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Announcements

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**February 18, 2024**  
**10:00am**

**Kirkin' o' the Tartan**

***Ministers: All Members of the Church***

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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**Order for the Public Worship of God  
February 18, 2024  
1st Sunday in Lent  
10:00 AM Worship Service**

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**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

**“There Is a Happy Land”** arr. George Shearing

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chris Curvin, Pastor**

**PREPARATORY DECLARATION**

**One: Bring forth the Tartans!**

**PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS**

**“Colin’s Cattle”**

**Dunedin High School Pipe Band**

**\*LITANY OF BLESSING OF THE TARTANS AND CLANS OF THE KIRK**

**One:** Thank you O Lord, for your Holy Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors: from Adam and Eve to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of his church everywhere. Never let us forget that heritage of faith is a gift to be shared and celebrated with others, not a treasure to be hoarded.

**All:** **Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.**

One: We praise you, O Lord, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in a community of faith. Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we too, have lives to live in faith.

**All: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.**

One: Raise the Tartans! *(a pause as all lift high their tartans)*

**All: On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God's blessing on his servant people in all lands.**

One: Place the tartans. Eternal God, our Father, bless these symbols of heritage and grant that those who bear them, and the families they represent, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

**\*HYMN #664**

**"Morning Has Broken"**

**BUNESSAN**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Paul Means, Associate Pastor**

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**All: Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You adorn us with the armor of light, but we hide ourselves in darkness. You trust us with the message of grace, but we bury that treasure in fear. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581**

**GLORIA PATRI**

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**ANTHEM "My Heart Is Stirring with a Noble Song"**

**J. William Greene**

*My heart is stirring with a noble song,  
shout to God for joy at our salvation.  
Our rock, the strong foundation of our life,  
speaks to us in psalms across the ages.  
We come to God with our songs of thanks;  
no mortal leader can compare.  
The caverns of the earth are in his hand,  
and the highlands bright reflect his glory.*

*You are the fairest of the sons of men;  
and God's grace flows freely from your lips.  
Come now, bow low, and bend the knee;  
kneel humbly to the Lord, our maker.  
For He is God, our shepherd,  
and we the people of his hand.  
This world his pasture is, and we his flock,  
and today we listen to his voice.*

*Come let us sing our joy to the Lord;  
let us come to him with thanksgiving  
And raise a loud shout to him with psalms  
for the Lord is a mighty God.  
He is a great king above all gods.  
The sea is his, as is the land.  
His name shall be remembered age to age,  
and all nations shall proclaim his glory.*

## CALL TO OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

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## WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 16:20-24 (NRSV)

Matthew 28:8 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Where’s the Joy?”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #645      “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZAR

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING PROCESSION

Dunedin High School Pipe Band

*(Please remain standing in the pew until the band and tartans have processed out)*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

David Furr, Organist

*\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*