

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

November 22, 2009 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand if you choose*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Brother James' Air* Wright

ACOLYTES Allison Kurtz and Lindsay Kurtz

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS
(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION Advent Faire, Andrea Murdoch

PROCESSIONAL of PIPERS and TARTANS Liam Bacon, shuttle pipes

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT
Come and Find the Quiet Center (vs. 1 & 3 only) No. 2128

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Joel Yoder, Jim McClean, Liturgists

One: The world belongs to God,

All: the earth and all its people

One: How good and how lovely it is

All: to live together in unity.

One: Love and faith come together,

All: justice and peace join hands.

One: If the Lord's disciples keep silent,

All: these stones would shout aloud.

One: Open our lips, O God,

All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE *Morning Has Broken* No. 469

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give: for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech; for all that we have left undone, for all that we have done amiss. As we receive the word and knowledge of your forgiveness, enshroud us, encircle us, each day and each night.

Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting; strong Son of God most high.

~from the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, God's grace has been given to us through Jesus Christ, ever-kind, ever-loving, ever-powerful!

All: **In our need God bestows upon us God's abundance, favor and deliverance. Thanks be to God!**

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Brother James' Air

arr. Jacob

Laurel Kreutzer, alto

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 and Matthew 25:14-30

SUNG PSALM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

No. 171

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

On Learning to Manage the Business Called Life

Pastor Minshew

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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 Spirit, by whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence, to such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory. Amen.

~from The Scots Confession of 1560 (Rev. John Knox)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Farewell to Oban

Donald MacLean

Liam Bacon, shuttle pipes

❖ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE TARTANS

Gracious God, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, we pray you to bless these Tartans and the spirit of family which they represent. In your grace link us to the rich heritage of the Saints who built the Kirk and left us an inheritance of faith and witness to your power in their lives. We thank you for your servants upon whose lives our spiritual genealogy rests. We thank you for the Kirk of Christ, in which we gather together as the family of God, with you as our Creator, and Jesus as our brother. Overcome we pray you, the differences in our educational, social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds, to make us one in Christ. Use us as servants of reconciliation to this end. In response to your love, we rededicate ourselves and our families to serve you and one another, through the Kirk, to the glory of your Kingdom, and the honor of Christ Our Lord. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE TARTANS

One: Bring forth the Tartans! Raise the Tartans!

All: **We raise them up to God.**

One: We raise these Tartans before Almighty God in appreciation of our heritage and ask God's blessings on all God's servants. In the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and of the Sustainer.

One: Lower the Tartans.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN

Grace Alone

No. 2162

❖ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Deep peace of the running waves to you,

All: **Deep peace of the flowing air to you,**

One: Deep peace of the smiling stars to you,

All: **Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,**

One: Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you,

All: **Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.**

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (vs. 1 & 4 only)

No. 260

RECESSIONAL OF PIPERS

PIANO POSTLUDE

Etude in A \flat

Chopin