



Kirkin' of the Tartans

Roll Call of the Clans

Clan Anderson

Lisa Corner & Family
Cynthia Graham
Nicole Mills & Family

Clan Armstrong

Cynthia Graham

Clan Auchincloss

Scott Griffin

Clan Buchanan

Jonathan Tullis

Clan Cameron

Joy Atkins
Andrew & Jane Coleman
Lance & Kay Taylor
Mary Tillman

Clan Campbell

The Bossuot Family
Andrew & Jane Coleman
Elaine Thompson
Mary Tillman
Lenora Wilson

Clan Canmore

Diana Quinlan

Clan Crawford

The York Family

Clan Cunningham

Kris White

Clan Davidson

Christina Griffin
Libby Tullis

Clan Donald

Linda MacDonald
Michael & Megan Sullivan

Clan Duncan

The Southwood Family

Clan Ferguson

The Mitchell Family
Judy Phillips
Debbie Wallace

Clan Flynn

The Saunders Family

Clan Forrester

Lori Duck

Clan Gordon

Chuck, Joy, & Taylor Atkins

Clan Graham

The Bossuot Family

Clan Graham of Menteith

Cynthia Graham

Clan Grant

David King
Dan & Doreen Pratt

Clan Johnstone

Lisa Corner & Family
Nicole Mills & Family

Clan Leslie

The Pursley Family

Clan Lindsey

Joe Woodlief

Clan MacDonald

Steve Matheson

Clan MacFarlane

Lori Hallauer

Clan MacKay

The Coarsey Family

Clan MacKenzie

Karen Green
Steve Matheson

Clan MacLean

Brad Corner & Family
Steve Matheson

Clan MacLean of Duart

Lance & Kay Taylor

Clan Matheson

Steve Matheson

Clan MacDuff

The Tullis Family

Clan McCall

Lurline Ragsdale

Clan McFarlane

Libby Tullis

Clan McKinnon

Margaret Misenar

Clan McLeod

Frances Hallett
Libby Tullis
Bill & Dodie Walker

Clan McWhorter

George Matthews

Clan Nicholson

David Sheffield

Clan Roberts

Diana Quinlan

Clan Ross

Elizabeth & Katie Ross
The Ross Family
The Southwood Family

Clan Stewart

George Matthews

Clan Wallace

Catie Wallace

Clan Dhia

The People of God



History: Kirkin' of the Tartans

This observance, so evocative of Scottish heritage, is in fact a wholly American tradition. The first Kirkin' of the Tartans was held at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., on April 27, 1941. The Church's minister, Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall, was born in Scotland and became chaplain of the Washington Chapter of the St. Andrew's Society.

Framed against the backdrop of escalating world war, the first Kirkin' of the Tartans was meant to draw together the diverse peoples who make up American society with a message of unity in the face of a common enemy. The unity we enjoy in Christ in spite of our outward differences remains a powerful message for believers today. For many years an annual Kirkin' service was held at the Washington National Cathedral and has spread among Presbyterian churches throughout the country and Canada.

Kirk is the Scottish word for church, and Tartan, with its distinctive cross-lined patterns, represents specific Scottish clans, families, regions and regiments. John Knox, Scottish Reformer, studied under John Calvin in Switzerland in the 1500's. He returned to Scotland and established the first Presbyterian churches. The church spread to Ireland, and immigrants from Scotland and Ireland brought the Presbyterian Church to the United States.

The Beadle:

During the Middle Ages and through the Reformation, Bibles were rare among common people. The pulpit Bible of the Kirk 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 worship by carrying the Bible ceremoniously into the Sanctuary. The congregation should stand, if able, in respect for the Word of God. The Beadle removes the Bible from the Kirk for safekeeping following the services. This tradition continues in many Church of Scotland congregations to this day.

*Affirmation of Faith - From The Scots Confession of 1560

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; 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. Amen.



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Lakewood Presbyterian Church