

## 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:

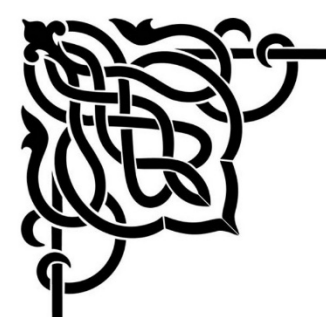
During the Middle Ages and through the Reformation, Bibles were rare among common people. The pulpit Bible of the Kirk was a treasured possession. The value of the sacred scriptures and the danger of theft led to the establishment of a special lay office within the Kirk known as the "Beadle." The Beadle 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.

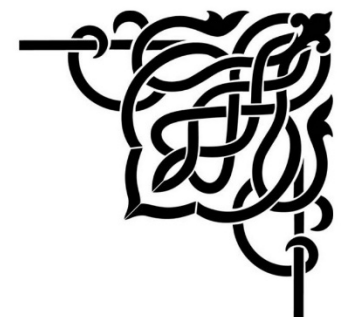


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Lakewood Presbyterian Church  
January 29, 2023



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## Roll Call of the Clans



Clan Anderson  
Lisa Corner & Family  
Cynthia Graham  
Nicole Mills & Family

Clan Armstrong  
Cynthia Graham

Clan Auchincloss  
Scott Griffin

Clan Cameron  
Joy Atkins  
Judy & Chuck Martin  
Kay & Lance Taylor  
Mary Tillman

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

Clan Canmore  
Diana Quinlan

Clan Crawford  
The York Family

Clan Cunningham  
Kris White

Clan Davidson  
Christina Griffin

Clan Donald  
Linda McDonald

Clan Duncan  
The Southwood Family

Clan Ferguson  
The Mitchell Family  
Judy Phillips  
Debbie Wallace

Clan Flynn  
The Saunders Family

Clan Garren  
Marty Succi

Clan Gordon  
Joy, Taylor & Chuck Atkins

Clan Graham  
The Bossuot Family

Clan Graham of Menteith  
Cynthia Graham

Clan Grant  
David King  
Doreen & Dan Pratt

Clan Johnstone  
Lisa Corner & Family  
Nicole Mills & Family

Clan Leslie  
The Pursley Family

Clan Lindsay  
Kathy Burns

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  
Kay & Lance Taylor

Clan Matheson  
Steve Matheson

Clan McCall  
David McCall Archer  
Lurline Ragsdale

Clan McKinnon  
Margaret Misenar

Clan McLeod  
Frances Hallett  
Dodie & Bill Walker

Clan McWhorter  
George Matthews

Clan Murray  
The Tullis Family

Clan Nicholson  
David Sheffield

Clan Roberts  
Diana Quinlan

Clan Ross  
Kathy Burns  
Elizabeth & Katie Ross  
The Ross Family  
The Southwood Family

Clan Stewart  
George Matthews

Clan Wallace  
Catie Wallace

