

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We want you to feel comfortable and at ease in your surroundings. The following services are available to aid your comfort in worship. Please inform the ushers of your particular need(s).

Nursery Staff will welcome your infants and toddlers.

Wireless hearing aids and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Children's bulletins, activity backpacks, and Bibles are available from the ushers.

Please turn all cell phones and pagers to vibrate during the worship service!

Visitors -- Please take a sticker from the inside cover of the pew pad so that we may properly greet you after worship.

Visitors and members are urged to record your presence at worship on the friendship pads which are in the pews. Please include your address, phone number and any other information you wish to share with us and acquaint yourself with those sharing the pew.

We cordially invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship every Sunday morning following the Worship Service in the Family Life Center.

Anyone wishing to unite with the church, please let the Rev. Price-Gibson know.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Church School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Coffee Fellowship following Worship

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday:

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Minister: Every Member of This Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Price-Gibson, Pastor

Rose Miller, Office Administrator

Bruce & Michelle Carlson, Custodians

Alexis Elliott and Tyler Newby, Nursery Coordinators

Web-site: www.fpckearney.org

Presbyterian Church USA

Presbytery of Central Nebraska

Sandy McKirahan, Music Director

Sharon Rees, Accompanist

Angela Wright, Bell Director

www.pcusa.org

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236-6996

Should you have a need for pastoral care, please contact the church office at 234-4543.

Our email address is fpchurch@citlink.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In case of inclement weather, please listen to KGFW-AM Radio Station 1340 or watch NTV Channel 13 for church cancellation. Notice will be posted by 8:30 a.m.

We welcome all visitors to worship this morning. We would like you to learn more about our church and give us a chance to make you feel at home.

If anyone needs a ride to church on Sundays, please call the church office so that we may arrange transportation for you.

If you would like a tape recorded copy of the Sunday Worship Service, please call the church office at 234-4543.

Person of the Month selected by the Worship and Music Committee for **January** is **Dirk Shultz** for making recordings of the Sunday morning worship services.

Dimes for Mission. The Session has voted to allocate all dimes collected in January through March will be designated to Tommy and Relena Myers Family for use at Gracefield Christian Camp in Canada.

Equal Exchange Products. Why not consider giving a gift of Fair Trade coffee, tea or hot cocoa? These products make great additions to a gift basket. Just add some mugs to the basket and you're set for an easy gift!

Save Best Choice Barcode UPC Labels For Cash. Please save your *Best Choice* barcodes (UPC symbol) and bring them to the church where a shoebox is located in the church office. *Best Choice* products are available at Grand Central Apple Market. Some *Best Choice* products excluded are aluminum soda cans, aerosol cans, and cigarettes.

2012 Offering Envelopes. Your 2012 stewardship envelopes for your pledges are available in the Narthex. Please contact the church office if you don't find a set for you.

Flower Chart. The 2012 flower chart is posted on the bulletin board by the church office. Please take a few moments to sign up to contribute flowers to glorify God's house on Sunday and to honor or celebrate your loved ones!

Coffee Host Chart. The Deacons Need YOUR Help! **Wanted: Coffee Hosts for 2012**. If you are one of the many who enjoy the coffee fellowship time after church, then ***WE WANT YOU!*** Please sign up on the chart in the narthex.

Food Donations for Wednesday Night Live. Please sign up to help provide food for the Wednesday Night Live. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Contact Rose Miller with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 29 Kirkin' of the Tartans

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Church School	All Church
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Worship Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center

Monday, January 30

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
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Monday, January 30 – Thursday, February 2

Rev. Price-Gibson at Conference

Wednesday, February 1

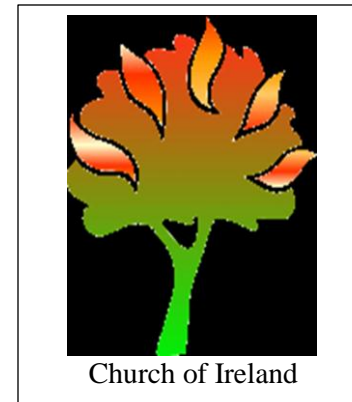
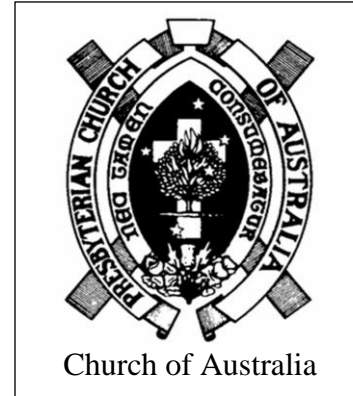
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Live (WNL)	All Church
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 2

11:00 a.m.	Girl Scout Program Meeting	Library
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #802	Family Life Center

Sunday, February 5

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Church School	All Church
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion	Sanctuary
Following Worship Service	Annual Meeting	Sanctuary
Following Annual Meeting	All-Church Potluck	Family Life Center



<p>January 22, 2012 Church School Attendance: 35 - Youth 8, Teachers 8, Adults 19 Church Attendance: 115 Dimes for Mission: 127</p>
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First Presbyterian Church
 4511 Sixth Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845

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For Our Prayers

Our Members:

Bryan Allen and family	Angela Regenos and Family
Lorraine Feind	Jackie Rosenlof
Susie and Abraham Hernandez	The Family of June Sergeant
Mary Kulhanek	Kathy and Phil Shade
Audrey and Bill Nelson	The Family of Doug State

Our Friends of the Church:

Roland Anderson (former church custodian)	Jennifer Leffler (friend of Tiffany Tarvestad)
The Brayton Family (friend of Mary Jo Morrow)	Susan McGillick (friend of Cynthe Johnson)
Kathy Gifford (friend of members)	Lori Nelson (friend of Pat Hild)
Gary Henning (friend of Ken Slominski)	Al Scism (father of Mary Kulhanek)
Jake Hild (brother of Jack Hild)	Serita (friend of Angie Palmer)
Harland Hoffman (friend of Ann Young)	Marvin Spracklen (friend of members)
Kim Jennings (friend of Clayton & Orlena Moyer)	Megan Swartwood (cousin of Jamie Wright)
Jewel Knudsen (sister of Joan Giles)	
The Family of Kyle Gilliland (friend of Janet Pickens)	
The Family of DeEtte Huffman (grandmother of Orlena Moyer)	
The Family of Donna Jensen (mother of Marsha Yeagley)	
The Family of Flo Meuse (mother of Beth Johnson)	
Jan Oldfather (sister-in-law of Alan & Germaine Oldfather)	

Our Loved Ones In Service To Our Country:

Brian Adams-Army	Amy Jacobson-Guard
Brent Anderson-Guard	Ben Jacobson-Coast Guard
Max Beltzer-USMC	Robert Lentz-Army
Brian Betthausen-Army	Kristin Lindenstone-USAF
Matt Dubbs-Guard	Michael Miller-USAFR
Sarah, Brian and Aaron Felty-Army	Blake Popple-Guard
Jesse Florez-Navy	Ryan Rowher-Army
Thomas Gibson-USAF	Greg Stevens-USMC
Gary Haines-USAF	Linda Youberg-Navy
David Hild-Guard	

Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

Danbury First Presbyterian Church	Presbyterian Border Ministry
Angie Palmer, Presbytery Administrator	

Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current.

Unless otherwise requested we will keep names on the prayer list for four weeks.

Welcome!

First Presbyterian Church Kearney commits to living forward with God through passion and excellence by nurturing the gifts of our members and reaching out to each other, the community, and the world.

A Word to our Guests

We are so glad to have you with us this morning!
Join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service in the Family Life Center, down the hall to the right as you leave the Sanctuary.
Please help yourself to a gift bag that is on the table in the foyer as you leave the building.

Today we are observing Scottish Heritage Sunday. Scotland is the country in which the Presbyterian Church first came into existence during the Protestant Reformation of the 16th Century. Our written prayers this morning are taken from the 1884 edition of the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland, and reflects how Scottish Presbyterians worshiped when First Presbyterian Church was chartered in Kearney.

Prayer of Preparation

O God, my Father, give unto me the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that I may worship thee this day in spirit and in truth. Keep far from me every vain and evil thought, and grant that through the blessing of thy worship I may be enabled to serve thee truly in my daily life, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

January 29, 2012

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:30 A.M.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All hymns numbered 2000 or higher may be found in the "Sing the Faith" hymnal.

***Those who are able please stand**

PRELUDE "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown" Traditional Scottish Melody

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING Stephen Price-Gibson

PROCESSIONAL

“Highland Cathedral”

(The Congregation will please rise as the Piper leads the Procession into the sanctuary.)

- Piper: Edwin Mukasha
- Beadle: Richard Elliott
- Acolytes: Molly Hoback and Ella Lindstrom
- Banner Carrier: John McKirahan
- Sexton: Alan Rees
- Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church
- Clergy: Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Price-Gibson
- Procession of Honored Guests: The Honorable Judge John Icenogle, Grand Marshal

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Richard Elliott, Liturgist

O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker:
For his is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*HYMN

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

No. 280

*CALL TO CONFESSION

I John 1:8, 9

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.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O merciful God, we acknowledge and confess before thee our many sins,
 especially those which our consciences charge against us.
 Thou art our Father, but we have been disobedient children.
 Thou art our King, but we have been rebellious subjects.
 Thou art our Master, but we have been unprofitable servants.
 When we would have done good, evil has been present with us.
 Our own hearts condemn us,
 and thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things.
 Have mercy upon us.
 For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ pardon our sins.
 Give unto us the assurance of reconciliation and forgiveness.
 Fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
 and grant unto us grace to love thee more truly,
 and to serve thee better in all time to come,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

January 11–March 28 – 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Our Wednesday Night Live program has reconvened. Please join us as we spend time enjoying one another. We will practice the faith, eat together, study God’s word, play games, and glory God with song. All ages are welcome and we start at 5:30 p.m. This Spring Pastor Stephen will lead a confirmation class. During the season of Lent, Pastor Stephen will lead an adult Bible study titled “Witches, Zombies, Ghosts and Other Bible Characters.” Come be part of WNL. Dinner costs only \$2 for adults; \$1 for kids. You don’t want to miss the best priced meal in Kearney, do ya?

5:30-6:00 pm Adults - Sunday Spice;

K-5th Grade – Vocal Choir

6:00-6:30 pm Dinner Time for all groups

6:30-7:00 pm K-5th Grade & Adults - Bible Study

6:30-7:00 pm Middle/Senior Youth Groups – Group Time

7:00-7:30 pm Games for all groups

7:30-8:00 pm Senior High Youth Group – Bible Study

7:30-8:30 pm Middle School Youth Group – Confirmation Class

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE ON FEBRUARY 22

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 6:30 P.M.

<u>February 1</u>	<u>February 8</u>	<u>February 15</u>
Baked Chicken & Rice	Stromboli	Stew
Green Beans	Pasta Salad	Peaches
Fruit Cocktail	Chips	Dinner Roll
Cupcakes	Cookies	Brownies/Bars

Hope to see you there!!!!

COMMUNION SERVERS

Instead of eight communion servers, only six will be necessary for the time being. If you are willing to serve communion (first Sunday of the month and Maundy Thursday), have been, or are now a Deacon or Elder, please contact Kathleen Johnston, current Worship & Music Committee Moderator, at 236-9247.

RECREATION DAY Saturday, March 10, 2012 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Parents and Grandparents, mark your calendar and plan to bring the little ones to church on Saturday, March 10th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Light snack provided. We have a lot of playing in store – Dodgeball, 4 Square, and Basketball. Nursery Supervision provided for the younger children. No registration necessary. For more details contact the church office.

THE AMERICAN BOYCHOIR

On Monday, April 23, the American Boychoir will be traveling to Kearney from Colorado Springs. The Worship and Music Committee has volunteered our church to host the boys overnight. Founded in Columbus, Ohio in 1937, the choir has been located in Princeton, New Jersey, since 1950. Its members – boys in grades 4 through 8 – come from around the country to pursue a rigorous academic and musical curriculum at the American Boychoir School.

There are 30 boys in the choir, so we need 15 families who could provide them with lodging and breakfast. To show their appreciation for our hospitality, the choir has offered to do a private mini-concert for the host families upon their arrival at our church. If possible, we would also like to offer them a potluck dinner. They will be traveling to Lincoln the next day.

If you could host two boys (separate beds), please let Sandy McKirahan or Kathleen Johnston know. This is a great opportunity for our church to extend our hospitality to the United States' premier concert boy's choir.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
Friends, believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM "The Lord is My Shepherd" David N. Childs
Chancel Choir with Vergil Nelson, trombone

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Almighty God, who hast bestowed thy word upon us,
grant unto us grace rightly to understand it.
Save us from using thy word deceitfully,
from wresting it to serve our own purpose,
from being in bondage to the letter whilst we neglect the spirit;
and grant that searching the scriptures diligently
we may find in them their testimony to Christ,
and beholding his glory reflected in them,
may be changed into the same image from glory unto glory,
even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

FIRST LESSON	Exodus 3:1-15	Red Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 50 Gold Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 64
GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 16:21-23	Red Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 18 Gold Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 24
SERMON	"BURNING BUT NOT CONSUMMED"	



*HYMN "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" No. 170

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;

born of the Virgin Mary;

suffered under Pontius Pilate;

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF OUR HONORED GUESTS AND DEDICATION TO GOD'S SERVICE

We offer to you all we are, all we have, all we do, and all whom we shall meet this day, and in the coming week, that you will be given the glory.

We offer you our homes, our work, our schools. Fill them with peace and love, may all be done as unto you.

We offer to you the coal and oil, the seas and soil, the air and animals, our homes and hospitals, the high rise and the rolling hills; may we steward your creation to your glory.

May Sunday be a day and this church a place of resurrection. May each person find their own renewal in you, Our God, in you Our Christ.

May our homes be places of hospitality and hope, that we may know your risen presence as we share lives and enjoy the company of others.

May our churches worship in a way that brings honor to you, joy to the people, and healing to the land.

We pray for our community and our nation to find well-being in Christ and to become a shining mission place. We dedicate these who work and serve in this community to your living presence.

In the name of the Living Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE TARTANS

Richard Elliott, our Beadle, will receive the Tartans to be dedicated.

Taize Worship Service

Sunday, February 12, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

The TAIZE Community was first developed in Taize, France by Brother Roger Shutz in the 1940's with an ecumenical group of church people from all over the world. It is from this community that TAIZE worship has come.

TAIZE worship includes candlelight, prayers, readings, soft music, and silence. The service is very meditative and offers a wonderful opportunity to be silent and center on the Lord.

The service is open to the entire community.

Come as you are – and bring your friends.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES

BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES meet once a month from September to May. Please consider joining any circle that best fits into your schedule. All women of the church are welcome! The Bible Study's book is *Confessing the Beatitudes*.

<u>Hannah Circle</u>	<u>Ruth Circle</u>	<u>B.A.G. Ladies Circle</u>
Monday, February 20	Tuesday, February 21	Wednesday, February 15
7:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Janet Pickens' Home	Church Classroom	Church Library

TIME TRAVEL, GHOSTS AND ZOMBIES:

A BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays in Lent, beginning February 29, 2012

Explore how the Bible's use of stories of paranormal phenomena sheds light on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the New Testament church and for us today.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 5, 2012

Following 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

All-Church Potluck following the Annual Meeting
sponsored by the Evangelism Committee

Bring a covered dish to share.

Table service and drinks will be provided.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

The youth group is hosting a SouperBowl Can drive collection at the church. Donations will be given to our local food pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items to church. We have an area in the Narthex available to collect the items. We are collecting items now through Superbowl Sunday which is February 5th.

PRIME OF LIFE

Prime of Life will meet on Sunday, February 12, 2012. Please note Prime of Life moved to the second Sunday in February because of the SuperBowl. Hosts for February are: Gayle and Wilma Woodruff, Dewaine and Betty Fisher, Vi Pimper, and Myron Haines. Contact one of the hosts to confirm your attendance. The Taize service is the program.

Prime of Life is a social group that meets at the church on the first Sunday evening of each month for a light meal, delightful program, and wonderful fellowship. We want to extend an open invitation to everyone of the "mature age" of 55 or older. Singles and couples are welcome.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Skye Boat Song"

Folk Song

*PRESENTATION

"Doxology"

Tune: Tallis Canon

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Lord our Lord, accept the offerings of thy people, which, in obedience to thy commandment, in honor of thy name, and with a free will and joyful heart, we yield and dedicate to thee: and grant unto us thy blessing, that the same being devoted to thy service, may be used for thy glory, and for the welfare of thy church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*CLOSING HYMN

"The Summons"

No. 2130

Men Verse 3; Women Verse 4

*BENEDICTION

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Spirit of God"

Skye Boat Song

*POSTLUDE

"Scotland the Brave"

Traditional

We cordially invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship every Sunday morning following the Worship Service in the Family Life Center.

Next week's lectionary readings are: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; and Mark 1:29-39.

The Procession of Honored Guests 2012

The Honorable Judge John Icenogle, Ninth Judicial District
Grand Marshal

Community Leaders

Stan Clouse, Mayor of Kearney, Nebraska
Hoss Dannehl, Buffalo County Board of Supervisor Vice-President
Richard Pierce, Buffalo County Board of Supervisor Chairman
Joe Woodward, Buffalo County Assessor
Dr. Steven Rothenberger, Professor, Biology, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Dr. Mary Beth Ailes, Professor, History, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Mary Jo Morrow, Faculty, Communication Disorders, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Ron Payne, Kearney Gideons Camp
Kevin Badgley, GSH Emergency Medical Technician
Jerry Marlatt, Habitat for Humanity
Vern Plambeck, Kearney Area Symphony Orchestra
Julia Tye, Kearney Area Symphony Orchestra
Meredith Collins, Planning Director, Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska
Kristeen McBee, Teacher, YMCA Litter Learners Preschool
Kristen Larsen, Executive Director, Arc of Buffalo County
Shelley Burke, Adult Services Director, Arc of Buffalo County
Tami Fleischman, Head Coordinator, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program
Rodney Lantz, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program and Bloodhound "Molly"
Judy Lantz, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program and Bloodhound "Magic"
Claudia Murr, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program and Corgi Mixes "Hansel" and "Gretel"
Kim Williams, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program and Welsh Corgi "Penny"
Gaylene and Jerry Arent, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program and mixed breed "Sissy"
Norene Bydalek, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program and Bichon Freise "Millie"
Helen Miller, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program and Samoyed "Neco"
Larry Miller, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program and Samoyed "Brighton"
Patrice Brost, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program and Greyhound "Hannah"
Marla Bouton, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program and cat "Peanut"
Pauline Jacobson, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program and Poodle "Gordon"
Jude and Gordon Bennett, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program
and Golden Retriever "Schatzi"
Marion Grandone, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program
and Golden Retriever "Saylor"
Lisa and Renee Telting, GSH Animal Assisted Therapy Program
and Golden Retriever "Jamieson"

Liturgist: Richard Elliott

Acolytes: Molly Hoback and Ella Lindstrom

Greeters: Leonard and Suzanne DeBrie

Ushers: Mike Bryson, Dean Gaeth, Larry and Barb Meyer, Alan Rees, and
Barbara Stevenson

Organist/Choir Director: Sandy McKirahan

Accompanist: Sharon Rees

Sound System Operator: John McKirahan

Nursery Attendant: Alexis Elliott or Tyler Newby

The flowers this morning are given by John and Sandy McKirahan.

BAGPIPER EDWIN MUKUSKA

Edwin Mukusha is from Zimbabwe and has been playing bagpipes for twenty years. He started in high school when he still lived in his home country. Scottish highland music is what he played then and does that with a combination of other styles including highland drumming. Bagpipes showed up in Africa because of British rule from years past. Edwin has had some wonderful opportunities to perform for many people from all over the world.

- ◆ World Pipe Band Championship in Scotland in 1988 – Awarded best overseas school pipe band.
- ◆ British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Queen Elizabeth II of England and Prince Edward on separate occasions.
- ◆ Churchill School Pipe Band and Matant Pipeband in Zimbabwe, Lincoln Pipes and Drums in Lincoln, Omaha Pipes and Drums and Strathdon Caledonia Pipe Band in Omaha, and North Texas Caledonia Pipe Band.

Edwin loves competing and playing his instrument for weddings, birthday, memorials and civic events around Lincoln and Central Nebraska. This instrument requires a lot of work and discipline and it is Edwin's mission to share his music with others. Edwin works for the University of Nebraska Administrative Systems Group as the Business Technology Lead.

A Scottish Celebration

Today, we are honoring the Scottish heritage of Presbyterianism which began with John Knox in Scotland. The *Kirkin' of the Tartan* service originated in the United States during the 1940's and was instituted by Dr. Peter Marshall, minister of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Dr. Marshall began the ceremony as a special offering to aid Scots who were suffering the ravages of WWII. The presentation of the tartans symbolized the rededication of one's life to God's service, and affirms the Scottish roots of our Presbyterian heritage.



The *Beadle* this morning is *Richard Elliott*. In the Scottish Church, the Beadle brings in the Holy Bible, opens it and takes it out after the Service.

Our Scottish heritage is being celebrated with special music by *Bagpiper Edwin Mukasha*.

The *Sexton* is the church officer who traditionally woke dozing worshippers with his staff. Brother Rees takes his duties very seriously so please, stay alert!

Shortbread will be served after worship in the Family Life Center.

The multicolored *Scots Confession Banner* symbolizes the 1560 statement of faith authorized by John Knox, which is one of the nine confessions of faith in our church.

The Highlander has long been a lover of the grand Old Testament texts from the hymnal that Jesus used when he was here upon the earth, the *Book of Psalms*. Indeed, in true Calvinist fashion, only the Psalms and Canticles of the Old Testament were allowed in worship by our early Presbyterian forbears.

An Explanation of the Banner Honoring the Scots of Confession

(Scotland 1560)

The Blue of the Shield. The background color of the Church of Scotland.

The Tartan, X-Shaped Cross. A form called St. Andrew's Cross, he being the apostle who brought the gospel to Scotland. The tartan, or plaid, is that of the Hamilton clan, in honor of the first martyr of the Scottish Reformation, Patrick Hamilton.

The Celtic Cross. Another ancient form associated with Christians of the British Isles.

The Ship. A symbol for the Church; the Confession contains a remarkable, strong doctrine of the Church. The ship also symbolizes John Knox's imprisonment as a galley slave.

The Bible and the Sword. Paul called the word of God "The sword of the Spirit", and the sharpness of John Knox's preaching of the Word was a major power for reformation in Scotland.

The Burning Bush Which Is Not Consumed. Reminding us of Moses' Sinai experience, thus a symbol of God's presence and call: the chief symbol of the Church of Scotland.

Enjoy the Shortbread and Fellowship in the Family Life Center after worship. Our thanks to these ladies who made the shortbread.

Sharon Beltzer

Barb Friskopp

Margaret Holzrichter

Suzie Bresley

Alma Gaeth

Jean Johnson

Sally Bryson

Jill Gealy

Shirley McCammond

Patricia Elliott

Joan Hartman

Beverly Pickens

Betty Fisher

Pat Hild

Annabelle Wells

Our special thanks to Barbara Stevenson who made our Scottish Confession banner.

We wish to thank our bagpiper, Edwin Mukasha; our banner carrier, John McKirahan; our Beadle, Richard Elliott; and our sexton, Alan Rees.