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REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

November 3, 2024

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

Highland Cathedral

Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

WELCOME AND THE LIFE OF THE KIRK

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has worked through the lives of women and men, clans and families, to grant us a great legacy of faith.

The Lord our God is with us today as he has been present with his people in the past, and will be present with us in the future.

On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we stand before God in gratitude for our heritage giving thanks that in every age you have raised men and women to live and die in faith.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.

A time to be born and a time to die, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to grieve and a time to dance.

Now is our time to remember those who have preceded us across the river into a place of eternal dwelling, a land of milk and honey, as we have never imagined.

We remember our kindred; a father, a mother, a sister, a brother, a son, a daughter, a husband, a wife, a friend closer than blood.

Sylvia Clark

Jane W. Howington

Barbara Weigle

Patricia Barrett

Mary Harrover

Margaret Ann Mobley

Brenda Sharpe

Harry T. Harper, III

Marquin Conklin Barrett

Rebecca (Becky) D. Hill

James D. Harrover, Jr.

Katherine (Kat) Barnett McCall

Richard (Dick) Geiselman

George William Lansdowne, Jr.

They were the ones who shaped us, who nurtured us and taught us. Their faithfulness helped us to be faithful. Their encouragement gave us strength. Even now their example shows us the way to live.

Lord, make us more like the good that was in them, wiser through their legacy to us, richer through their belief in us, stronger through their faith in us, that as long as we live, their good influence will live, as does the redeeming power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*HYMN 326

For All The Saints

SINE NOMINE

*CONFESSION¹

Rev. Boyd Lien

God of mercy, God of love, in humbleness of heart we confess our sins. We forget to love and serve you, and wander from your ways. We are careless of your world, and put its life in danger. We talk of concern for others, but fail to match our words with action. God of the new days and God of love, you created us and you have redeemed us. As you scatter the mist from the hills, banish the deeds of darkness from the sons and daughters of your light. Help us to know and believe that, as the children of your love, we are free to begin again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON²

God desires not the judgement of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. The same Almighty God pardons and absolves all those which truly repent and believe his holy gospel. Wherefore, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that we may receive from him absolution from all our sins, that those things may please him which we do at this present time, and that the rest of our life, hereafter, may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

***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.***

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Pie Jesu

Gabriel Faure
(1845—1924)

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem; dona eis requiem sempiternam requiem
(Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them rest; grant them rest, eternal rest.)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, word, and spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN OF THE KIRK

Ms. Joy Maple

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Casto-Waters

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:1-3

SERMON

RECEPTION OF 2024 PLEDGES

Saints Today, Saints of Old

John Horman
(b. 1946)

*BLESSING OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE TARTANS

As the Scots Confession... Never let us forget that a heritage of faith is a responsibility to be shared.

Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

Thank you, O God, for the blessing of family; the warmth, comfort, and security of family love. Never let us forget that our family love is a gift to be shared, that the stranger may be as welcome as a sibling.

Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

We praise you, O God, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in a community of faith. Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we too, have lives to live in faith.

Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we stand before God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God's blessing on God's servant people in all lands. For we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ, for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

*HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL OF THE TARTANS

Scotland the Brave

*All who are able please stand

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² Adapted from Scottish Reformer John Knox's Liturgy of 1560

Participating in Worship

Preacher

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Worship Leaders

Rev. Boyd Lien

Ms. Joy Maple

Musicians

Mr. Wayne Lord

Chancel Choir

Mrs. Dianne Brown, Soloist

Aiken Sheriff's Pipes & Drums

Acolyte

Hayes Ushry

Friendship Pad Pick-up

Jane Houston

Ushers

Will Salley

Tripp Wilson

Paul Rosenzweig

Trey Few

Phil Lee

JohnClark Cook

BULLETIN COVER

Eccentric Generosity, watercolor on paper by Kat McCall
August, 2024

SCRIPTURAL INSPIRATION:

- *Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.* 1 John 3:18
- *She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.* Proverbs 31:20

John encourages us to let our love for our neighbor flow through our hands with actions, and that same thought is expressed in Proverbs. Although the verse in Proverbs is speaking of a woman, it can apply to all people. The poor and needy mentioned do not just have physical needs but have emotional, mental, and spiritual needs as well. Both verses point to the necessity of pairing our faith with actions. These deeds are like seeds blowing in the wind that settle, take root, and blossom into things we cannot even begin to imagine.

ARTIST STATEMENT & EXPLANATION OF PAINTING:

I was presented with the idea of "unexpected" hospitality by the church staff as Reid's fall theme, and asked to create a piece of art. For me, "unexpected" hospitality would be that which goes beyond the expected things we do for others; not necessarily large actions but maybe small actions which add unanticipated depth, meaning, and an expression of generosity and, maybe, even considered eccentric!

We know that Reid Memorial Church is not the actual building at 2261 Walton Way, but the *people* of Reid Memorial. Therefore, the image of the building fades into the background as the rendering of the hands (representing the people of the church and their actions) comes into sharp focus at the forefront. The movement "splatters" above the hands are seeds being scattered throughout our community. Let us open ourselves to the prodding of the holy spirit to reach out to others in eccentric and generous ways.