



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 27, 2024 - Kirkin' o' the Tartans

Thanksgiving in a Bag/Season of Service

It is almost time for our annual Thanksgiving in a Bag and Season of Service projects. We'll be sharing more information in the coming weeks, but you can purchase a ham in the Welcome Center today for your donation.

Online Giving Transition

Our online giving platform has been moved over to our new software application, Church Center/Planning Center Online. Some of our regular givers are still set up on Qgiv for recurring gifts. **We will be canceling this service effective October 31st.** Please transfer your recurring gifts over to Church Center.

If you need help canceling with Qgiv or setting up your new giving with Church Center, please contact Susan DeLoach (sdeloach@fpclakeland.org) or Andrea Merritt (amerritt@fpclakeland.org).

Stewardship

It's time for our annual Stewardship season. You will be receiving more information in the coming days, and we encourage you to prayerfully consider your pledge.

Service Opportunity

If you are looking for a way to serve at FPC, we have two opportunities open now.

- Front Desk Workers - Volunteers answer phones, direct people coming into the church office, and assist staff members. Shifts are from 9 am - 1 pm and 1-5 pm.
- Sunday Morning Bus Drivers - We need drivers to pick up members from Westminster and Lake Morton Plaza for the 10:30 am service.

Contact Jackie Hansen at: jhansen@fpclakeland.org if you are interested.

Connect with Us

There are QR codes around the church (or use the link: <https://fpclakeland.churchcenter.com/setup>) that will lead you to our new Church Center app. Any staff member can help you.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

The word 'kirk' means "church" in Scottish, and when presented as 'kirkin,' it means blessing. Tartans are the traditional plaid emblems of Scottish clans (or families), represented in unevenly spaced colored lines and rectangles on woven wool cloth.

A Kirkin' o' the Tartans is an American tradition, first begun in the 1940s in Washington, DC by the late Dr. Peter Marshall, then pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. Marshall, and the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC, held the service as a call to prayer and support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. Marshall went on to be the chaplain of the U.S. Senate for a number of years.

To learn more, go to: <https://fpclakeland.org/events/fpc-holds-annual-kirkin-o-the-tartans-worship-service/>

Hospital Visits

As of this summer, Lakeland Regional is no longer providing our pastoral team with notices when our members are admitted to the hospital. We want to be able to minister to you and your family when a hospital stay is necessary. Please help us with that by letting us know when a family member or friend is in the hospital. You may reach out to any of the pastoral team to provide them with the needed information.

Costumes and Candy

Thank you to everyone who donated candy, hosted a booth, and attended our annual Costumes and Candy event on Friday. We could not hold these community events without the support and participation of our congregation. We are grateful for each of you.

Important Dates

Kirkin O' the Tartans | Oct. 27 | 10:30 am Classic Service

Spirit of Service Luncheon | Nov. 8 | 10 am | Room A

Buddy Break | Nov. 9 | 10 am | Loudon Hall

Bach Festival | Nov. 10 | 3 pm | Sancutary

Chili Cook Off | Nov. 17 | 4:30 - 6:30 pm | Loudon Hall

For current information on classes and groups, please see our website - www.fpclakeland.org.



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