

MAY YOUR HOME AND HEART BE A SANCTUARY

In Christ's name we gather in homes in Columbia and beyond to worship God. This day we set our homes apart for Christian worship. As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

*"God is in His Holy temple,
let all the earth keep silence before Him."*

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

GOD CALLS US TO GATHER AND WORSHIP

BELL PEAL

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

Highland Cathedral

Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

ORDER OF PROCESSION

The Beadle, Clerk of Session, Sara Lynn Curtis
Pipes and Drums, Christian Markle and Russell Davis
The Reverend Doctor Bradley D. Smith
The Reverend Doctor Douglass D. Key
The Reverend Doctor Lynn A. Grandsire
The Reverend Brian J. Marsh

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE KIRK

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

People: Worship God with gladness.

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing.

People: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,

All: for God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.

HYMN OF ADORATION #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Scots Confession, 1560)

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom we must cleave, whom alone we must serve,
whom alone we must worship, and in whom we put our trust.
Who is 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 His inscrutable providence,
for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of His own glory.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to You, Gracious God, that we often fail to remember that You work through ordinary people; that we can make a difference. We think our time or talent or money aren't needed, that others should "handle it." Forgive us, O Lord. Remind us of the people uniting as one to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem, remind us of the widow's mite, and awaken our hearts for You even in our silent prayers...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM

Deep Peace

Elaine Hagenberg

Deep peace, deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.

A Gaelic Blessing

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

UNISON READING:

Psalm 113

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and on the earth? He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

Nehemiah 12:27-30, 43

²⁷Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to

bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with rejoicing, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres. ²⁸The companies of the singers gathered together from the circuit around Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites; ²⁹also from Beth-gilgal and from the region of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built for themselves villages around Jerusalem. ³⁰And the priests and the Levites purified themselves; and they purified the people and the gates and the wall.

⁴³They offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. The joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“May the Joy of Eastminster Be Heard!”

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE, JOY, AND SERVICE**HYMN OF DEDICATION #649**

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

When an usher releases your pew, everyone is asked to come forward, bringing your offering and/or commitment cards and placing them in the baskets. Everyone should return to their pews using the side aisles. Those who are not able to come forward may raise their hand and ushers will gladly assist you. For your convenience extra commitment cards are in the Friendship Registers. If you are a visitor or otherwise do not have a pledge card to bring forward, we ask everyone to please come forward and we invite you to respond to God’s saving grace by committing yourself afresh as you walk forward. Everyone doing this will also permit an unimpeded flow along the pews. Thank you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Drew Walker

PRESENTATION OF THE TARTANS

Sir, representing the clans of Scots through whom God worked to plant seeds of faith in this great land, we present these tartans as symbols of families from every tongue and nation before Almighty God and request you to ask God’s blessings on all those who bear witness to Jesus Christ.

THE BLESSING (UNISON)

As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we raise these tartans before God in grateful appreciation of God’s redemptive work in the lives of those faithful witnesses in generations gone by, and on God’s servants of every land and of every tongue, that we may together praise His Holy Name. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

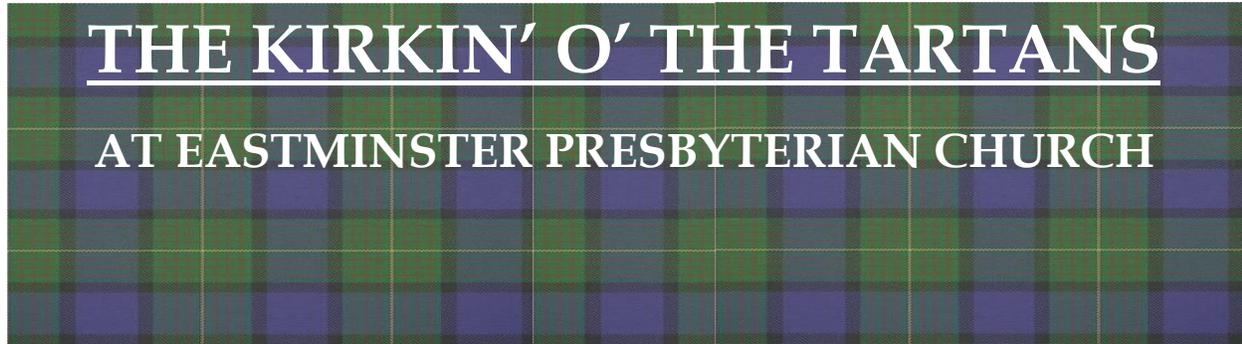
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

BAGPIPE RECESSIONAL

Scotland the Brave

A Scotland National Anthem



THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Today is a day of multiple celebrations. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther penned *Ninety-five Theses*, and nailed them to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany, thus signaling the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Secondly, we offer our pledges today to support Christ's work through this church in the coming year.

Celebrating God's work throughout history and through previous generations, today is also Eastminster's Kirkin' o' the Tartans service. As we worship, may the sounds of the bagpipe and drums remind you how God's Spirit works through history, reaching from Jesus Christ to the first disciples to John Calvin in Switzerland, and from Calvin to John Knox in Scotland to our ancestors to us. Similarly, may the tartans remind us, not only of the Scottish families that asked God's blessing centuries ago, but also of our opportunity to live for God in ways that may impact our own families and communities for generations yet to come.

The Kirkin' in its present form was first held in Washington's New York Ave. Presbyterian Church in 1941, led by Dr. Peter Marshall, a Scot, who was Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and a pastor.

Kirk is the Scottish word for church, and the tartans represent specific Scottish clans, families, regions, and regiments. Perhaps no symbol is more associated with Scotland and the Scottish tradition than the colorful Highland dress.

The tartan is an old tradition, with many references to it in early Scottish literature. The ancient tartan was described as "chequered" or "striped." The pattern and length of tartan is made of one "sett" repeated over and over again until the desired length is reached. For many 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.

John Knox, the Scottish Reformer, studied under John Calvin, the father of Presbyterianism, in Geneva, Switzerland, in the 1500s. 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. The Scots Confession was the first Reformed confession in the English language. It has been called the charter of the Church of Scotland and of world Presbyterianism.

The Scottish Parliament, at the conclusion of a civil war, invited John Knox and five colleagues to prepare a confession of faith for the church and the nation. During the Middle Ages and through the Reformation, Bibles were rare among common people. The Bible of the Kirk (church) was a treasured possession. The value of the sacred scriptures and the danger of theft led to the establishment of a special lay office within the Kirk known as "the Beadle." The Beadle begins the worship service by carrying the Bible ceremoniously into the sanctuary. The Beadle removes the Bible from the Kirk for safekeeping following the service.

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. Crimond, the bagpiper of the clan McLeod, wrote a tune to the Twenty-Third Psalm still used today.

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY IS DEDICATION SUNDAY. We will walk forward to dedicate our pledge cards during worship. There are pledge cards in the pews if you forgot yours.

WE@EPC MEALS DINE-IN OR DRIVE THRU – RSVP WEEKLY Join us in the Courtyard (weather permitting) or drive-thru (CLC Lot) Nov. 3 Menu: Chili, Potato Skins, Glazed Carrots & Corn Bread.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY KICKED OFF LAST WEEK! Next work dates are Nov. 4-5. Sign up via Quick Links, or contact: Christina Siokos at 803-256-1654, ext 123.

THOSE WHO SIGNED UP TO BRING DONATIONS FOR EPWORTH, please deliver them to the church by Friday, Nov. 5. Bins are located in the CLC lobby and the Church Office reception area.

NOV. 7 IS ALL SAINTS' AT BOTH SANCTUARY SERVICES, AND COMMUNION SUNDAY. November Prayer Cards will be available, and Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't forget to "fall back."

BEGINNING NOV. 7, JUBILEE WORSHIP (11:15 AM) WILL MOVE TO THE FIELD. Join us next week for A.C. Flora Sunday and Communion on the Field. Our Youth Band will lead worship.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK NOV. 21-27. Due to the pandemic, we are not hosting families on-site, but please support them with meals. You can prepare a dish or donate towards a Honey Baked Ham/gifts cards for four families. Contact Christina Siokos to sign up (csiokos@eastminsterpres.org).

THE ADVENT RETREAT IS IN-PERSON AGAIN AT BEAUTIFUL Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, NC. We are planning a focus on family and fellowship. Children will stay with their family units; programming will be family-friendly. Sign-up via Quick Links on our website! Contact Laura Self at selflauraks@gmail.com or Sarah Beasley at sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org with questions.

PICK UP AN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOX TODAY. Volunteers needed Sunday mornings at the OCC tables between now and Nov. 21, when boxes are due back. You can also make a donation (\$25/box.). Contact Beth Oliver to help at (803) 622-5384.

WOMEN'S SHELTER IS IN NEED OF SEASONAL ITEMS including holiday baked goods, new and gently used clothing. See ENews for the full list, or contact Sarah Beasley at 803-256-1654 ext. 122. Drop off donations in the bin next to the reception area in the Church Office.

MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH INVITES VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD: the Decorating Team and the Kitchen Ministry Team each need someone to lead the group. Please prayerfully consider if one of these roles may be right for you. Contact Sarah Beasley at 803-256-1654 ext. 122 to volunteer.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Rhett Barker by her family, Clint, Alyssa, Jake, Shellie, and Bill and Patti Barker.

Introducing Anna Mills Cox

We're pleased to share that Anna Mills Cox will be joining Eastminster's staff as Senior Communications Officer on Nov. 1. Primary emphases of the Dreaming & Discerning Report were for Eastminster to: 1) increase our capacity in the area of communications and 2) utilize technology to provide more targeted communication, including through newer forms of communication such as website optimization, social media, video, etc.

Anna Mills has both a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications, as well as a Master's Degree in Mass Communications from the University of South Carolina. She comes to us after just under five years at Colonial Life, where she had positions that involved communicating with diverse audiences, developing systems focusing on enabling people to work together in a coordinated fashion, developing and writing training materials, supporting the development of a web site, and much more. Before that she worked with Prysmian Group and previous to that she had intern experiences in Development at Providence Hospital and at First Baptist Church. She and her husband DJ are active members of First Baptist.

The hiring Task Force, including Scott Shockley (Chair), Gabriel DiBiase, Kevin Long, Kelty Riddle, and Brad Smith, is excited about Anna Mills and Blythe Lewis as a team, even as we are excited about the increased capacity their combined talents provide Eastminster as we move forward in ministry and mission. Please welcome Anna Mills and thank these members.

JOIN US FOR TODAY'S SPOOKTACULAR FALL FESTIVAL (3-5 PM) ON THE FIELD

Costumes encouraged! Our neighbors at Trenholm Road UMC join us in sponsoring the festivities. Enjoy Trunk or Treat Contest, Pumpkin Carving, Food Trucks, Inflatables, Bingo, Cake Walk, Tailgating Games, Free Coffee & Ice cream, and a Dunking Booth with proceeds going to Epworth Children's Home. (Games are free. Food trucks accept cash or card). Regular Sunday night programming will resume on Nov. 7.

WE WILL RESUME FIELD WORSHIP NOV. 7, 2021 THROUGH DEC. 19, 2021

- 9 am Sanctuary service, with concurrent live stream. (no change)
- 11:15 am Jubilee service will move to the field. The minister preaching at the 9 am service will deliver the message. In case of inclement weather the service will be in Thompson Hall
- 11:15 am Sanctuary service – Beginning November 14th*, ministers will lead the service with the sermon being a replay of the 9 am sermon. (Only the sermon will be a replay; the rest of the service will be conducted live.)
- 11:15 am online will be a replay of the 9 am Sanctuary service.

*November 7th in the **Sanctuary** will be All Saints' Sunday, when we remember those who have died to this life and been promoted to the Church Triumphant.

November 7th is AC Flora Sunday, and will be on the **Field**. The message in Jubilee is different from the sanctuary, so two ministers will preach that morning.

JOIN IN DECORATING THE EPC CAMPUS FOR ADVENT

Phyllis Price will lead "The Art of Bow Making," a workshop on making bows for Christmas wreaths. You will take home one of your creations; the others will be used on the wreaths that decorate the church during Advent. Workshop in the CLC Gym on Thursday, Nov 11 at 6:30 pm. Limited seating; no cost but please register to reserve your space. Visit Quick Links at www.eastminsterpres.org to sign up.

Week of Nov. 29-Dec. 3

Become part of the Christmas Flower Guild. There will be multiple opportunities to decorate the church campus: hanging wreaths, decorating the sanctuary windows, and decorating the Chrismon and Memory trees. Both morning and evening hours to participate are available. Contact Nelle Holcombe (nholcombe@sc.rr.com) or Carol Anderson (cga1655@gmail.com).

REGISTER FOR THE EPW WOMEN'S RETREAT

There is still time to register for the Women' Retreat, which will take place Friday through Sunday, Feb. 4-6, 2022. Angela Ford-Nelson will be the featured speaker at the retreat, held at The Cove near Asheville, NC. We will share fellowship, fun and spiritual nourishment. Sign up at www.eastminsterpres.org or by completing the form found on the brochure in the Narthex. Contact Katie Evatt for more information (krevatt@yahoo.com).