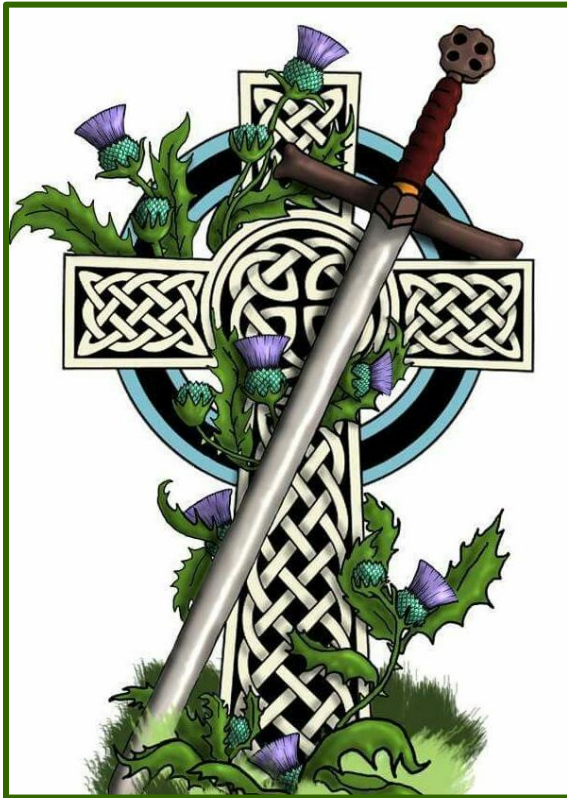


First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

May 17, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter Kirkin' O' the Tartans



Worship will be live streamed on
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,
You Tube: [www.youtube / FPCSALEM](http://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM); and
our website, www.fpcsaalem.org.

"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please stand if you are able.

Today we recognize our Reformed heritage with a service that celebrates the Scottish roots of Presbyterians called, "The Kirkin' O' the Tartans." Introduced to the United States by the Rev. Peter Marshall (once Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia), this is first and foremost a service of worship to Almighty God, reminding Scots of their heritage, and to celebrate our connection to one another in Jesus Christ the Lord. In Scotland, the Kirk is the church. Today we are asking God's blessing on those gathered here today!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lament for Mary MacLeod

Kim Meek, Bagpipes

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation (Organ)

Samuel S. Wesley

Praise to the Lord (Organ)

Arr. David Hegarty

Bunessan

Allison Miller, Celtic Harp

*Let us silently turn our hearts, minds, and bodies
to the worship of God as the light of Christ
and the Bible are brought forward.*

PROCESSION OF THE BIBLE

Scotland the Brave

Michael Quinn

Kim Meek, Bagpipes

In Scottish Reformation practice, the elders appointed a lay reader or "Beadle" to read from the Scriptures for the edification of the congregation as they entered worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to sign and pass the Attendance Pad.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

We are stunned by the morning.

Stunned to find our pet projects toppled; stunned to find our favorite gods failed; stunned to find our managed hopes defeated.

Then you, O God, in the morning.

You in splendor; you in glory; you in power.

**This day we dazzle at your glory in the midst of our long night.
Bring us to your day. To your new day. Amen.**

(Walter Brueggemann, "Stunned by the Morning")

*HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

As we come before God, let us confess those things that would separate us from him with sincerity in our hearts, so we may walk always with God in the light.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Responsively; from Celtic Invocations**)

God be with us

On this Thy day, Amen.

To us and with us,

On this Thy day, Amen.

It is clear to be seen of us,

Since we came into the world,

That we have deserved Thy wrath, Amen.

O Thine own wrath,

Thou God of all, Amen.

Grant us forgiveness, Amen.

Grant us forgiveness, Amen.

Grant us Thine own forgiveness,

Thou merciful God of all. Amen.

Anything that is evil to us,

Or that may witness against us

Where we shall longest be,

Illumine it to us,

Obscure it to us,
Banish it from us,
Root it out of our hearts,
Ever, evermore, everlastingly,
Ever, evermore, everlastingly. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, ‘Great is the Lord!’”
(Psalm 40:16)

Believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI** *(Unison; Hymn 579)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Allison Miller, Celtic Harp

Medley of The Water is Wide / Kelvingrove

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

***THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *(from Celtic Invocations*)*

**God guide me with Thy wisdom,
God chastise me with Thy justice,
God help me with Thy mercy,
God protect me with Thy strength.**

God fill me with Thy fullness,
God shield me with Thy shade,
God fill me with Thy grace,
For the sake of Thine Anointed Son.

**Christ of the seed of David,
Visiting one of the Temple,
Sacrificial Lamb of the Garden,
Who died for me. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dornach Highland Gathering

Kim Meek, Bagpipes

THE FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Still I Sing Alleluia

The Haviland Choir

Kyle Pederson

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With Spirit before me, with Spirit behind,
with Spirit below and beside me;
with Spirit all around, even where affliction's found,
I will sing, I will sound, "Alleluia."

When darkness descends and the night never ends,
when my shadows and demons surround me;
when questions I spin echo answerless within,
even then, even then, Alleluia, Still I sing Alleluia,

Open us to You 'til we sing Alleluia.
Weave joy in our gain, bring us hope in our pain;
hear all prayers that we offer to you, Lord;
breathe life into death, draw us closer with each breath,
that our lips may confess, Alleluia, still I sing Alleluia,
open us to You, 'til we sing Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

So praise, praise the Father, and praise, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit who moves in and through all.
All creation sound the word so profound;
let us sing, let us live, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Still I sing Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE SECOND READING

Acts 1:4-8

⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

This is the Word of the LORD!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON: *“What about You?”*

RE Mike Shepherd

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 171

The King of Love

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

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 [persons] chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Christ Jesus, 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.

*(from The Scots Confession, 1560**)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

St. Columbia’s / Amazing Grace

Allison Miller, Celtic Harp

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Nepal Offering

Mickey Buck

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Holy is the Lord (Organ)

Franz Schubert

*RESPONSE HYMN 592 (*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)**

Loving God, who freely gives to all who ask, accept these gifts of money and bless them, that they might be used to further your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION/LORD'S PRAYER (*Sins*)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN**

*O Sing a New Song (Highland Cathedral) arr. Richard Dixon
Robert Barnett, Drum; Kim Meek, Bagpipes;
Organ, Choir, Congregation*

O sing a new song to the Lord,
Sing, all the earth and bless His name;
From day to day God's praises to record,
The Lord's redeeming grace proclaim.

Tell all the world of God's wondrous ways;
Tell all the nations far and near;
Great is the Lord, and great God's praise;
The Lord alone let nations fear.

Heathen gods are idols vain,
the shining heav'ns the Lord supports;
Both light and honor lead us on,
While beauty fills His court.

**Let every tongue and every tribe
Give to the Lord due praise and song;
All glory unto God ascribe,
Come, to His House and offerings bring.**

***KIRKIN' ROLL CALL** (*Clan Names*)

Alcorn	Gordon	McClure
Auld	Graham	McCormick
Barnett	MacCulloch	McKenzie
Boggs	MacDonald	Moffett
Brisban	Mackintosh	Murdock
Campbell	MacLeod	Riggs
Cartwright	Marshall	Smith
Donaldson	Mary, Queen of Scots	Stewart
		Turner

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (*2166, Sing the Faith*)

**Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me – King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me – never to part.**

*Bagpipes play one verse of "Amazing Grace"
as an introduction at the front of the church.*

*Congregation and choir sing verse one,
as pipes walk to back of church.*

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

***POSTLUDE**

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (Organ)

George J. Webb

*Alexander Carmichael, *Celtic Invocations*, Selections from Volume 1 of Carmina Gadelica. Noroton, CT: Vineyard Books, Inc., © 1977.

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Guest Musicians

Kim Meek, Bagpipes / Allison Miller, Celtic Harp

We welcome Ruling Elder Mike Shepherd to the pulpit today. He is our liaison from the Committee on Ministry of Eastminster Presbytery.

Choir Recognition in Fellowship Hall today during Coffee Hour and following Worship.

Liturgist: Mike Newman

Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandra Quinn

Bulletins: Given anonymously thanking Ed Tonkinson for his hard work and dedication.

Flowers: Given by Margaret Winch for the gift of Dallas Korff; by Rich and Pat Eichler with love and joy for our many blessings; and by Melvin and Jenny Wilms in memory of Dorothy and Lawrence Wilms.

Geraniums for Pentecost – Plants are \$6 for a 4” pot. Order today in Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office this week, 330-337-9555, or e-mail phyllis@fpcsaalem.org. Plants not taken by donors will be planted on church grounds.

Limited Deacon Scholarship Funds are available for students from our church who are enrolled in College or University and who have not previously received Deacon assistance. Scholarship Applications are available in the Church Office and can also be sent out via e-mail. Please return Applications to the Church Office by Tuesday, June 30.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

A Brief History: The Christian Faith first came to Scotland in 563 when St. Columba established a monastic community on the island of Iona. Decades later, in the 16th century, the Protestant Reformation swept western Europe. One branch of Protestantism was given its name by Queen Elizabeth I, who observed, "the Swiss are more reforming than the Lutherans." More broadly the word "Reformed" referred to a Church "reformed, always reforming according to the Word of God and the call of the Spirit." It was John Knox who brought this Reformed Church to Scotland in 1547. Here Reformed Christians were for the first time referred to in terms of the polity of the church as taught by John Calvin in Geneva and implemented by Knox: "Presbyterians." So, while "Reformed" refers to our theology, Presbyterian refers to our polity, declaring that we are a church governed by "presbyters" ("elders"). The Kirkin' of the Tartans ("Blessing of the families of the "Kirk" or "Church") is a service that was begun in the U. S. in 1941 by the Reverend Peter Marshall, chaplain of the U. S. Senate and Pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C. It was Marshall's intention to assist the British War relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan for impoverished families of Scotland. Eventually, the service came to be celebrated across the United States in witness to the rich heritage of Scottish Christianity where "Presbyterianism" was born. We recognize our Scottish heritage as families and as Presbyterians when we celebrate Scots Heritage Day. Here are some of the special elements of our service today: Background: Kirk is the Scottish word for church. The tartans, with their distinctive plaids, represent specific Scottish clans, families, regions, and regiments. The Kirkin' O' the Tartans is the presentation of a Scottish family's symbol, its tartan, at church for a blessing.

The Beadle: During the Middle Ages and through the Reformation, Bibles were rare among the common people. The Bible of the Kirk (the 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.

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 Flags: The official flag of Scotland is the Saltire, a white diagonal cross on a dark blue field. It represents Andrew, Scotland's patron saint. A red lion, on a yellow field, has been the Royal Arms of Scotland since the days of King Alexander II (1198-1249).

Tartans and Plaid: Perhaps no symbol is more associated with Scotland traditions 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 many centuries Tartans formed part of the everyday dress of the Highland people, and it was there its use continued and developed until it became recognized as a symbol of clan kinship.

Psalm Singing: Perhaps the most traditional Scottish custom still preserved in Presbyterian churches today is the addition of Psalm singing. Originally, Scottish Presbyterians believed that only scriptural material should be used in praise of God. From this tradition developed metrical versions of the Psalms. It is important to know that the metrical versions of the Psalms were never intended to be Bible translations. Words and phrases are frequently moved around to arrange for the proper meter.

The Scots Confession: The Scots Confession is the first reformed confession in the English language. It has been labeled 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. They did their work in four days. On August 17, 1560, Knox and his colleagues had written a confession designed to solidify Scotland politically and ecclesiastically. The nation would henceforth fly a Protestant flag, emblazoned with the cross of St. Andrew.

Compassion Has No Bounds

JEWAN RAKSHA KENDRA (LIFE SAVING CENTER)

Sita's Story:

Sita lives in a remote village in Far Western Nepal. She became pregnant as a teenager, her lack of protein and health knowledge put her baby's life at risk. Now because of *Jeewan Raksha Kendra*, her family now uses better seeds to grow more potatoes, providing more food and extra income. A new greenhouse in her village ensures they have fresh vegetables all year long. Soon, her child will eat healthy meals and eggs at school to stay strong and focused in class. This will help Sita's child to learn better in school, her family to have a better income, and for her children to have a brighter future.

The Problem:

In Sudurpashchim Nepal, the statistics tell a devastating story. The region currently records the highest child mortality rates in Nepal:

In Dadeldhura and Baitadi, inadequate nutrition and low crop yields lead to chronic hunger, creating barriers to children's growth and development. Geographic isolation with a nearby clinic, often being a several-hour trek, as well as low maternal literacy and adolescent pregnancy can result in illness and death of infants and young children.

How You Can Help:

Your support allows them to expand their greenhouse initiatives, provide more protein-rich meals, and reach the most isolated families in Far Western Nepal. This is your opportunity to share God's love with a broken world! Make checks out to First Presbyterian Church and write 'Nepal' on memo line.

"By improving nutrition today, we are securing the leadership and health of the community tomorrow."

Monday, May 18

6:30 2003 Family Troop (Basement)

Tuesday, May 19

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

5:00-7:00 “Pop Into Preschool” Open House

Thursday, May 21

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Regular Session Meeting (Library and Hybrid)

Friday, May 22

6:00-7:30 Preschool Program / Graduation (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, May 23

11:00 Memorial Gathering for Stephen Navoyosky (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost / Youth Sunday

9:00 Church School for Pre-K to 12th Grade / Adults (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) – *Congregational Care*

10:30 Service of Worship (S) – *Western Reserve Brass*

1:00-4:00 Wilhelm Music Studio Piano Recital (S/FH)

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

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