

Service of Worship
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Reformation Sunday † *Kirkin' o' th' Tartan*
October 27, 2019 10:15 AM

*Please rise as able

-- Ready for the Word --

Welcome and Announcements

The Processional by Roever & Korb

“Highland Cathedral”

The Light of God Enters

The Beadle

The Banners

The Pastor

The Choir

Call to Worship – *modified from Valley Community Presbyterian Church*

Leader: Let us call upon the one who knows every thread in the fabric of our lives.

People: God of every seam, stich and mend us.

Leader: Let us call upon the one who embroiders new designs, who weaves new textiles with patience and delight.

People: God of every seam, stich and mend us.

Leader: Let us call upon the one who patches worn places with compassion.

People: God of every seam, stich and mend us.

Leader: We are the tapestry of God, each strand important to the pattern, each frayed end worth the mending, every thread a treasure.

People: May we hope in these words, may harmony be our mending.

Leader: Let us worship our God!

*Hymn Insert
“Across the Lands”

Prayer of Confession – *From the Church of Scotland*

We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give: for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech; for all that we have left undone, for all that we have done amiss. As we

receive the word and knowledge of your forgiveness, enshield us, encircle us, each day and each night. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting; strong Son of God most high.

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen

*Response Hymnal No. 739

From the Scottish Psalter

**O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!**

*Passing of the Peace

-- Receiving the Word --

Children's Sermon

*Hymn Hymnal No. 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 376) 1 Chronicles 16:23-31

New Testament Lesson (page 95) John 4:21-24

Reflection **“Kirkin' Round the World”**

Musical Offering arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams

“Festival Piece on ‘Sine Nomine’”

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O may the soldiers, faithful true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old;
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

-- Responding to the Word --

Affirmation of Faith

Insert

Scots Confession — 1560
“The Kirk”

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Hymnal Pg. 35

Offertory

arranged by Kingsmore

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Martin Luther’s most famous hymn: Ein’ Fest Burg

*Doxology

Hymnal No. 606

Old Hundredth from the Genevan Psalter

*Prayer of Dedication – *From the Church of Scotland*

Save us Lord, from the temptation to buy what we do not need; from confusing what we need with what we want; from wasting what we do not own, from owning what we will never use, and from idealizing the past as a golden age. Strengthen the arm and the will of all who, for the good of the world you made and love, challenge our greed and inform us about appropriate living. May their words gain a good hearing so that the world may have a good future.

*Hymn

Hymnal No. 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me?”

Traditional Scottish tune: Kelvingrove
Text from the Iona Community, Scotland

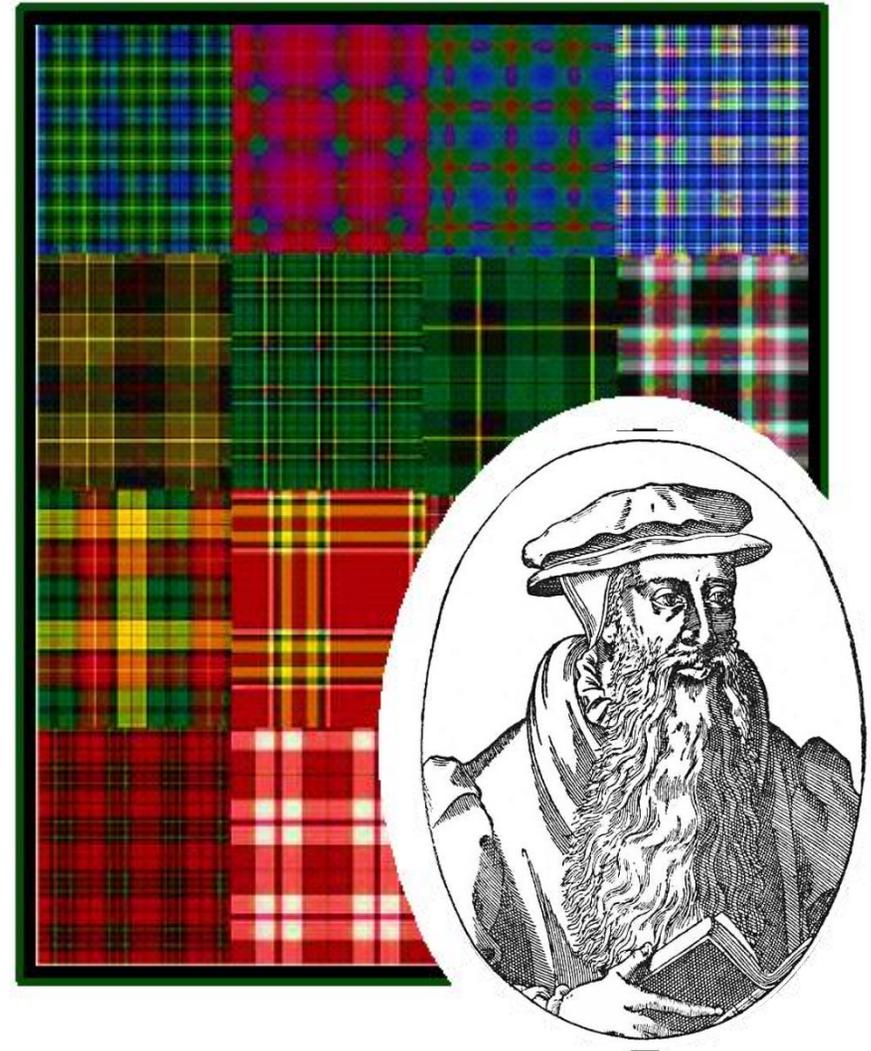
*Blessing

*Recessional

“Scotland the Brave”

*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

O For a Closer Walk with God, For All the Saints: Public domain.



Tartan Collage – John Knox

John Knox was a Scottish minister, theologian, and writer who was a leader of the country’s reformation. He was the founder of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

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Participants in today’s service: Bill Gibson (bagpipes), Merry Hackenberg (worship leader), Steve Lewis (Beadle), Makayla Baylor (acolyte), Senior Choir (musical offering), Kim Stamm and Jen Henning (deacons), Rev. George Spencer (trumpet), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper (pastor). Next week’s sermon: *“Tell It Like It Is.”*



Affirmation of Faith
Scots Confession — 1560: “The Kirk”

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