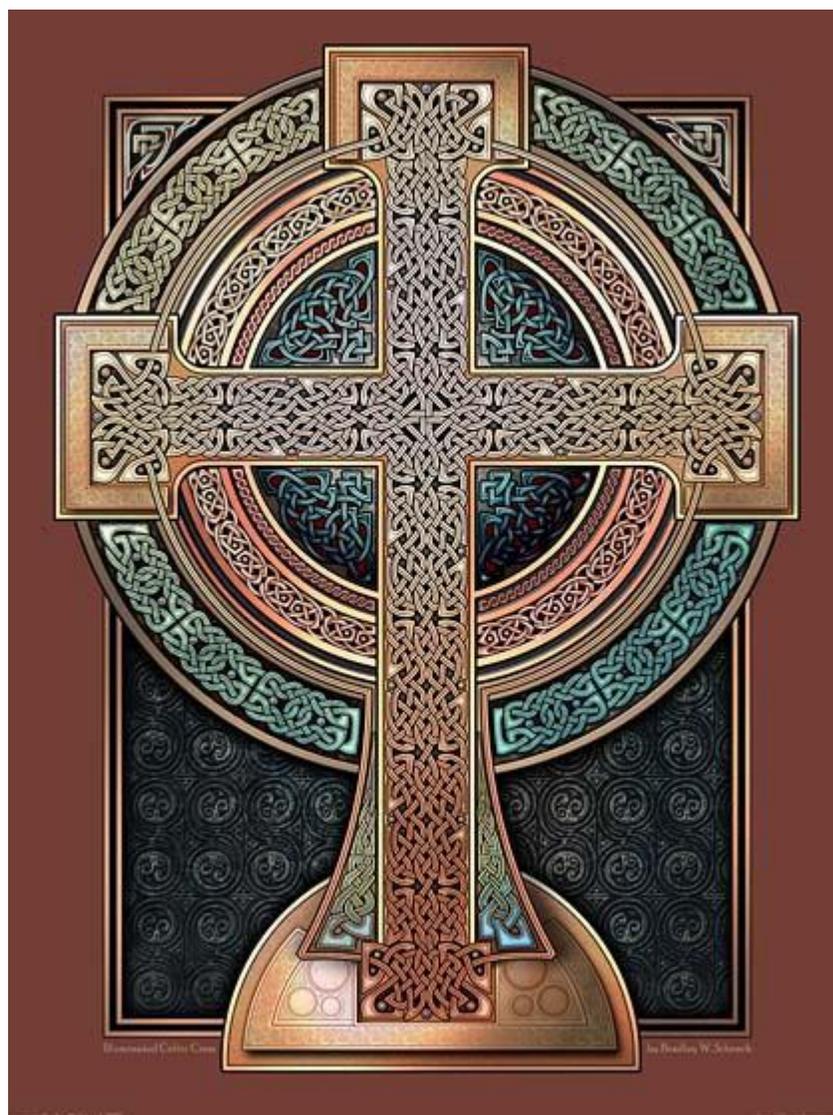


# THE KIRKIN' O' TH' TARTANS & REFORMATION SUNDAY



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
INDIALANTIC, FLORIDA

# THE KIRKIN' O' TH' TARTANS

## *Order of Worship*

*I am grateful to God-whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did  
when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.  
2 Timothy 1:3*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

“Brother James Air”

**Dale Woods**

**\*PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS**

“Highland Cathedral”  
City of Melbourne Pipe and Drum

**\*Litany Blessing of the Tartans**

**Rev. Kristy Ray and Rev. Ron Hipwell**

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.**

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.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE# 260**

*“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

**EIN’ FESTE BURG**

**WELCOME**

**Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Rev. Kristy Ray**

**\*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**

**Rev. Kristy Ray**

**Leader:** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: To God be the Glory! Amen.**

**MOMENT for STEWARDSHIP VIDEO**

**PRESENTATION of TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*“Colter’s Candy Set”*  
Michael Dalton, Pipe Sargent

**\*DOXOLOGY 592**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

**UNISON PRAYER OF THE BLESSING**

**Rev. Ron Hipwell**

(Adapted from the Ordinal and Service Book of the Church of Scotland)

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we do this, to the glory of God the Father, who has called us by his grace; to the glory of the Son, who loves us and gave himself for us; to the glory of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us; as a people within the family of God, in the unity of the faith and communion of the saints; we dedicate ourselves and these gifts to the worship of God and the service of God’s kingdom; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Kristy Ray

(Following the Children's Message all children are invited to Kids Connect. The children may be picked up in the south end of the Christian Ministry Center after the worship service.)

**CHORAL ANTHEM***"Christ Before Us"***WELSH MELODY**

Chancel Choir; Teresa Fleenor, accompanist, Ben Pinfield, Violin

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (John Calvin)

Dr. Rogers-Martin

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. Amen.

**Scripture LESSON**

Romans 5:1-10

Dr. Rogers-Martin

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HOMILY***"Light From the Past"*

Dr. Rogers-Martin

\***HYMN OF RESPONSE # 276** *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

**FAITHFULNESS**

\***UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Scots Confession** (Chapter 16)

Rev. Ron Hipwell

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.

\***GLORIA PATRI #579**

*"Glory Be To the Father"***GREATOREX****FINANCIAL UPDATE****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Dr. Rogers-Martin

\***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #280**

*"Amazing Grace"***NEW BRITAIN**

Organ, Teresa Fleenor; Bag Pipes, Michael Dalton-Pipe Sargent;  
Snare Drum, Aiden Rouse

\***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Dr. Rogers-Martin

\***RECESSIONAL**

*"Scotland the Brave, Wha Sa the 42nd, Rowan Tree"*

City of Melbourne Pipe and Drum

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY***"Voluntary for a Festival"***Powell**

\*Please stand if able.

**The Chancel Flowers are placed today to bring Glory to God and in Loving memory of Roger and Graig by Bonnie Griffith.**

**The Narthex Flowers are placed today to bring Glory to God and in Loving memory of Judy Ufferman's Birthday from her son, Michael Ufferman.**

### **MUSIC AND RECOGNITION**

The warmest of welcomes as well as heartfelt thanks are extended to our guest musicians from Melbourne Pipe Band for their part in making this an authentic Kirkin' O' Th' Tartans! Thanks, also, to Organist Teresa Fleenor, Ben Pinfield and members of the Chancel Choir. Finally, thanks to Martha Bortner, Midge Dunn, ushers, banner bearers, media personnel and all who participated in making this service a meaningful experience.

## **THE KIRKIN' O' TH' TARTANS – ITS ORIGINS**

### **THE HISTORY...**

The ceremony of Kirkin' O' th 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 carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts or tartan 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 carry with them secretly a piece of their tartan as they went to the Kirk. 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' th 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. His sermons were so popular that a request was made for their publication, with the proceeds designated for war relief programs. 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 worship service is of traditional 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. 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.

**KIRK:** Scottish for church. The 'Kirkin' O' the Tartans' was intended as a service of rededication to Scottish heritage and historical devotion to God and country.

**TARTANS:** Perhaps no symbol is more associated with Scotland and Scottish history than the colorful Highland dress. Ancient tartans were described as 'checquered' or 'striped' or 'sundrie colored.' The basic pattern of the tartan is the 'sett.' For centuries, tartans were part of the everyday attire of the Highland people, and it was there that its use continued and developed to become recognized as a symbol of clan kinship. Tartans are still being developed and registered with the Scottish Tartan Society. A specific tartan exists for those in the ministry.

**BEADLE:** During the Middle Ages and throughout the Reformation, ownership of a Bible was rare among the common people. Thus, the Bible of a Kirk was a treasured possession. The reverence toward sacred Scripture and the scarcity of Bibles led to the establishment of a special lay office within the Kirk, known as the Beadle. The Beadle, whose primary duty was to guard and protect the Bible, was usually elected by the Session of the Kirk. The beginning of Worship was marked by the reverent carrying of the Bible into the Kirk and its opening for the morning readings. As the Bible was carried by the Beadle into the Kirk, the people stood in respect for the Holy Book. At the conclusion of Worship, the Beadle removed the Bible for safekeeping.

**BAGPIPES:** Although bagpipes are ancient and derive from several international sources, the instrument is most frequently associated as the national instrument of Scotland. It has been used for centuries in folk and military music. Clans took great pride in their pipers and the reputation of a clan was based in some extent to the abilities of its pipers.

**JOHN KNOX:** **Scottish Reformer** who studied under John Calvin (the father of Presbyterianism) in Geneva, Switzerland in the 1550's. 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.

**CELTIC CROSS:** The Celtic Cross has long been established with Celtic Christians who trace their origins to the earliest centuries of the Church. Notable examples of this form of the cross are found in Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. The design focuses attention on the head of the cross (the junction between the shaft and the crosspiece), which is enclosed within a circle. It is this circle, which is the most distinctive and differentiating feature of the Celtic version. Although the significance is not known with certainty, it likely derives from a Constantinian symbol in which the Chi Rho monogram was surrounded by a golden crown. The circle as a representation of infinity is an emblem of eternal life in Christ's victory over sin and death.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY:** In 1515-17, the Roman Catholic Church was collecting funds in Germany to rebuild St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, stating that the benefits of good works could be obtained by donating money to the church. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther wrote 95 theses, protesting this and other church practices, and posted them on the church door in Wittenberg, an event now seen as sparking the Protestant Reformation, and celebrated by Westminster at the end of October, along with the Kirkin' O' the Tartan.

## TIM'S TIDINGS

Whether a first-time guest, returning seasonal resident, or regular worshiper, welcome to Kirkin' O' th' Tartans! Today is a day where we appreciate our heritage and also look to the future with hope. The Hebrews used to "tell time" by looking backwards and recounting God's faithfulness and then looking ahead reassured that God's love, grace and provision would be with them in the future.



Likewise, we have much to rejoice about today. We inherit a rich tradition of faith at Eastminster, and we are open and excited about the new things God calls us to do. God is alive here, and based on past faithfulness and grace from above, we go forward with the fruit of faithfulness, knowing God will inspire and guide.

Please plan on staying a bit after the service and enjoying shortbread and a beverage out on the breezeway. One of the hallmarks of Eastminster is that there are incredibly interesting people here to get to know and with whom to share. Or you can speak with me... just joking, I hope!

Hope to see you next Sunday as we welcome confirmands and remember those "saints" that died this year. By all means plan to attend Eastminster's Annual Celebration Luncheon on November 12 at 11 a.m.

May we all "Live by the Spirit" this week! May we be gifted, inspired and open to love those God puts in our paths!

Blessings,

*Jim*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nov. 4**      **FALL BAZAAR AND RUMMAGE SALE** -8am – 2pm, Fellowship Hall, The sale will feature Home & Garden, Household, and Baked Goods as well as Attic Treasures.
- Nov. 5**      **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** -On Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> we will remember those “Saints” who have entered eternity before us, and we will celebrate communion in the assurance of the Lord who brings us all “home.” Remember to “Fall Back” for daylight savings time.
- Nov. 5**      **CONFIRMATION**-During Sunday worship at 10:00
- Nov. 5**      **COLLEGE of ELDERS**- Our current session is convening a College of Elders on November 5, 2017 at 11:20 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The College of Elders consists of all ordained elders in our congregation, those currently serving and those who have served in our church or another church in the past. The purpose of the College of Elders is to meet as a best practice once or twice a year for vision casting, information sharing, advisement, and support.
- Nov. 7**      **COMMITTEE MEETING NIGHT**- 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Nov 8.**      **“SOUP FOR THE SOUL” SOUP, SALAD, and INSPIRATION**- Dinner begins at 5:45 followed by teaching by Pastor Tim and other inspiration. **Note: This is not a potluck a \$2.00 donation is suggested**
- Nov. 11**      **MEN’S BREAKFAST**- at 8:00am with guest Speaker Mark Wodka from the Space Coast Seafarers Ministry.
- Nov.11-12**      **CONSECRATION WEEKEND**- A high point in the life of our church is the dedication of our estimates of giving to fund Eastminster’s Mission and Ministry in the coming year. We will consecrate the estimates of giving during both weekend services and give thanks together with a Celebration Luncheon Sunday at 11:00 am.
- Nov. 14**      **INTERFAITH ALLIANCE**- at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room
- Nov. 15**      **“SOUP FOR THE SOUL” SOUP, SALAD, and INSPIRATION**- Dinner begins at 5:45 followed by teaching by Pastor Tim and other inspiration. **Note: This is not a potluck a \$2.00 donation is suggested**
- Nov. 15**      **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** boxes are in and will be available after worship. Please have the boxes returned to Eastminster by Wednesday, November 15th. We appreciate your generosity in this endeavor. Please contact the office at 321-723-8371 if you have questions.
- Nov. 16**      **PRIMETIMERS LUNCH**- The Primetimers will be having their monthly lunch out on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Olive Garden. Please sign up in the church office.
- Nov. 19**      **THANKSGIVING SERVICE** – Sanctuary - 10:00 a.m.
- Nov. 19**      **JOINING SUNDAY-Sanctuary**- 10:00 a.m.