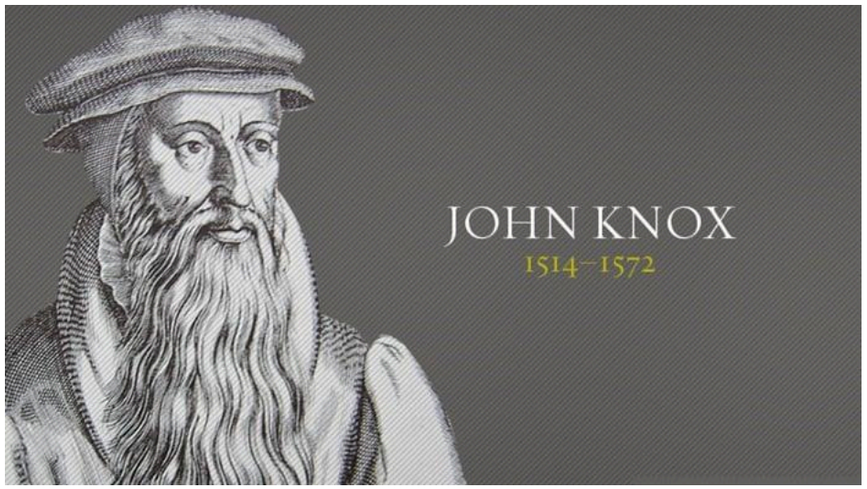
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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit, growing together in Christ, and committed to serving God. Everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship following the worship service.

The Order Of The Liturgy

↑ Please stand in body or in spirit ↑

Prelude *Green Hills of Tyrol* Bill Poiry
The Battles O'er
Balmoral

↑ **Call to Worship** *(responsively)*

In the silence before time began,
In the quiet of the womb,
In the stillness of the early morning,
Is Your beauty.
At the heart of all creation,
At the birth of every creature,
At the center of each moment,
Is Your splendor.
Rekindle in us the sparks of Your beauty
That we may be part of the splendor of this moment.
Rekindle in us the sparks of Your beauty
that we may be part of the blazing splendor
that burns from the heart of this moment
(The Call to Worship is from Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter, p 38.)

Hymn 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

↓Call to Confession: As we come to this place of prayer, let us come with open minds, willing to honestly confront our shortcomings and with open hearts ready to receive God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession *(together)*

Thanks to Thee, O God, that I have risen today, to the rising of this life itself; may it be to Thine own glory, O God of every gift, and to the glory of my soul likewise.

O Great God, aid Thou my soul with the aiding of Thine own mercy; even as I clothe my body with wool, cover Thou my soul with the shadow of Thy wing.

Help me to avoid every sin, and the source of every sin to forsake; and as the mist scatters along the shoreline of the lake, may each ill haze clear from my soul, O God.

Celtic Prayers, selected by Avery Brooke from the collection of Alexander Carmichael, 33 – 35.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of God has no beginning and no end but endures forever. Friends, receive the gift of God's grace that is yours this day.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn 71 *Surely It Is God Who Saves Me*

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

Prayer of Illumination *(together)*

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 146

1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
2 **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
3 Put not your trust in princes, in the rulers of the world, in whom there is no salvation.
4 **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**
5 Blessed are they whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,
6 **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**
7 who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

8 **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**
9 The Lord watches over the sojourners; God upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.
10 **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

Choral Anthem *When I Return* Keen/Althouse
Sometimes Serendipity Singers

Mark 12: 28 - 34

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

↑ **Affirmation of Faith** *(together)* **Scots Confession, Chapter 1**
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 God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory. Amen.

Hymn 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

The Peace The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

↓ **Musical Interlude** *Amazing Grace* Bill Poiry

Presentation of Our Gifts, Offerings, and Thanksgiving

↑ **Doxology** - Hymn 609 *(together)*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia. Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

↓ **Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer**
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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Communion Invitation and Acclamation Let us praise the Lord.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. In Christ shall all be made alive.

The Words of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

The Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Supper

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Musical Meditation *Flow Gently, Sweet Afton* arr. Carter
Scottish Folk Tune

Prayer after Communion.

↑Hymn 269 ***Lead On, O King Eternal!***

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response ***May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song. May the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong. May you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy! May the road you travel always lead you home.***

Postlude *Highland Cathedral* Bill Poiry

Prayer Concerns

Rob Constein • Karen Dietz • Dottie Douglas • Dottie's son, David Douglas • Remi Floro • Linda & Garrett Holcomb • Linda Holcomb's sisters, Lois & Carol • Sue Holman • Kathy Jerram (after surgery) • Betty Layton's friend, Sue • Jim Layton • Judy Smither's brother, Rob Morris • Flona & Eric Pott • • Anne Trombatore • Karen Salzgeber's friend, Becky Deredick • Bill & Pat Sharp • Bill Umlauf • John Vardyon • Kay McIntosh's cousin Terry Webster's Family after Terry's recent passing • All those who are currently under a doctor's care • All who are traveling this week.

Announcements

Exploring Our Faith Bible Study meets Wednesday at 10:30am in the Conference Room to study together the Apostles' Creed. The Forgiveness of Sin(s) is the topic this week.

The House of David video series meets Thursday at 2:00pm in the Conference Room. This video series dramatizes the life of David, with conversation to follow the video.

Our **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9:30am in the Conference Room. This adult class studies the Scripture lessons which are a part of the morning worship service.

Today 11/01 Reformation Sunday	10:30am Worship and Fellowship. The Reader assisting in worship will be Karen Salzgeber. Communion Servers will be Marlyn Umlauf & Gwen Aber. Coffee Fellowship Hosts are Bill & Marlyn Umlauf.
Monday	2:00pm Health & Exercise
Tuesday	2:00pm - 4 Dulcimer Group
Wednesday	10:30am Exploring Our Faith
Thursday	8:00am Cleaning service 2:00pm House of David
Next Sunday 11/08 Honoring Veterans	10:30am Worship and Fellowship. The Reader assisting in worship will be Don Dewald Communion Servers will be Jay and Karen Virey. Coffee Fellowship Hosts are to be determined.