Today is Kirkin’ of the Tartan Sunday at First Presbyterian Church. Kirk is the Scottish word for church, and in Scotland the word is synonymous with the Presbyterian Church. Thus, Kirkin’ of the Tartan roughly translates to “Churching of the Tartan” – a blessing of the beautifully patterned fabrics and the heritage they represent. While much of this heritage was suppressed by the English during the 18th century, the visit of King George IV to Edinburgh in 1822 (and its attendant tartan pageantry) was seen as an affirmation of the culture of the Scottish Highlands, elevating the tartan kilt to become part of Scotland’s national identity.

In addition to celebrating the secular culture of Scotland, Kirkin’ is an opportunity to celebrate Scotland’s Christian history. In 563, St. Columba brought the Christian faith from Ireland to Scotland, where it took root and flourished. In 1547, nearly 1,000 years later, John Knox brought the Protestant Reformation to Scotland from Geneva, Switzerland, exclaiming from the depth of his evangelical zeal, “Give me Scotland, or I die.” The Reformed faith spread across Scotland, and it went on to greatly influence Christianity in America, as waves of Scots immigrated to the New World.

Ultimately, the Kirkin’ of the Tartan is a product of this influence. Though the Kirkin’ draws on Scotland’s cultural and religious traditions, the service is an American invention and was first held on April 27, 1941 in Washington, D.C. at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, then under the leadership of the Scottish-born Peter Marshall. After Dr. Marshall’s death, the Kirkin’ moved from place to place, and in 1954 it found a home at the Washington National Cathedral. Since then, the service has spread to congregations of various denominations across the United States and Canada. First Presbyterian Church has held the service annually since May of 1989.
OPENING SENTENCES

†VOLUNTARY

A Kirkin’ Hymn Medley

†PROCESSIONAL

Highland Cathedral

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great King over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;

People: sing praises with a Psalm.

†HYMN

Psalm 100

All: All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, come ye before Him, and rejoice.

All: The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, without our aid He did us make; we are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

Choir: O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto; praise, laud, and bless His name alway, for it is seemly so to do.

All: 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.

All: 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.

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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,
and 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.
Forgive the sins of our youth,
and the sins of our old age.
By Your Spirit, O God,
take possession of our hearts that,
not only the actions of our life,
but also the words of our mouth,
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.

— From John Knox Sunday Service

SILENT CONFESSION

LORD, HAVE MERCY         Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Congregational Response         Gloria Patri     Hymn 581
THE WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME
(8:30) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Sam Cooper
Guide us, O God,
by Your Word and Spirit,
that in Your light we may see light,
in Your truth find freedom,
and in Your will discover Your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sam Cooper
Philippians 2:1-13, page 197
John 21:15-19, page 116

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

‡ Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to Young Children and Worship in Room CW-110.

‡HYMN OF PREPARATION 630 (seated) CRUSADERS’ HYMN
Fairest Lord Jesus

SERMON
Sam Cooper
Loving Jesus

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Stuart Gordon
We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to Whom alone we must cleave,
Whom alone we must serve,
Whom alone we must worship,
and in Whom alone we must 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 Spirit;
by Whom we confess and believe
all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible.

From Scots Confession, 1560 (Chapter 1)

KIRKIN’ OF THE TARTAN Stuart Gordon
On behalf of believers everywhere,
we raise these tartans
before Almighty God in appreciation of our heritage
and ask God’s blessing on His servants.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
The Lord's Prayer

(Traditional - debts) Hymnal Page 35

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

Jesu, joy of man’s desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright,
drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned
with the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to Truth unknown,
soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

*Presentation and Response

Doxology

Old Hundredth

*Hymn 337 (Stanza 4)

My Country, Tis of Thee

America

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Commitment

My Jesus, I Love Thee

A.J. Gordon
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Sam Cooper

*RECESSIONAL

Amazing Grace
Scotland the Brave

Traditional

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Crown Imperial March

William Walton

* — Those who are able, please stand † — Latecomers may be seated

Please silence your cell phone as you enter the sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Todd Jones, Pastor
Sam Cooper, Executive Pastor
Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families
Stuart Gordon, Associate Pastor for Discipleship
Sandra Randleman,
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions
Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
17th Lancers Pipes & Drums: Jim Drury, Pipe Major
Keith Moore, Sanctuary Chorale Conductor
Cross Bearer: (8:30) Sloan Rogers; (11:00) Joan Campbell
Candle Bearer: Cathleen Donelson
Bible Bearer: (8:30) Alexa Baker; (11:00) Sam Marsh
American Flag: Bill Bissell
Christian Flag: Dennis Wood
Scottish Flag: Michael Shane Neal

Welcome! — First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us. Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, please note your attendance today in the fellowship pad found in your pew.

Guests — Please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card so that we may more personally welcome you into community. We also invite you to visit the Welcome Center in the church narthex for additional information or if you are interested in becoming a member. There, you may visit with one of our elders, staff or pastors. You may also contact the church office at 615-383-1815, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

FLOWERS on the chancel table are given to the glory of God by Roberta and John Witherspoon in loving memory of Roberta Harrington Witherspoon, Mary and John Witherspoon, Sr., Helen and Jim Suddoth, Helen Powell and Dr. W.C. Dixon.

TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
**CELTIC CROSS AWARDS** — The National Association of Presbyterian Scouters authorizes this award to adults who have given exceptional service to children and youth programs, not necessarily limited to the Scouting program. Celtic crosses have been associated with the Church of Scotland, and the blue and green plaid ribbon evokes the tartans of Scotland. Recipients today are Tina Rose, Jeff Cardwell and Nancy Cardwell.

**FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & DONUTS** — Please join us between services downstairs in Courtenay Hall for coffee and donuts.

**ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES** — Hearing devices, large-print hymnals, large-print bulletins, and large-print Bibles are located in the narthex across from the Welcome Center. If anyone has a need or disability requiring assistance or accommodation for any church activity, please contact the church office at 615-383-1815.

**LIVE STREAM IN COUR TENAY HALL** — Each of the Sunday morning worship services is streamed live in Courtenay Hall.

**HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** — Prayer request cards can be found in the pews and deposited in the offering plate or the Prayer Request Boxes, located in the narthex on the southeast wall and at the Hospitality Center. Church officers meet weekly to lift up prayer requests to God.

**SERMONS** can be found on our website at fpcnashville.org.

> Recognize the face but can’t remember the name?  
Be brave – introduce yourself!

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**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FIVE THIRTY** — Adam DeVries will preach *Dear Theophilus* in the Gathering Place. Nursery care is available for ages six weeks to three years.

**KIRKIN’ OF THE TARTAN** — Today, at 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. A grand procession will fill the Sanctuary with the pageantry of Scotland, with bagpipes, drums and many of our families who are of Scottish ancestry. There will be a short exhibit of Scottish dancing and music following each service as you leave the service close to the front door. The Kirkin’ is sponsored by the Scottish Society of Middle Tennessee. Join the procession with others wearing a tartan or a sash of your tartan.

**THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is soliciting recommendations from the members of First Presbyterian Church for persons to be considered to serve in the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon for the Class of 2020. Please prayerfully consider submitting a recommendation for this important and vital service for your church. You can find forms in literature areas around the church or on our website. The deadline for recommending nominees is June 30, 2017. Return forms to the church office.
SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS — If your Sunday School class is taking a break this summer or you are currently not teaching, come join us for a great Sunday morning offering. This class is hosted by the Cornerstone and Family Fellowship classes and will be facilitated by Julia Wilk. We will meet in Vance Hall beginning June 11. The class will be discussion-based as we dig into Paul's short letters to Timothy.

HERB GARDEN DEDICATION — Mark your calendar for the Sue Sumner Herb Garden dedication on June 4 at 12:30 P.M. Join us at the garden, located behind the horse barns, as we celebrate our new adventure growing herbs for the Café at Thistle Farms. Everyone is welcomed to come see what is growing in the herb garden as we give thanks! Light refreshments will be served.

SOUNDS BASEBALL NIGHT — Join Todd, Connie and our whole church congregation for First Presbyterian Church Sounds Night on Thursday, June 15, at 7:00 P.M.! Visit the Events tab of our website to purchase from our block of tickets. Make sure to use code “firstpres.” You may also purchase tickets in Courtenay Hall on June 4 and 11.

TICKET SALES FOR ICE CREAM CRANKIN’ — The Martha O’Bryan 32nd Annual Ice Cream Crankin’ returns to the church lawn on Sunday, June 11. Tickets may be purchased in Courtenay Hall on Sundays or at the Hospitality Desk during the week. Cost is $13 for adults and $10 for children. Visit the Events tab of our website for more information.

SYMPATHY — The First Presbyterian Church family extends sympathy to the friends and family of the following during their time of loss:
- Kim & Mike Parham, on the death of Kim’s mother, Reba D. Dishman, who died on May 21. Sympathy also to Kaitlin and Hardie Parham.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL starts May 28! The elementary group (children entering 1st-6th grade) will travel around Grundy Hall to Jerusalem, Egypt and the Sea of Galilee, exploring Bible stories along the way. The preschool group (Moon, Faith, Love & Grace) will explore the heroes of the Bible in CW-111. Nursery groups will remain the same during the summer for children three years and younger.

MUSIKGARTEN SUMMER CLASSES — Starting in June, join us on Mondays or Wednesdays for 30-minute music classes for babies and toddlers. The classes feature bouncing and rocking songs, wiggle and peek-a-boo games, and other fun activities. To register, visit the Music Ministry section of our website.

MOTHER AND INFANT QUIET ROOM — Mothers of infants who need a quiet place for nursing or calming babies are welcome to use the Quiet Room located by Courtenay Hall and our Bookstore.
**Opportunities for Children during Our Worship Services**

- **Young Children & Worship:** Children who are age 4, 5 or 6 (not in 1st grade) are invited. After the children come up during worship services for “Children’s Time” or a baptism, they will exit the Sanctuary and go to room CW-110. Parents are welcome to join their child or stay for the remainder of the service.

- **Nursery Care** for children six weeks – three years is available during the 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. worship services and Sunday School from 9:45 – 10:45. Ask an Elder or Deacon to help you locate the Children’s Hospitality Center.

**Upcoming Summer Opportunities** (sign up and volunteer online):

- Oak Hill Day Camp (age 4-rising 8th): May 30-August 4
- Vacation Bible School (age 4-rising 3rd): June 26-29
- Early Preschool Passport to Adventure (age 2-5): June-July
- Mission Camp (rising 4th-6th grade): July 17-20

_For more Children’s Ministry info, contact Deb O’Brien at 615-298-9582 or dobrien@fpcnashville.org._

**Mission Ministry**

**November 2017 Dominican Republic — November 4 –10.** Surgery team doctors and nurses, plus primary medical care services in neighborhood locations or construction labor on new clinic building. Physicians, dentists, nurses and other medical personnel needed along with non-medical participants. Cost is approximately $1,250; $800 deposit and copy of your passport due September 15. Dr. Jim Cato is trip leader.

**Mission Trip Financial Assistance —** Financial assistance is available for members to participate in any church sponsored mission trip. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org to submit a request.

_For Mission Ministry info, email Mike Crout at missions@fpcnashville.org._

**Youth Ministry**

**Summer Mission Trips & Camps (Sign up online!)**

Senior High Mission Trip to West Virginia:

- Rising 12th graders meet at Scout House on June 2 at 7:00 A.M.
- Rising 9th-11th graders meet at Scout House on June 4 at 7:15 A.M.

Rising 7th and 8th Graders — Barefoot Republic Camp: June 11-17

Graduating Senior Mystery Trip: June 19-25
UPCOMING EVENTS:

• Wednesday Night Festivus begins on June 14 from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. in The Gathering Place.

• Wednesday Afternoon Guy’s Bible Study begins June 14 at 2:00 P.M. at Larry Hayes’ home.

• Thursday Afternoon Girl's Bible Study begins June 15 at 3:00 P.M. at Anne Earthman’s home.

• VBS Support Crew — June 26-29 from 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. To sign up, email youth@fpcnashville.org.

For Youth Ministry info or to sign up, contact 615-298-9570 or youth@fpcnashville.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

• Young Adult Sunday School (L-201) led by Steve and Mary Lee Bartlett, Warner McNeilly and Allison Milam.

• Family Fellowship (L-203), led by Allen Callison and Philip Leach, will not meet today. Join us next week for breakfast and fellowship in L-204 during the Sunday School hour.

• College Class (L-204) led by Josh Rodriguez.

For Young Adult Ministry info, email ahiggins@fpcnashville.org.
The Mission of First Presbyterian Church
To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education, and service.