



ST. GILES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Kirk on Blanding Blvd.

The Kirkin' O' the Tartans
Scottish Heritage Sunday
February 19, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Jake A. Young
Beadle: JoAnne Anderson

THE LITURGY OF PREPARATION

*Please silence your cell phone during worship. *Those who are able please stand.*

THE PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL Highland Cathedral First Coast Highlanders

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP"

If you would like more information about St. Giles or are interested in uniting with us please contact Pastor Jake or Pastor Jessi.

PRAISE & WORSHIP "Mull of Kintyre" St. Giles Praise Team

OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSE: (CONGREGATION SINGS)

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you Allelu, Alleluia!*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Note: Kirk is Scottish for Church)

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 those chosen by God.

We most surely believe that God preserved, instructed, multiplied, honored, adorned, and called from death to life his Kirk in all ages since Adam until the coming of Christ Jesus.

The Kirk contains the chosen of all ages, of all nations, realms and tongues.

The Kirk is the communion of saints, the citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem.

[From the Scots Confession, 1560]

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Jessi Higginbotham

*HYMN GTG #15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God: yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. If you dealt with us as we deserve, we would not deserve any grace or mercy from you. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God,

and a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to you. We humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age. By your spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouth, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor, glory, now and forever. Amen

[From John Knox Sunday Service]

(Silent Prayer)

Amen

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Children of God, hear the good news: We are forgiven, again and again,
by this glorious God.

What a wonder! Alleluia!

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

ANTHEM

“Celtic Blessing”

St. Giles Choir

SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

SERMON

“Love Thy Neighbor”

Rev. Jake Young

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Flowers of the Forest

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Invitation

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

*Prayer of Dedication

BRINGING FORTH THE TARTANS

**Scotland the Brave
First Coast Highlanders**

Beadle: We have brought forth the Tartans! We have raised up the Tartans!

People: Now, we raise them up to God.

Beadle: The Kirk is the communion of saints, the citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem.
On behalf of Scots everywhere, we raise these Tartans before Almighty God in
appreciation of our heritage and ask Gods blessings on all his servants.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE TARTANS

Beadle: Almighty God, who has promised that in all places where Thou dost record thy
name, Thou wilt meet with thy servants to bless them; fulfill now thy promise,
and make us joyful in thy house of prayer, that our worship being offered in the
name of thy Son and by the guidance of thy Spirit, may be acceptable unto Thee.
Bless, we beseech Thee, these tartans that they may be unto us and unto all
people, tokens of the faith of our ancestors and signs of our service unto Thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen. By God's grace, so let it be.

HYMN GTG #475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Go Now In Peace

*THE POSTLUDE - First Coast Highlanders

"Amazing Grace"

Mull of Kintyre

Mull of Kin-tyre, oh mist rolling in from the sea
My desire is always to be here, Oh, Mull of Kin--tyre

Far have I travel-ed and much have I seen
Dark distant mountains with valleys of green
Past painted deserts, the sun-sets on fire
As he carries me home to the Mull of Kin-tyre

**Mull of Kin-tyre, oh mist rolling in from the sea
My desire is always to be here, Oh, Mull of Kin--tyre**

Sweep through the heather like Deer in the Glen
Carry me back to the days I knew then
Nights when we sang like a heavenly choir
Of the life and the times of the Mull of Kin—tyre

**Mull of Kin-tyre, oh mist rolling in from the sea
My desire is always to be here, Oh, Mull of Kin--tyre
Mull of Kin-tyre, Mull of Kin-tyre, Mull of Kin-tyre,
Mull of Kin-tyre, Mull of Kin-tyre**

Smiles in the sunshine and tears in the rain
Still take me back where my mem'-ries re-main
Flickering embers grow higher and high'r
As they carry me back to the Mull of Kin-tyre

**Mull of Kin-tyre, oh mist rolling in from the sea
My desire is always to be here Oh, Mull of Kin--tyre
Mull of Kin-tyre, Mull of Kin-tyre, Mull of Kin-tyre
Mull of Kin-tyre, Mull of Kin-tyre**

In Scotland, a "mull" ("maol" is Gaelic) is a rounded hill, bare of trees that is headland adjacent to the sea. The **Mull of Kintyre** is the southwestern most tip of the Kintyre Peninsula (formerly *Cantyre*) in southwest Scotland. From here, the Antrim coast of Northern Ireland is visible on a calm and clear day, and a historic lighthouse, the second commissioned in Scotland, guides shipping in the intervening North Channel. The area has been immortalized in popular culture by the 1977 hit song "Mull of Kintyre" by Kintyre resident Paul McCartney's band of the time, Wings.

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

¹⁹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

⁹ When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹ You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³ You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness', ²⁰and again,

The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.'

²¹So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, ²³and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Matthew 5:38-48

³⁸ 'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

HYMN NOTES

Mull of Kintyre

Unlike most musical pieces originating with Sir Paul McCartney and Denny Laine, 'Mull of Kintyre' wasn't written for publication. Instead, the song was generated when McCartney had retreated to the Scottish peninsula during a particularly difficult time in his life.

McCartney initially thought the song had no chance of becoming a hit. He and Laine wrote the song in one afternoon as they inhaled the beauty of the mull whilst nursing a bottle of whiskey and letting the scenery write the track on their behalf. These two men then enlisted the local Campbelltown Pipe Band to add a sprinkling of Scottish sparkle to the track. Suddenly this simple melody became an unconventional Christmas song.

'Mull of Kintyre' would remain the highest selling UK single from 1977 until 1984. Although the piece never quite travelled as well on the other side of the Atlantic, it still surpassed initial low expectations. It wasn't until the local pipers who played on the track told him that it should be a single that McCartney even considered the possibility.

"When we finished it, all the pipers said, 'Aye, it's got to be a single, that.' It was up to them, really, to do it. I thought it had too little appeal for a single, McCartney later revealed. "But they kept saying, 'Oh, the exiled Scots all over the world. It'll be a big single for them.' Yet I still thought, 'Yeah, well, but there's maybe not enough exiled Scots,' but they kept telling me, after a few drinks," he added. More important than the success that this piece enjoyed became the way that this piece put Kintyre on the map for all the right reasons. There was a huge spike in visitors to Kintyre peninsula which not only boosted the local economy but installed local residents with pride in their area. The "mull" of Kintyre refers to the headlands or promontory point in this area that faces the North Atlantic. After the tranquility that this lonely and rugged area provided McCartney at his lowest ebb, this song allowed him to finally pay the area back for rescuing him.

Information from *Wikipedia* and [The story behind of Paul McCartney song 'Mull of Kintyre'](http://faroutmagazine.co.uk) (faroutmagazine.co.uk)

Acknowledgements

2023 Honored Clan

DONNACHAIDH

Clan Motto: "Virtutis gloria merces "
(Glory is the reward of valour)

Seat: Dunalastair Castle



The clan's first recognized chief, Donnchaidh *Reamhar*, "Stout Duncan", son of Andrew de Atholia (Latin "Andrew of Atholl"), was a minor land-owner and leader of a kin-group around Dunkeld, Highland Perthshire, and as legend has it, an enthusiastic and faithful supporter of Robert I (king 1306-29 aka Robert the Bruce) during the Wars of Scottish Independence; he is believed to have looked after King Robert after the Battle of Methven in 1306. The clan asserts that Stout Duncan's relatives and followers (not yet known as Robertsons) supported Robert the Bruce at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. His descendants became known (in English or Scots) as the Duncansons, or Gaelic *Clann Dhònnchaidh*, "Children of Duncan". Duncan is believed to have been killed at the Battle of Neville's Cross and was succeeded by Robert, from whom the Clan Robertson takes its name. Robert's brother, Patrick, was the ancestor of the Robertsons of Lude who were the principal cadet branch.

The St. Andrews Society

We are grateful to the St. Andrews Society for allowing us to display the colorful tartan banners around the Sanctuary and the Narthex. Each tartan was donated by a St. Andrews member.

The Tartan on the Communion Table

The tartan draped on the Communion table in front of the Church is the St. Giles Tartan designed and woven in Edinburg, Scotland by Kinloch Anderson Ltd., Tailor and Kiltmakers to Her Majesty the Queen, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, and HRH The Prince of Wales.

The colors of the tartan are: Grey to represent the ancient stonework of St Giles Cathedral; blue to represent the constancy of Scottish Presbyterianism, the St.

Andrews' cross flag and the Greek flag (St. Giles was born in Greece); white to represent peace; and lavender to represent penitence.

Our Church's Connection to Scotland

Our namesake is the St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland. Situated in the Royal Mile, it is one of the most visited churches in the country. It is a truly beautiful church, and its stones are steeped in Scotland's history. We are proud to be named after this important place in the history of Scotland and Presbyterianism.

Saint Andrew



Very little is really know about Saint Andrew himself. He was thought to have been a fisherman in Galilee (now part of Israel), along with his elder brother Simon Peter (Saint Peter). Both became apostles of Jesus Christ, founder of the Christian religion. Saint Andrew is said to have been responsible for spreading the tenets of the Christian religion through Asia Minor and Greece. Tradition suggests that Saint Andrew was put to death by the Romans in Patras, Southern Greece by being pinned to a cross (crucified). The diagonal shape of this cross is said to be the basis for the Cross of Saint Andrew which appears on the Scottish flag.

Early Scots claimed to possess relics of the apostle, including an arm bone, signifying his readiness to protect them. This was explained by a fable relating that Saint Regulus had removed relics of Andrew from Constantinople and brought them to what is now Saint Andres in Fife, Scotland.

Another tale tells of Angus, King of the Picts (720-761AD) battling against the Scots of Dalriada, the Angles of North Umbria, and the Britons of Strathclyde. Legend holds that in one of his campaigns, Angus has a vision of the cross of Saint Andrew in the sky. He may well have been the founder of the Monastery at Saint Andrews.

The saltire, or cross of Saint Andrew, became the Scottish national emblem in 750 AD and much later was adopted as the foundation for the Union Jack.

Service Flags in Honor of all Divisions for Military Services

Along with the display of the tartans you will notice behind the baptismal table the military standards for each branch of the United States Military.

The Kirkin' O' the Tartans

“Kirk” is a Scottish word meaning church, and in Scotland this usually means the Church of Scotland-the Presbyterian Church.

The first Kirkin' in the United States was initiated by the Scottish-born Chaplain of the US Senate, Dr. Peter Marshall in 1941. Dr. Marshall was minister of the New York Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Since 1954, the event has been sponsored by St. Andrew's Society in Washington held in the Washington National Cathedral.

During the Kirkin', which includes some of the old Scottish Church form, clan tartans are presented for a prayer of dedication.

Currently, a “Kirkin' O' the Tartan” service is celebrated on the Sunday after most Highland Games and around St. Andrews Day. Here at St. Giles, we celebrate the “Kirkin” as Scottish Heritage Sunday; a service of rededication to our heritage and historical faith in God.

The tartans displayed around the perimeter of the sanctuary and in the Narthex represent various Scottish Clans. The word “Clan” signifies family,

The Scottish Flags

The Scottish National Flag has a white cross on a blue background with the diagonal St. Andrews cross.

The Royal Standard (or the Rampant Lion) is the flag of the Kings or Queens of Scots. Technically the Lion Rampant should be flown officially by specified people representing the Queen of Scotland. In the United States, the purists look the other way because it is so colorful and representative of Scotland.

Red Lion Rampant

In 1165 AD, William succeeded his brother Malcolm, III as king of Scots. He was called William the Lion and he went into battle with a standard consisting of a red lion rampant on a yellow field. The red lion rampant on a yellow field was adopted as Scotland's royal standard.

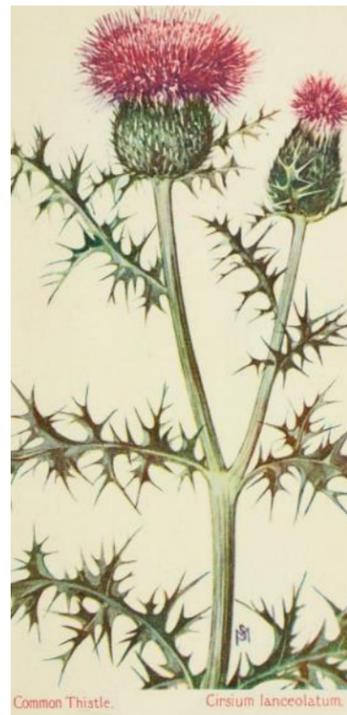


The Thistle

In 1263 AD, Haakon of Norway sent a fleet, the largest armada of ships, filled with troops, ever to be gathered together by Vikings. He wanted to solidify his claim to the Hebrides, The Western Isles, Orkney and the Shetlands. During the stormy landing many ships foundered or ran aground. In the night, as the survivors struggled ashore, legend has it that a soldier stepped on a thistle alerting a sentry.

History records that on October 2, near Largs, Alexander III, King of Scots, and his small army, drove the Vikings back into the sea. The battle ended 200 years of Viking raids into Scotland.

The thistle was adopted as the national flower of Scotland.



The First Cost Highlanders

Based in Clay County, Florida, the First Coast Highlanders' are Clay County's premiere bagpipe and drum band. They are a performance and entertainment band, a teaching organization, and a cultural group. They promote Celtic culture through music.

The band encourages and supports the Celtic culture of our community by providing instruction to anyone interested in learning the great highland bagpipe or highland drums. Lessons are provided free of charge to anyone willing to commit the time and self-discipline to learn. The band meets for rehearsal at 6pm every Thursday at the Orange Park Presbyterian Church located at 1905 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL. The lessons are from 5pm to 6pm.

First Coast Highlanders are under the musical direction of Pipe Major Joe Schnur. We are the host band for the Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival and the St. Augustine Celtic Festival.

In 2014 we were one of three bands from the United States to go to Stirling, Scotland to celebrate the 700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. We performed at Stirling Castle, at Pipefest 2014 and at the commemoration of the Bannockburn Battlefield. The band returned to Scotland in 2022 to perform at Stirling Castle and Inveraray Castle.

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