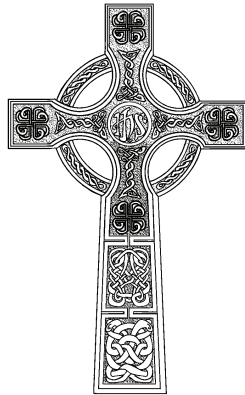




THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2010, 7:00PM



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2450 EAST FORT LOWELL ROAD
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CELTIC PRAYERS

I AM bending my knee
In the eye of the Father who created me,
In the eye of the Son who died for me,
In the eye of the Spirit who cleansed me,
In love and desire.

Grant to us, Thou Saviour of Glory,
The fear of God, the love of God, and His affection,
And the will of God to do on earth at all times
As angels and saints do in heaven;
Each day and night give us Thy peace.

Alexander Carmichael (1832-1912) *Carmina Gadelica*, ("Songs
of the Gaels," collection of folk poetry from
Western Isles of Scotland), Lindesfarne Press, 1992.



GOD with me lying down,
God with me rising up,
God with me in each ray of light,
Nor I a ray of joy without Him,
Nor one ray without Him.
Christ with me sleeping,
Christ with me waking,
Christ with me watching,
Every day and night,
Each day and night.

Source: Alexander Carmichael's *Carmina Gadelica*



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *Scottish Tunes*

Dr. John T. Brobeck
Elizabeth Rosenblatt, flute

WELCOME, REGISTRATION & EXPLANATION

Rev. John Cheek

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

Seven Pipers Band

*LITANY BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

Rev. Cheek and Rev. Ken Skodiak

Leader 1: Thank you, O Lord, for your self-revealed Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors, from Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Abraham to David, so onwards to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of his church: our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere.

Leader 2: *Never let us forget that a heritage of faith is a responsibility, not a treasure to be hoarded.*

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

Leader 1: Thank you, O Lord, for the blessing of family; the warmth, comfort, and security of family love.

Leader 2: *Never let us forget that our family love is a gift to be shared, that the stranger may be as welcome as the brother.*

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

Leader 1: 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.

Leader 2: *Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we too, have lives to live in faith.*

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

Leader 1: Raise the Tartans! (Pause until all lift high their tartans.)

People: 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.

PLACING OF THE TARTANS

*Those who are able, please stand

Leader 2: *Eternal God, Our Father, bless these symbols of heritage and grant that those who wear 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.*

People: **We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.**

INTROIT: *Amazing Grace*

Seven Pipers Band

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (PSALM 100)

Rev. Cheek

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his.

People: **We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

People: **Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

People: **And his faithfulness to all generations.**

***HYMN 220** (Blue Hymnal): *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Old Hundredth

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Ken Skodiak

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Adapted from Scottish Reformer John Knox's Liturgy of 1560)

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. 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. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only

the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ACT OF PRAISE: *Gloria Patri* (blue hymnal 579)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Scots Confession (Chapter 16) Rev. Skodiak

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of men chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Jesus Christ, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit.

ANTHEM: *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown* trad. Scottish, D. Mennicke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Skodiak

*DOXOLOGY (blue hymnal 592)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Cheek

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Highland Cathedral* Pipes and Organ

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (John Calvin)

O Lord, heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth.

ANTHEM: *A Celtic Blessing*

D. Wagner, based on traditional blessings

GOSPEL LESSON: 1 Peter 2:9-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY: *"But You..."*

Rev. Cheek

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Cheek, Rev. Seiferth & Rev. Skodiak

Following the sermon, all worshippers are invited to come forward to one of the pastors at the front of the sanctuary. He will ask your clan or family name. The pastor will then ask God's blessing on you and your family or clan, that you might be a blessing to others. Following the blessing, please return to your seats.

*HYMN 165 (Blue Hymnal): *When in the Night I Meditate* Day's Psalter, 1562

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION LITANY

Rev. Cheek

A GAELIC BLESSING

Leader: Deep peace of the running wave to you.

People: Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Leader: Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

People: Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Leader: Deep peace of the gentle night to you.

People: Deep peace of Christ,

Leader: Deep peace of Christ to you.

Ancient Celtic text adapted by John Rutter

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *May the Road Rise UP to Meet You*

R. Lau

*RECESSIONAL

Seven Pipers Band

RECEPTION. Please join us for a reception in the Rowley Courtyard.



MUSIC AND RECOGNITION

The warmest of welcomes as well as heartfelt thanks are extended to our guest musicians from the Seven Pipers Band for their part in making this an authentic Kirkin' O' the Tartan! Thanks, also, to Anna Roder, flautist, MacKenzie Skodiak, violinist, and members of the Sanctuary Choir. Finally, thanks to Pastors Cheek, Seiferth and Skodiak, ushers, media personnel, Fellowship Committee members and all who participated in making this service a meaningful experience .

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN—ITS ORIGINS

THE HISTORY...

The ceremony of Kirkin' O' the Tartan is American in origin, though based on Scottish history and legend. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish forces were defeated by the English in 1746, Scotland again came under British rule. An Act was passed that forbade carrying arms and the wearing kilts or tartan which represented Scottish heritage.

This Act prompted the Scots to carry secretly a piece of their tartan as they went to the Kirk (church). The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against tartans lasted for nearly 50 years. When at last repealed, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.

THE FIRST KIRKIN'...

The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC held the first Kirkin' during the early years of World War II. The late Dr. Peter Marshall, an eloquent Scot, then Chaplain of the US Senate as well as a pastor, led the service in 1943, choosing "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" for the title of his sermon. He had preached many sermons in support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. As the war continued, the DC St. Andrew's Society continued to hold prayer services for the British subjects. These became known as Kirkin's.

THE SERVICE...

The service is traditional in content, using much of the Church of Scotland form. Central to its theme is the presentation of various tartans—through flags and the wearing of tartans—for a blessing. Clans were simply a gathering of peoples for their protection and for economic, political, and social support. The Kirkin' is intended to encourage participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage, and to celebrate God's grace poured out for all generations.

WELCOME TO NORTHMINSTER

You are cordially invited to join us for worship each Sunday.

Services of Worship

Contemporary Service: 8:00am

Traditional Services: 9:30am and 11:00am

Childcare and Sunday School

Childcare is provided from 7:45am-12:00pm. We offer a Christian Education program at 9:30am for all ages.

Information

An array of helpful brochures about our church is available in the Sanctuary Narthex. You may also contact us at 327-7121 if we may be of service in any way.

Ministries

Northminster offers a wide variety of ministries, programs, and activities for all ages, given in the name and service of our Lord and Savior. Please check our website for additional information: www.npctucson.org.

Radio Ministry

Join us on the air! Our worship services and ministry are broadcast on KGMS Radio, 940 AM every Sunday, 6:00-7:00pm and Monday-Friday at 6:30-7:00am.

All Church Scottish Festival and Silent Auction, Saturday, 4:00-7:30pm

Something for everyone, including games, great food, the Seven Pipers Band and Silent Auction to benefit our Northminster School.

Reformation Sunday, October 31

Join us this Sunday for our annual Reformation Services, which celebrate our Scottish Heritage. All morning worship services include stirring music by the Seven Pipers Band, with added pageantry at the traditional services.

Evensong Service, November 14, 5:30pm

You are invited to join us for this historic and traditional end-of-day service, which includes prayers, psalms, hymns, organ voluntaries, and beautiful anthems sung by the Sanctuary Choir.

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