


WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



ST ANDREW'S DAY

 early years classroom



November 24, 2024

10:00a.m. Service

Our Mission

We are a community called to love God through worship and prayer, receiving and serving our neighbors with the compassion of Christ, open to new beginnings and the spiritual growth of children, youth and adults.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS,
FELLOWSHIP, AND



“PRESBYTERIAN BARS”
AFTER WORSHIP IN THE PARLOR!

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on public access television, Sundays at noon!**

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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8-4:30

St Andrews Day 2024

“Kirk” is the Scottish word for “church.”

Tartans, with their distinctive plaid, represent specific Scottish clans, regions, or regiments.

The “Kirkin’ O’ The Tartans” is the presentation of a Scottish family’s symbol, its tartan, at church for blessing.

After Bonnie Prince Charlie’s Scottish forces were defeated by the English in 1746 in the Battle of Culloden, the wearing of tartans and the playing of bagpipes were forbidden in Scotland for many years.

Wearing or displaying of tartans was punishable by death in an attempt to wipe out their historical identities. They resisted.

During those years, some Scots wore concealed pieces of their tartan when they attended church.

At a particular point in the worship service, they would secretly touch their hidden tartan cloth, and the minister would offer a blessing.

The first formal “Kirkin” in America was conducted at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., in 1941. Their minister at the time was Presbyterian Dr. Peter Marshall, born in Scotland, who was also Chaplain of the United States Senate. Today, we adapt this tradition to our own North American setting.

Not only do we celebrate our Scottish theo-ethnic heritage by presenting fabrics and tokens for blessing, but we rejoice in the image of God in all the people of the world by bringing forward symbols of our diverse backgrounds for inclusion in this blessing.

The three churches which gather here this morning share in this Scottish theological heritage. However, their bond is deeper than even that.

All three churches were founded by Pastor I. O. Sloan, First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck in 1873, First Presbyterian Church of Mandan in 1881, and Glencoe Sloan Memorial Church in 1885.

Glencoe Sloan has the distinction of being the oldest church in North Dakota, where they still hold worship services in the original building!



Meditation:

*O God, we pray for a broader vision of the needs of humanity,
and a deeper compassion to fill those needs;
for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity
in our hearts; for a tapping of the wells of generosity.
May we live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt.
May we be gentle, walking softly with one another.
May we be understanding, lest we shall add to the world's sorrow
or cause to flow needless tears. May we be as anxious
for the rights of others as we are for our own.
May we be as eager to forgive as we are to seek forgiveness.
May we know no barriers of creed or race or sex,
that our love may be like Yours—a love that sees all people
as Your children and our kin. May we be ministers of humanity.*

Peter Marshall

Prelude and Acolytes

Bryson & Bella Fru

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor,
First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck

Procession

“Highland Cathedral”

Lisa McEvers

The Scottish Procession on St. Andrews Day is traditionally led by the Beadle - a lay official of a church, carrying the Holy Scriptures. Historically, especially in poor churches, the Bible was not only the churches most important religious item, it was often also the most valuable possession the church had. The Beadle was charged with keeping the Bible safe in and out of worship.

***Order of Procession (People Rise)**

Beadle:

Joseph Macdonald

(carrying the original Sloan Bible now in the care of Glencoe)

Banners:

Bismarck: Jody Bachmeier

Mandan: Stephan Schroeder &

Glencoe: Stephen Macdonald

Ray Wertz

Pastors: Pastor Leanne Simmons, Pastor Deanna Reikow

Bagpiper, Lisa McEvers

First Presbyterian Church Choirs of Bismarck and Mandan

Introit

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow “

Bismarck and Mandan Choirs

a Scottish Jacobite Air “Mo Ghile Mear”,

words from Psalm 147, adapted by Kiran Wimberly

Call to Worship

Rev. Deanna Reikow, Pastor,

First Presbyterian Church of Mandan

L: From there to here, every step of the way, God has led us.

P: Around every obstacle, through every barrier, God has made a way.

L: When we knew where we were going, and when we only thought we knew –

P: God has cast light upon our path so that each footstep would fall on solid ground.



L: T'was grace that brought us safe thus far

P: And grace shall lead us home.

All: Let us praise our unfailing God!

***Opening Hymn** “This Is My Song”

(tune of Be Still My Soul)

Lyrics: *Lyrics by Lloyd Stone (To the melody of Finlandia)

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
Oh, hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

Invitation to Confession

Josie Hornbacher of Glencoe
Sloan Memorial Presbyterian Church

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we forget our own history and the lessons of faith passed on to us by our forebearers. We forget the importance of your victory over sin and death, and still live as those with no hope. We forget the obstacles lain before our forebearers, the depth of their struggles, and the miracle of your intervention for their good. We forget that we are built on the good you did for them, we often fail to appreciate the good to which you have brought us. We forget their mistakes and sins, we gloss over the histories they left for us, thus failing to learn the lessons they could teach us. Forgive us for disrespecting our own pasts and your role in bringing us to this day.

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Through recognition of your faithful help through all days, help us to see our own future with faith and strength (Silent, Individual, Confession.) In the beautiful name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri and Passing of the Peace**

Young Disciples Lisa McEvers will tell the kids about the bagpipes

***Gratitude for the Grace of Giving, Doxology and Prayer**

Recognition of Lay Pastors

Pastor Deanna

Presentation of Glencoe Sloan Painting

Pastor Leanne

In early Gaelic language, "Glen Coe" meant, "Glen of Weeping" or "Valley of Tears". It is the name of a valley in the Scottish Highlands, remembered for the Massacre of Glencoe which took place in Glen Coe on 13 February 1692. An estimated 30 members and associates of Clan (Mac)Donald of Glencoe were killed by Scottish government forces, allegedly for failing to pledge allegiance to the new monarchs, William III and Mary II. While similar events were not unknown in earlier Scottish history, this was no longer the case by 1692, and the brutality of the massacre shocked contemporaries. It became a significant element in the persistence of Jacobitism in the Highlands during the first half of the 18th century, and remains a powerful symbol to this day. (Jacobitism was a religio-political ideology advocating the restoration of the Catholic House of Stuart to the British throne.) This painting, entitled "Country Church" was done by the well-known North Dakota artist, Gary Miller. It was obtained at an art sale by Celine of Eagle Ministries in Minnesota. With an eye for history and a heart for its rich historical meaning, she discerned that the painting belonged to the church family from which the scene originated. She generously donated it to First Presbyterian, asking that it find its way home!

Prayer of Illumination (from the Scottish Book of Prayer)

Bernie Vinje, Glencoe Sloan

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments. Amen

Reading of Scripture

Daniel 1:1-16

Pastor Leanne

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ² And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god.

³ Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility- ⁴ young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. ⁵ The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

⁶ Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ⁷ The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Beltshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

⁸ But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. ⁹ Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, ¹⁰ but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you." ¹¹ Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, —————>

Mishael and Azariah, ¹² “Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³ Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.” ¹⁴ So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. ¹⁵ At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. ¹⁶ So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

Anthem “Be Thou My Vision” Church Choirs
8th C Irish Hymn Tune, arr. Paul Robinson

A Brief Homily “Refusing to Be Assimilated” Pastor Leanne

Confession of Faith - from the Scots Confession Pastor Leanne

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 people chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Jesus Christ, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints, who, as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, have the fruit of inestimable benefits, one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism.

Kirken’ O’ the Tartans “Ashokan Farewell”
from “The Civil War” waltz composed in the style of a
Scottish lament by Jay Unger, Arvy Smith

Blessing Pastor Deanna

Special Hymn “Amazing Grace” Lisa McEvers, bagpipes

Closing Hymn

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

see attached

Benediction

Scottish Blessing Prayer

Pastor Leanne

May the blessing of light be on you, light without and light within. May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire, so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it. And may light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in the window of a house, bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm. And may the blessing of the rain be on you, may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines, and sometimes a star. And may the blessing of the earth be on you, soft under your feet as you pass along the roads, soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day; and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it. May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly; up and off and on its way to God. And now may the Lord bless you, and bless your kin.

Selkirk Grace- over food (first presented to the earl of Selkirk by Robert Burns in 1794)

“Some hae meat an canna eat, And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat, and we can eat, And sae the Lord be thankit”

Recessional“*Ye Banks and Braes*”

Lisa McEvers

NO POSTLUDE - PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP

*Be ye our angel unawares
If after Kirk ye bide a wee
There's some would like to speak to ye
If after Kirk ye rise and flee
We' all seem could and still to ye
The one that's in the seat with ye
Is stranger here then ye, maybe
All here have got their fears and cares
Add ye your soul unto our prayers
Be ye our angel unaware.*

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor
Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.
Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist
Arvy Smith, Keyboards
Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.
Anita & Runick Fru, Neva Carlisle, Lori & Rick Lee,
and Victor Sonneman ~ Ushers

St. Andrew's Sunday Participants:

Acolytes: Bryson and Bella Fru

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bismarck

Rev. Deanna Reikow, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Mandan

Dr. Stephan Schroeder, Moderator, Glencoe Sloan Memorial Church

Music Director, Debi Rogers

Bag Piper: Lisa McEvers

Keyboards: Arvy Smith

Choirs: First Presbyterian Church Bismarck and Mandan

Beadle: Joseph Macdonald

Banner Carriers: FPC Bismarck, Jody Bachmeier

FPC Mandan, Stephan Schroeder &

Ray Wertz

Glencoe Sloan, Stephen Macdonald

Offering: FPC Bismarck, Ella Gutzke

FPC Mandan, Marsha Beylund

Glencoe Sloan, Wyatt Hornbacher &

Nathan Macdonald

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the




weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



continued:

G D Em C Em



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

G D



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

Em C D Em



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

C D Em C Em



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

TODAY, November 24

**Christmas Wreaths that were ordered from
 Brady Wohl - Boy Scout Troop 6 will be delivered !**



Flowers this week are in memory of:
Esther, Edwin, and John Fru
A gift from: Runick, Anita Fru & family

Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Dinner !

4:00-7:00pm - Dream Center - 1805 Park Ave.

**Open to ALL - come and
enjoy a turkey dinner with
friends and neighbors!**



**FPC of Bismarck will be decorating for Christmas/Advent
Saturday, November 30th**

10:00am

Please come help if you can!!





CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BISMARCK - (214 E Thayer Ave.)

December 1 - 10:00am 1st Sunday of Advent

December 8 - 10:00am Children's Christmas Program

December 10 - 12:00pm Blue Christmas Service-Chapel

December 15 - 10:00am Joyous Music Sunday

December 22 - 10:00am Westminster Chimes Sunday

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services- 4:30pm

9:00pm (communion)

December 29 - 10:00am Worship Service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MANDAN - (310 3rd Ave NW)

December 22 - 10:30am Worship Service

December 24 - 5:30pm Christmas Eve Service

December 29 - 10:30am Worship Service

GLENCOE SLOAN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Hwy 1804 South about 23 miles)

December 22 - 9:00am Worship Service

December 29 - 9:00am Worship Service

COMING

SOON!



Breakfast

With

Santa

Saturday, December 7th

9:30 am - 11:30 am

First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck

Free will offering - Boy Scout Troop 6



BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

**NO BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
AT FPC BISMARCK IN DECEMBER**

**Please feel free to call and schedule a meeting with
Carmen to check your blood pressure. 223-6091**