

**Devotion, Week of October 27, 2024**  
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It seems like once October hits, things just speed up. Suddenly it's Reformation Sunday and Kirkin of the Tartans, then it's All Saint's Day, then it's Thanksgiving, then it's Christ the King Sunday (the end of the liturgical year), and then – it's Advent and Christmas! Special days just come, one after the other. We just heard wonderful bagpipe music by Sam Wiley, who wrote some of it himself, and had a wonderful lunch this past Sunday. FOUR, count them, FOUR, wonderful soups, lots of salads, and great desserts. I ate too much, and I bet those of you who were there did too – it was just so tempting.

I love the majesty of a Kirkin' service – the processional with bagpiper, the beadle, the choir, and the minister. The beginning of worship seems more "in order" somehow. I also love that PPC has a Bible that is about 150 years old that Debbie Bray proudly carried in to set on the communion table with great care. We forget that in the early days of the Reformation, Bibles were treasured objects and rare. They were guarded carefully. Placing that Bible on the communion table symbolizes the conjunction of the Word with The Lord's Supper and the ingathering of the congregation.

We will celebrate All Saints' Day this Sunday and remember the two members of our church who passed away this year – Betty Foster and Don Nelson. As we sing those familiar words from "For All the Saints" we will also remember all those in our families and churches who came before us and showed us the way, and whose teachings still live on in our hearts and lives together. I hope to see you in the service.

Yours in Christ,

*Jeanne*