



**St. Paul's Presbyterian Church**  
**KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 2022**



**Is the Kirkin' o' the Tartan an auld Scottish Rite?**

Many people are under assumption that the "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" is an ancient Scottish Church Ceremony. Actually, nothing could be further from the truth. While based on Scottish legend and folklore, this ceremony is distinctly North American. It traces its roots to the life and ministry of The Reverend Dr. Peter Marshall, a Scottish émigré. Dr. Marshall was a prominent minister in the Presbyterian Church, who served as the Chaplain to the United States Senate at the advent of World War II. In April 1941, while serving as the Pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Dr. Marshall titled one of his sermons "Kirkin' o' the Tartan." This name soon became attached to church services that celebrate with pride their Scottish heritage. While more commonly celebrated by Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches, today this celebration is utilized by a variety of Christian denominations for Scottish heritage events.

**What was the origin of the Tartan?**

The exact origin of the Scots' love of the tartan is shrouded in the mists of ancient times. According to one common and widely held legend, St. Margaret introduced the use of the Tartan for clan identification purposes. This was a way of achieving unity (a rare commodity in Scottish History) within diversity. The use of the tartan in a generic sense was for all Scots. The particular designs for clan and familial identity did not begin, however, until the nineteenth century. Margaret was a gentlewoman of noble birth, who planned a religious vocation. She was persuaded, however, by Malcolm, King of Scots, to become his queen. Malcolm was a boorish man; he was uncultured and illiterate. Margaret softened his harsh ways and led him to be a better king. It was said of Margaret that she "admonished the wicked to become good and the good to become better." She remains a revered figure in Scottish history.

**Why is the St. Andrew's Cross Flag a symbol of Scotland?**

A white "X" shaped cross upon a blue field is known as the St. Andrew's Cross flag. This standard is a symbol of Scotland. St. Andrew was one of Christ's disciples. Andrew (known from only eight passages of scripture) is one of the more appealing figures of the twelve apostles. He seems to have possessed a boundless enthusiasm for bringing people to meet Jesus, yet he was content to remain in the background.

According to a Christian legend that dates from only the 14th Century, Andrew was executed. He was bound to a "Cross Saltire" (i.e: an "X" shaped cross) and crucified. In the 4th Century, some believe, his relics were transported to Scotland. St. Andrew is considered the patron saint of Scotland. St. Andrew's Day dinners are commonplace among those who love Scotland, including the tradition of cooking "X" shaped shortbread cookies.

**Why is the thistle a symbol of Scotland? (Seen on St. Paul's exterior wall, and represented by our ladies – the Thistle Club)**

Once upon a time, a long, long time ago, the Scots were about to be invaded by their "auld and ancient enemies," the Vikings. Once they landed, all Scots knew the Vikings would be hard to stop. If only their landing sites might be located, however, there was the slim hope that the Viking warriors might be stopped on the landing beaches. Alas, a fog drifted into the area and the Scots gave up all hope of identifying the invasion site. About this time, a barefooted Viking warrior set his foot upon a thistle and gave forth a loud cry. The Scots then rushed to the sound of the footsore warrior and defeated the Viking force. Thus, it might be said that the thistle, a lowly weed, saved Scotland! As the Welsh revere their leek, the Scots revere the thistle. The thistle was used by the early Kings of Scotland as their personal heraldic crest and is borne by the Arms of the Realm and by a number of ancient Scottish Clans and families as a part of their individual coats of arms. In 1687, James II instituted the Order of the Thistle as a distinctly Scottish order of Knighthood. This order is now the oldest of all surviving British Orders.

**What is a "Beadle," and what service did he render the Kirk?**

During the Middle Ages and through the reformation, Bibles were rare among the common people. The Bible of the Kirk (i.e., the Church) was a treasured possession. The intrinsic value of the Holy Scriptures and the ever-present possibility of theft led to the establishment of a special lay office known as the "beadle." The beadle was usually elected by the Kirk Session, and he served for an indefinite period of time. The chief duty of the beadle was to preserve and protect the Kirk's Holy Bible. His other duties sometimes included collecting fines, the summoning of accused parties to trial (before Session Court), and the issuing decrees of the Kirk throughout the parish. In some traditional Presbyterian Churches today, the beadle begins the worship service by carrying the Holy Bible ceremoniously into the sanctuary. On such occasions, the people rise in respect for the Holy Book and its Scriptures. The parishioners take their seats after the beadle has opened the Bible and prepared the pulpit for the advent of the minister.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS and REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022  
November 6, 2022 10:30 AM

\* *Stand if you are able* **Bold:** *Said by all*  
**All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.**  
*Musical Prelude:*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

- \* Entry of the Word
- \* Processional
- \* Call to Worship (responsive) (remain standing) (projected)
- \* Presentation of Tartans
- \* Blessing of the Tartans
- \* Opening Hymn: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (#407)
- Call to Confession (responsive) (projected)
- Assurance of Pardon (responsive) (projected)

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

*One: The Peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.*  
Choir Anthem: "Proclamation of Service" (by Joseph M. Martin)  
(Children & Worship leave for Sunday School, Youth stay in service)

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Prayer for Illumination: "Speak, Lord, in the Stillness" (#442)  
(sung by the Choir)  
Scripture: John 15:9-17; Joshua 1:9; John 11:25-26

**MESSAGE**  
*Silent Reflection*

**OUR RESPONSE**

- Prayer of Remembrance
- \* Last Post followed by Two Minutes of Silence
- \* Piper's Lament: "Flowers of the Forest" (Piper Glen Howie)
- \* Hymn: "O Canada" (#800)
- Invitation to Offering
- Offertory
- \* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication (#79)
- \* Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King" (#293)

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**MINISTER:** Rev. Mikal Schomburg  
**ORGANIST:** Ian Madge **PIANIST:** Becky Stewart

- \* **Declaration of Faith** (in unison) (projected)  
From Chapter 16 of The Scots Confession of 1560
- \* **The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors) (in unison) (projected)
- \* Closing Hymn: "Amazing Grace" (#403)
- Benediction: "A Celtic Blessing" - St. Paul's Choir (R. Watson-Henderson)
- \* Exit of the Word \* Recessional of Colours

*Please locate your tartan using the Directory at the back of the Sanctuary.*

Participants

PIPERS	FLAG BEARERS	BEADLE
Bruce Murray	Bill Terry	Darrell Thompson
Ian McFadden	Bob Terry	<b>FLORAL</b>
Glen Howie	Luke Jonker	Dave King
	Mike Cobb	
	Dave King	

**Thank you to all those who helped with the service, coffee and sweets - Judy MacIntosh, Kim Murray, Carol Foster, Mary McKenzie and Betty Ferguson.**

Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's. May you experience the enlivening presence of God as you gather with God's family to celebrate God's amazing grace. We extend a special welcome to anyone who is worshipping with us for the first time today. Please record your presence by signing the guest register at the back of the sanctuary. Bulletins and headphones are available from our ushers.

<i>Greeter:</i>	<i>Ian Shaw</i>
<i>A.V. Booth:</i>	<i>Linda McDougall and Nancy Jonker</i>
<i>Tellers:</i>	<i>Gavin &amp; Susan Sendrowski</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Gavin &amp; Susan Sendrowski</i>
<i>Elevator:</i>	<i>Jane Ashenden</i>
<i>Children &amp; Worship:</i>	<i>Linda Shaw and Youngmi Kang</i>
<i>Youth:</i>	<i>In Service</i>
<i>Coffee Hosts:</i>	<i>Grace McConnell and Judy MacIntosh</i>