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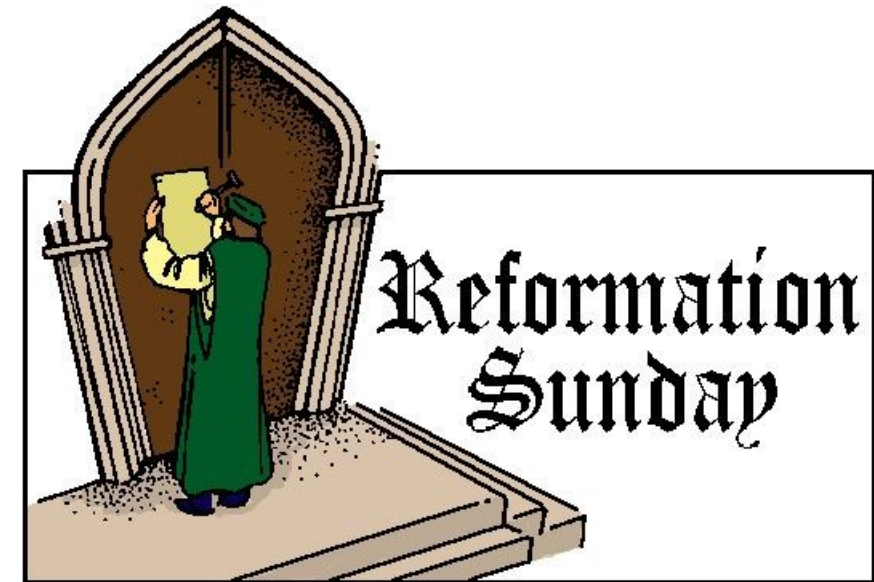
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SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS: *For the benefit of the congregation, please try to give announcements to Cindy before Wednesday. When that doesn't work, please write them down for the Pulpit Assistant or come to a microphone to speak. Your consideration is appreciated.*

Welcome

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

October 29, 2023

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord’s Day
Reformation Sunday**

Chiming of the Hour

Processional

Highland Cathedral

Ulrich Roever, Michael Korb

Sam Wiley, Bagpiper

Presentation of the Bible

Jim Simpson, Beadle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

We have gathered today in search of reformation.

We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.

We stand fearless at the edge of change.

For God is in the midst of us and we shall not be moved.

Be still, and know that God is God.

God is our rock and our redeemer.

Let us worship the Lord.

*** Opening Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision

No. 562

Call to Confession

Greg Durden

Let us confess our sins to God, who alone has the power to save and waits in mercy to forgive.

Prayer of Confession

We are taught to love you, O God, with all our heart.

We confess that our allegiance is less than complete.

We are taught to love you, O God, with all our soul.

We confess that we long to have our own way.

We are taught to love you, O God, with all of our mind.

We confess that our thoughts are seldom so pure.

We are taught to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

We confess preference for ourselves being first.

God have mercy upon us as we make our confession.

Christ have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.

Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and sisters in Christ, rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer, contribute to the needs of the saints, and extend hospitality to strangers. For in doing so, you will live in the new life promised by the risen Christ and show forth the love of God. Know that through Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Unto Thee All Praise Be Given

William Williams

Call for the Offering

The Lord is good indeed, for God has blessed us richly. Let us offer back a portion of that blessing, in gratitude and love.

Offering

**The Skye Boat Song
Debbie Durden, flute**

arr. Tim Curd

*** Doxology**

No. 815

First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Second Reading

Deuteronomy 11:13-21

Sermon

Who Are You?

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

Anthem

Brother James’ Air

arr. Gordon Jacob

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*** Affirmation of Faith**

from The Scots Confession, 1560

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom alone 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.

*** Gloria Patri**

No. 815

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

*** Hymn Amazing Grace**

No. 343

Benediction

**Benediction Choral Response Irish Blessing
Recessional Rose of Kelvingrove**

**Traditional
arr. David Knox**

Congregational and Corporation Meetings

We thank Sam Wiley as our bagpiper today.



Our Reformed Heritage...

The Protestant Reformation was a major movement in western Christianity in the mid 1500s. It consisted of a political and religious challenge to the Catholic Church, especially the authority of the Pope. Led by reformers like Martin Luther, Huldrych Zwingli, and John Calvin, reformers stressed worship in the language of congregations rather than Latin, translations of the Bible into those languages so that congregants could read the Bible themselves, reform of practices like paying of indulgences, and reliance on the authority of scripture rather than the Pope. These ideas spread across Europe. John Knox studied with Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland, and returned to Scotland to press for reform of the Catholic Church. In 1560 a special Scottish Reformation Parliament was called, and it approved a Protestant confession of faith, rejecting papal jurisdiction and the Mass. The Scots Confession is one of the 12 creeds or confessions adopted by the Presbyterian Church (USA). We confess communally as a congregation, rather than individually to a priest, and Presbyterian theology stresses self study of scripture and preaching of the Word so that all believers are educated in the faith.

We have provided some elements of Kirkin’ of the Tartans in today’s service. This service was begun in 1941 by Rev. Peter Marshall to raise funds for Scottish churches during World War II. The service stressed the Scottish heritage of our church and later evolved into a tradition whereby American Presbyterians honor that heritage. Tartans, cloth plaid patterns that vary by families, called clans, were outlawed by the English after the Battle of Culloden in 1746. British troops were ordered to kill anyone dressed in or displaying a tartan. However, Scots would secretly carry a little piece of their tartan to church, and the minister would slip a blessing (a kirkin’) into the service. This went on for 50 years until the law was repealed. After that, the Church of Scotland would celebrate a Service of Family Covenant, when the tartan of each family was offered for God’s blessing. We today celebrate all native, identifying clothing that signifies the importance of family tradition in the Reformed church.

What’s a Beadle?

In the Church of Scotland, the title was used for one who attends the minister during worship. The Beadle opened the church, made sure it was dusted and clean, protected the Bible, and made sure order was maintained during the service. Bibles were very rare in the early days of the church, so the Kirk Bible was locked up. The Beadle would carry it into the church at the beginning of the service and open it to the first reading for the minister, and then carry it back out after the service and lock it back up. The Beadle at times was called the “Constable of the Kirk.” He often carried a big staff with which he would herd dogs (or other “riff raff”)

out of the sanctuary, and at times would keep time to the hymns by pounding the staff on the floor. Hymns in the mid 1500's through the 1700's were fairly stark and measured. They were often sung *a cappella* with this rhythmic staff pounding, since organs were expensive and rare in these early Scottish Protestant churches. The hymn "Unto Thee All Praise Be Given" reflects this style of singing. Today, the Appalachian form of shaped note singing in the round reflects this ancient tradition, with a song leader beating out the rhythm with a staff or hand motion.

About Today's Music...

The tune "**Highland Cathedral**," was composed by German musicians Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb in 1982 for Highland games held in Germany. Written for bagpipes, it has become so popular that it has been proposed as a replacement for the current Scottish national anthem, "Scotland the Brave."

The hymn, "**Be Thou My Vision**," had its origins almost fifteen hundred years ago in Ireland. It is believed to have been written by the sixth century Irish poet, Dallán Forgaill, also known as St. Dallán. Monks chanted his poetry, and someone much later used it as the basis for this hymn. Since 1919 it has been commonly sung to an Irish folk tune, noted as "Slane" in church hymnals, and is one of the most popular hymns in the United Kingdom.

The tune, "Bryn Calvaria," was written by a Welshman, William Owen (1813-93) of Pryscol, and the name means "Hill of Calvary." Owen was the singing leader at the Caeathro Calvinistic Methodist chapel. This tune is his most famous work. The words, "**Unto Thee All Praise Be Given**," were written by another Welshman, William Williams (1717 – 1791) of Pentycelyn. He is generally seen as Wales' premier hymnist. He is also rated as one of the great literary figures of Wales, as a writer of poetry and prose. In religion he was among the leaders of the 18th-century Welsh Methodist revival.

"**The Sky Boat Song**" is a Gaelic Air. The word "gaelic" is related to the language and culture of a people called "Gaels" or "Celts" from northeastern Ulster in Ireland. In the 5th and 6th centuries A.D, these people migrated throughout Ireland and the north and western isles of Scotland. Today, six Celtic languages remain, including Scottish Gaelic, Irish, Welsh, Breton, Cornish, and Manx. An air is a musical composition often based on

folk songs and ballads. "The Sky Boat Song" is a late 19th-century Scottish song recalling the journey of Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) from the Isle of Uist to the Isle of Skye as he evaded capture by government troops after his defeat at the Battle of Culloden in 1746. Sir Harold Boulton, 2nd Baronet, composed the lyrics to an air collected by Anne Campbelle MacLeod in the 1870s, but Robert Louis Stevenson rewrote the lyrics around 1885, and those are the words we know today from the theme song of the series "Outlander."

The tune, "**Brother James Air**" was written by James Leith Macbeth Bain (b. Scotland, c. 1840; d. Liverpool, England, 1925). He was a healer, mystic, and poet known simply as Brother James. Born in a devout Christian home, Bain came to doubt the faith but later regained a mystical belief with the aid of the Christo Theosophic Society. He founded the Brotherhood of Healers, and he and his fellow healers often sang to their patients during healing sessions. In the latter years of his life he worked among the poor in the slums of Liverpool. The words, "The Lord is My Shepherd," were composed from Psalm 23 by Francis Rous, (b. Halton, Cornwall, in 1579; d. Acton, England, Jan. 7, 1659). He was educated at Oxford and adopted the legal profession. He was M.P. for Truro during the reigns of James and of Charles I. He was appointed a member of the Westminster Assembly, of the High Commission, and of the Triers for examining and licensing candidates for the ministry. He also held other appointments under Cromwell, including that of Provost of Eton College. The anthem sung today was arranged by Gordon Jacob in 1958.

"**Irish Blessing**," or "**May the Road Rise to Meet You**," is a prayer originally written in Gaelic. The author of the prayer isn't known for certain, although many attribute it to St. Patrick, as it is similar to his other writings. The words are well known:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

"**The Rose of Kelvingrove**" is a recent tune written in the sixties or early seventies for the pipes and commonly played with massed pipes and drums and military bands. David Knox arranged it for pipes and band, and it was performed at the opening ceremony of the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 29, 2023

WELCOME! We are so thankful you chose to worship with us. We hope your worship today will be meaningful. We encourage you to participate in all aspects of our congregational life, and invite you to become part of our Christian family. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join with us.

MEMBERSHIP – Please speak with an Elder or the Pastor if you would like to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior or if you would like to become a member of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.

Safety Protocols:

1. Hand sanitizer is available for use.
2. If you don't feel well, please don't come to church.
3. If you feel more comfortable continuing to wear your mask, please do so.

THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA

TODAY 09:30am – Sunday School
 11:00am – Reformation Sunday Service
 12:00am – Annual Congregational Meeting
 01:00pm – Service available on Facebook

Next Sunday 11:00am – Communion Service
 12:15pm – PWCT

DO NOT FORGET! Turn your clock back next Saturday, November 4, as day light savings time ends!

CONTINUING COLLECTIONS: 1- Grocery Bags for Morrow Food Pantry
2- Food items for Babb Project (see bulletin board for details)



Remember that: Sunday, November 12, we will gather for a **Thanksgiving Luncheon** immediately following Worship. The Session will provide the meats. Please bring side dishes & desserts to share and join in the fellowship.



SECURUS HOUSE – CALL FOR EMERGENCY NEED: TODAY is the last day we will collect Bath Towels & Wash Cloths (new or slightly used) of **any color** for the women's shelter. Thank You!

TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS (new info in bold)

Please notify us concerning new info and updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!

- 09/24 Mallory Banke – surgery complication with nicked pericardium
- 10/22 Gerri Bradley (Mary Smith's sister) – evaluating for new lung cancer treatment, chemo not working
- 09/26 Sidney Cooper (Angie Tharpe's brother) – new leukemia meds
- 09/20 David Hatch – recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous growth
- 09/17 Celine Karka (Philippe's sister) - very ill in Togo
- 10/01 Becky Huie – suffering with severe vertigo
- 09/10 Eliot Lawrence – home recovering from foot surgery & infection
- 10/21 John Lovern – (former member, Tom & Joan Murphy's BIL) – hospice care for heart failure
- 09/10 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – many health issues with recovery from fall
- 10/08 Jo Nelson – home still recovering from breaks in both legs
- 10/03 Bill Stanton (Cathy Morris' brother) – evaluating for various health issues
- 10/03 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer spread to other bones, looking for new meds.
- 10/03 Charles Trotter (Joyce's brother) –seeing specialist for lung problems, tests show polynoid fibrosis

OUR HOMEBOUND: *Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

Nell Cates Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd

The Babb Project—Community Outreach



We are thrilled to have been awarded the **Diaconal Ministry Grant** from the Presbytery to serve the Babb Project. We hope to be able to fund a "uniform closet" at the school for homeless and other transient or disadvantaged students who have no uniforms. Various sizes of shirts and pants will be available for these children. Additionally, we will continue to provide weekend food bags and uniforms for the 22 children at the bottom of the poverty level referred to us from the school. This is double the number we served last year, so this grant will help us meet that need as well.

THANK YOU to Beverly Johnson, David Hatch, Nancy Phillips, and Cathy Morris for all your help and support of the Babb Project each week, Mary Smith, Community Outreach