for the sake of
Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses even as we lift them
in this time of silent confession....**

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto
you. Allelu, alleluia!**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, forever. Amen.**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Brian Fenderson, baritone

Arr. Dan Forrest

UNISON READING:

Deuteronomy 8:1-6

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. ²Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. ³He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

Ephesians 2:4-10

SERMON

“GRACE RIPPLES”

REV. DR. BRADLEY D. SMITH

We Respond In Gratitude, Joy, and Service

HYMN OF DEDICATION #649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

When an usher releases your pew, everyone is asked to come forward, bringing your offering and/or commitment cards and placing them in the baskets. Everyone should return to their pews using the side aisles. Those who are not able to come forward may raise their hand and ushers will gladly assist you. For your convenience extra commitment cards are in the Friendship Registers. If you are a visitor or otherwise do not have a pledge card to bring forward, we ask everyone to please come forward and we invite you to respond to God's saving grace by committing yourself afresh as you walk forward. Everyone doing this will also permit an unimpeded flow along the pews. Thank you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

EMMA BRYSON

PRESENTATION OF THE TARTANS

Sir, representing the clans of Scots through whom God worked to plant seeds of faith in this great land, we present these tartans as symbols of families from every tongue and nation before Almighty God and request you to ask God's blessings on all those who bear witness to Jesus Christ.

THE BLESSING (UNISON)

As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we raise these tartans before God in grateful appreciation of God's redemptive work in the lives of those faithful witnesses in generations gone by, and on God's servants of every land and of every tongue, that we may together praise His Holy Name. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BAGPIPE RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Suite Gothique Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For detailed information and to register for the below programs and events, visit our website: <https://eastminsterpres.org>

Eastminster's Disaster Relief Fund: If you would like to make a donation to communities experiencing devastation from hurricanes this season, please include "Disaster Relief" on the memo line of your check, which you may drop in the offering plate or by the Church Office, Attn: Treasurer. You may also donate online. Thank you to those of you who are making donations.

She Sings Presents the "Sing, Pray, Love" Concert on October 29: in the Sanctuary. Join us Tuesday at 7 pm for beautiful voices joined in harmony. All proceeds will benefit Family Promise of the Midlands.

WE@EPC Meals Wednesday, October 30, in Thompson Hall: Join us at 5:15 pm for dinner before class. MENU: Baked Chicken OR Salmon Piccata, Rice Pilaf, Roasted Squash, Zucchini and Onions, Fried Green Beans, Rolls. KIDS: Chicken Tenders and Mashed Potatoes. Please RSVP by noon on Wednesdays. Visit Ministries/Fellowship/WE@EPC Meal RSVP at www.eastminsterpres.org. New Pricing: Children 0-5: FREE, Children 6-9: \$4, and 10+: \$8. There is no household cap. Please pay with cash or check at the door.

Grace & Gratitude- Sunday Night Women's Study (November 3, 10 & 17): Led by Rev. Dr. Carol Byrd in the Parlor (5-6:30 pm) Our study will be Diana Butler Bass' book, *Grateful*. Join us as we focus on the transformative power of counting our blessings and believing that "life is the gift."

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster member.

DEACONS: DOLORES LONG AND GEORGE HUTTON
HEAD USHER: BERRY MATTOX (9:00 AM) AND WILSON MCDONALD (11:15 AM)