

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS
October 31, 2021

The Procession

The Pipers: Walt & Susan Schumann
The Beadle: Jim Gibbs
The Preacher: Dr. Raymond Guterman
The Flags:
USA: Cole Payne
Christian: Paige Lawson
Presbyterian: Carolena Payne

Roll Call of the Clans

As your clan is called, please bring your tartan to the front of the church and place it in the stand. All other family members are asked to stand as your clan is called.

Anderson	McQuagge/Pitman
Burns	Nelson, Richard
Campbell	Reddoch
Campbell	Stadsklev, Tom
Fletcher	Nelson
McClellan	Franz
McCorquedale	Ward, Laurie
McDougall	McClure/Schmidt
McFarlin	Daffin
MacGregor	Bannerman
MacKenzie	Wandeck
MacKinnon	Howell, Jan and Tinsley, Gina

MacLeod of Harris	McClure
MacLeod of Harris	McDaniel
MacLeod of Lewis	McCaskill/Macky Gortemoller
MacNeil of Barra/ Colonsay	McNeill
Sinclair	Franz
Stewart	Green (Ginger)
Stewart	Stewart (Frankie)
Stewart	Ward, Laurie
Stuart	Law

Announcement by the Beadle

On behalf of all clans here represented we raise these tartans before Almighty God in appreciation of our heritage and ask God's blessings on God's servants in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Blessing of the Tartans

Almighty God, who has watched over the clans from generation to generation, bless these tokens of our heritage and grant us grace and wisdom to contribute full measure to the upholding of all your people, the creation of peace and justice in this world, and to the furtherance of the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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WHAT IS A KIRKIN'?

THE FIRST KIRKIN'

The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC held the first Kirkin' during the early years of World War II. The late Dr. Peter Marshall, an eloquent Scot, and pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. (and later Chaplain of the U.S. Senate), led the service in 1943, choosing "Kirkin' O' Tartan" for the title of his sermon. He had preached many sermons in support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. His sermons were so popular that a request was made for their publication, with the proceeds designated for war relief programs. As the war continued, the DC St. Andrews Society continued to hold prayer services for the British subjects. These became known as Kirkins.

The History

The ceremony of Kirkin' O' the Tartan is of American origin, though based on Scottish history and legend. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, an act was passed that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts or tartans which represented Scottish heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill any person dressed in or displaying the tartan.

The Legend

This act prompted the Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartan as they went to the Kirk or church. The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against the tartan lasted for nearly 50 years. When at last repealed, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.