

Today, we would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Monsignor James Doyle for participating with us on this Reformation Sunday.

Kirkin' 'O' the Tartan Participants

Families and their Scottish name

Carole Askew - McPherson

Dr. David & June Bean - MacBean & Southerland

Rev. Jim Fenner - Urquhart

Linda Hall - Doig

John & Christy Hamilton - Hamilton

Alissa Headrick - Headrick

Howard & Joanne Hillmann - McRae

Brian & Christy McDermott - McDermott

Pat Richter - Belfrage

A special thank you to all who helped make today's celebration memorable.

Bagpipe

Tom Parliman

Organ

John Thuringer

Piano

Katie Thompson

Saxophone

Amanda Shotwell

Trumpet

Mary Hummel

Credo Choir

Soprano

Arin Adamson
Jennifer LeMaster
Shirley Neises
Debra Owen

Alto

June Bean
Arlys Nelson
Kelli Whiting
Linda Claussen

Tenor

Bruce Cooley

Bass

Wes Hofkamp
Jeff Spencer
Rick Van Dam

Preacher

Mosignor James Doyle

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Val Putnam

Kirkin' 'O' the Tartan

October 30, 2011



Westminster Presbyterian Church

If there is righteousness in the heart, There will be beauty in the character.
If there is beauty in the character, There will be harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home, There will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation, There will be peace in the world.
- Scottish Blessing -

A bit of history...

Kirk... is the Scottish word for church. Each *Tartan*, with its distinctive cross-lined patterns, represents specific Scottish clans, families, regions and regiments.

Tartans and plaid... Perhaps no symbol is more associated with Scotland and the Scottish tradition than the colorful traditions associated with Highland dress. The tradition of the tartan is an old one, and there are many references to it in early Scottish literature. The ancient tartan was described as “chequered” or “striped” or “sundrie coloured.” For 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.

Bagpipes... 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.

The History... The ceremony of Kirkin’ ‘O’ the Tartan is of American origin, though based on Scottish history and legend. After Bonnie Prince Charlie’s Scottish forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, an Act was passed that forbade the wearing of kilts or tartans which represented Scottish heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill any person dressed in or displaying the tartan.

As the Legend Goes... This Act prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartans as they went to the Kirk. The minister then slipped a blessing (A Kirkin’) into the service for the tartans. The prohibition lasted for nearly 50 years. When at last repealed, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time each tartan of the families was blessed.

The Service... The worship Central to its theme is presentation of various tartans to be blessed; Clans were simply a support. Clansmen demonstrated a true brotherhood of man, and the tartan is a symbol of this love and togetherness. **The Kirkin’ is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage, and to celebrate God’s grace poured out for all generations.**

- CONFESSION -

† CALL TO CONFESSION

**CANTOR: *O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.***

† TIME OF SILENCE AND SELF REFLECTION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (please join in when leader begins)

Patient Lord, it is sometimes so easy for us to overlook the many ways in which those who went before us have witnessed to Your love. Forgive us, when we get so caught up in our own problems that we do not take time to remember the mighty deeds and loving acts of Your beloved people. Help us be truly thankful for all that they have done to make this church a special place where all are welcomed, nurtured, and challenged to serve in Your world. It is in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

† RESPONSE TO THE CONFESSION:

**All: *O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.***

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The endless cloud of witnesses has gone before us, leaving us a legacy of hope and discipleship. Learn from those who have shown God's love in all that they have said and done. You have been set on the path of faithful discipleship.
Be at peace, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

† DOXOLOGY (please stand when music begins)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above the heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, & Holy Ghost. Amen.***

† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

- SHARING GOD'S WORD -

CHILDREN'S SERMON (9:30a.m.)

Linda Dunleavy

(Children are invited to bring up their change for "Feeding SD" before going to Children's Ministry)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 17: vs. 25

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

That All May Be One

Monsignor *James Doyle*

OFFERTORY

"Amazing Grace"

Amanda Shotwell, Saxophone

† SONG OF GRATITUDE

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

*Give Thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son.*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the
Lord has done for us.*

Give thanks.

† DEDICATION

† SCOTTISH CONFESSION OF FAITH OF 1560

We confess and acknowledge one God, to whom we must cleave, to whom we must serve, to whom we worship, and to whom 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 God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

MUSICAL

"Give Thanks Unto the Lord"

Credo Choir

RETRIEVING OF THE TARTANS

HYMN #280

"Amazing Grace"

Tom Parliman Bagpipes

BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

BLESSING OF ALL FAMILIES (Unison)

May the blessing of light, be with you always. Light without and light within, and may the sun shine upon you and warm your heart until it glows like a fire so that others may feel the warmth of your love for one another. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SCOTS

Oor Faither, wha bides in heaven,
Hallowt be they name;

Thy kinrick come;
They will be dune

In the yird, as in the lan' the leal.
Ge us wir beid ilk day;

An forgie us wir ill-daein,
As oo forgie the yins wha wrang us;

As sey-us-na sailrie,
But saul us frae provokshio

For aye, thine's the Kinrick, the pooer, the glore.
Amen.