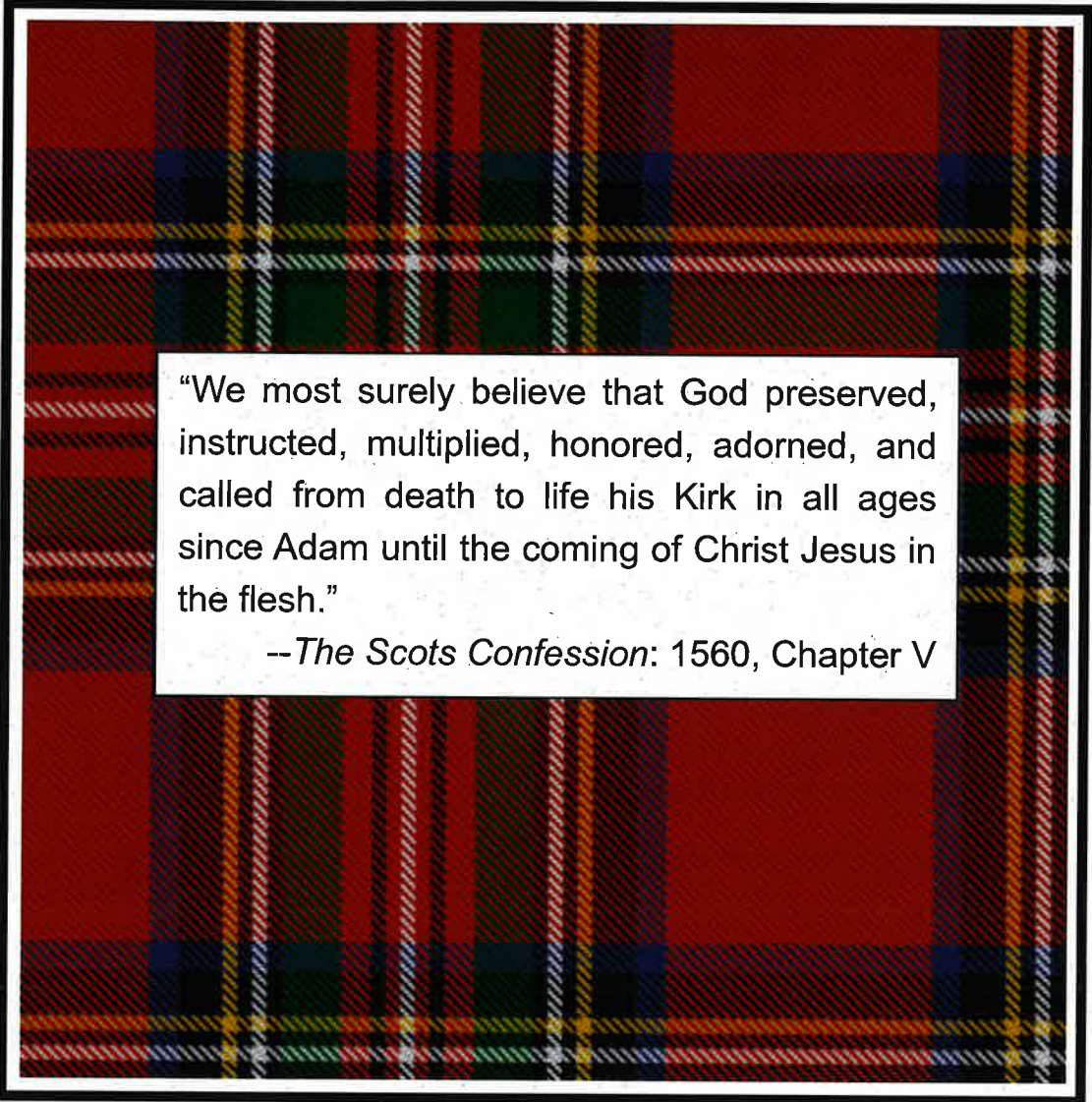


Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Sunday, October 11, 2026

10:30 a.m.



"We most surely believe that God preserved, instructed, multiplied, honored, adorned, and called from death to life his Kirk in all ages since Adam until the coming of Christ Jesus in the flesh."

--*The Scots Confession*: 1560, Chapter V

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(Parts of the service are taken from the *Scottish Book of Order*)

ADORATION

Preparatory Meditation

On August 17, 1560, Reformer John Knox and five of his colleagues presented to the Parliament of Scotland the first Reformed Confession of Faith written in the English language. "The Scots Confession," as it is now known, united all of Scotland in its politics and in the church. From that day on, the nation was united under a Protestant Flag, emblazoned with the Cross of St. Andrew. It was the birth of the Church of Scotland, and Presbyterians became a new denomination of Christians. With voices singing, drums beating, and bagpipes playing, let us celebrate our Scottish heritage in this service for the worship of God.

Chiming of the Hour

****Call for the Covenanters***

Roy Hemphill, Captain of the Covenanters

****Processional and the Entrance of the Holy Scriptures***

*"Highland Cathedral"
Palmetto Pipes and Drums*

Michael Korb, Uli Roever

****Call to Worship [Psalm 66]***

Elise Collins

Leader: Come and see what God has done.
People: God's deeds and power are awesome.
Leader: God turned the sea into dry land.
People: God's people passed through the river on foot.
Leader: Shout for joy to God all the earth:
All Sing: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
Hymn #581 and to the Holy Ghost.**
**As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

****Opening Hymn #687***

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

** Please stand if you are able*

***A Blessing for Families**

Jay LaForge, Beadle

On behalf of all Scots away from Scotland, and all those descended from that great land, we present these symbols of our families before almighty God and request that you ask His blessings on them and on every family present in this holy sanctuary.

***The Kirkin' Liturgy**

Jay LaForge, Beadle

Be ye Scottish or be ye not,...EVERY family, EVERY person, speak forth your name in this rededication time.

Leader: Bring to God the names of every family and clan and people. Bring to God the tartans, the symbols of family heritage, the symbols of God's future.

People: On behalf of every family and all the clans presented, we raise up to God every symbol and tartan and name in gratitude for our heritage and in thanksgiving for our redemption in Jesus Christ. We pray God's blessing on those who serve in the Name of Christ. We pray God's salvation for those who do not know our Savior.

Leader: Speak aloud the names of families (Scottish or not). Speak them NOW... Let us pray.

People: Eternal God, our Lord and Sovereign, bless the names and symbols of our families and clans. Remind us that no matter what our heritage from the boundaries of humankind, that we are the work of your hands. In Jesus Christ, you have called us by name! We belong to you! As we bear our names and wear the symbols of our clans, call us in your power to be your faithful people, to live in peace, to work your justice, and to proclaim the good news of salvation. We give ourselves to you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Jay LaForge, Beadle

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon [from *The Scots Confession*]

Jay LaForge, Beadle

Our faith and its assurance are the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. We confess that the Holy Ghost does sanctify and regenerate us, without respect to any merit proceeding from us. He who has begun the work in us alone continues us in it, to the praise and glory of His undeserved grace. Thanks be to God.

Response to Assurance #801
(Please remain seated)

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

CRIMOND

PROCLAMATION

Offering

Elise Collins

Offertory Anthem

"Brother James Air"

Gordon Jacob

****Doxology*** (On Screens)

OLD HUNDREDTH

****Prayer of Dedication***

Elise Collins

Children may choose to exit at this time:

K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children's Chapel

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Dr. Jeff Newlin

Almighty God, in this time of holy quiet, as the Scriptures are read, reveal yourself to us; and may your Holy Spirit renew, illuminate, and refresh our souls. Amen.

Old Testament Scripture Reading [Isaiah 11:1-10, NRSV]

Elise Collins

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: ² And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; ³ And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: ⁴ But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. ⁵ And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. ⁶ The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. ⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

New Testament Scripture Reading [Ephesians 3:14-4:6, NRSV]

Dr. Newlin

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

⁴ I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Reader: This is God's Word for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Dr. Newlin

***Affirmation of Faith** [from *The Scot's Confession*]

Sarah Pinson

We confess and acknowledge one God, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only 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 Ghost. By whom we confess 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 his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

The Scots Confession was written at a turning point in Scottish history. When the Queen Regent Mary of Guise died in her sleep in 1560, the Protestant nobility of Scotland was able to secure English recognition of Scottish sovereignty in the Treaty of Edinburgh. The Scottish Parliament, having declared Scotland a Protestant nation, asked the clergy to frame a confession of faith. Six ministers, including John Knox, completed their work in four days. In 1560, the document was ratified by Parliament as "doctrine grounded upon the infallible Word of God." ... "Cleave, serve, worship, trust" are key words in the document. As a call to action in a turbulent time, the Scots Confession reflects a spirit of trust and a commitment to the God whose miraculous deliverance the Scots had experienced firsthand. [The Book of Confessions PC(USA) p. 10]

***Charge and Benediction** [Revelation 7:9-10]

Dr. Newlin

Leader: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying:

People: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,

People: let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

***Closing Hymn** #649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

AMAZING GRACE

The first piece that beginning bagpipers learn is "Amazing Grace." Traditionally, at the end of special services, a "baby piper" plays one verse before the formal recessional.

***Recessional**

"Scotland, the Brave"

Traditional Scottish Tune

Palmetto Pipes and Drums

*We invite you to join us for refreshments on the front lawn.
In case of inclement weather, refreshments will be in the lobby.*

Participants

Maryclaire Griffith -- Crucifer
Margaret and Barrett Fleming -- Acolytes
Jay LaForge -- Beadle, The Chisolm tartan
The Rev. Dr. Jeff Newlin -- Pastor
Elise Collins -- Director of Christian Education
Steve Skinner -- Director of Music Ministries
Tim Walters -- Organist
Chancel Choir
Palmetto Pipes and Drums
Dr. Darryl McLeod -- The Claymore Sword
Brian Pinson -- The Christian Flag
Dr. Christopher Collins -- The American Flag
Kirk Boland -- The Army Flag
Wayne Carstens -- The Navy Flag
David Dees -- The Air Force Flag
Lelion Elledge -- The Marine Flage
Andrew Goforth -- The St. Andrews Flag
Dawsey Collins -- The Royal Standard
Roy Hemphill -- The Cunningham tartan,
Captain of the Covenanters
Dawsey Collins -- Covenanter
Dwight Fleming -- Covenanter, The Fleming tartan
Adam Fennell -- Covenanter, The Moffat tartan
Joe Johnson -- Covenanter, The MacIain tartan

Kellar Lightsey -- The McKellar tartan
Anne Craig -- The Craig tartan
Kevin Bagwell -- The McWilliams tartan
Kris Abell -- The Rose tartan
Lily Collins -- The Royal Stewart tartan
Lou Noel -- The McColl tartan
Pam McAlhany -- The Hay tartan
Donna Byers -- The McLellan tartan
Janice May -- The Forbes tartan
Rick May -- The Hamilton tartan
Jean Griffin -- The Cochrane tartan
David Cowan -- The Colquhoun tartan
Josh Lott -- The Cooper tartan
Mark Abell -- The Marshall tartan
Lily Flinn -- The Leslie tartan
Steve Douglass -- The Douglas tartan
Jerry Stevens -- The MacLean tartan
Bill Wilson -- The Wilson tartan
Luke Penney -- The Baxter tartan

Front of Bulletin tartan: the Royal Stewart Tartan

In loving memory of Julie Cooner, a founding member of the Kirkin' committee.

THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN and BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES

On April 16, 1746, on Culloden Moor, the Clan system of Scotland came to a tragic end. The Jacobite army led by Charles Edward Stuart or Bonnie Prince Charlie, was dramatically defeated by the English forces led by the Duke of Cumberland. No quarter was given the wounded or the captured.

Following Culloden, a merciless persecution of the highlands brought the forbidding of the kilt, the bagpipes and all else Scottish, including wearing of the Tartan. Tradition has it that the Scots hid small pieces of their tartans and held them as a dear sign of their being an independent people. These small pieces of tartan they would bring to the Kirk to be blessed and to show their faith in the Almighty.

It was in 1943 that the Reverend Doctor Peter Marshall, a Scot and a minister of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. and who later became Chaplain of the United States Senate, introduced this ceremony to American Presbyterians. It was his intent to show honor to the World War II Scottish soldiers, as well as to introduce this rich legacy of Scottish heritage to the Church that has its foundations on the rocky isles, rugged highlands, and fertile lowlands of Scotland.

Information about Scottish Heritage Sunday

The tartans. Scots from the highland regions have been extraordinary weavers since ancient times. They wove brightly colored patterns in wool. The Roman historian, Virgil, reported them wearing such patterns. Tartan comes from the Gaelic tarsainn, checkered design (breacan in Gaelic). A plaid is a blanket in tartan worn over the shoulder, but plaid has become interchangeable with tartan. Weavers would use the same pattern over and over again, thus local purchasers would become known by the pattern they wore. The English Proscription prohibited the wearing of native highland dress (clothing), including kilts or any tartan, from 1746 to 1782.

The Romantic Revival period of the early 1800's saw a renewed interest in highland dress. In 1822, King George IV of England visited Scotland. A grand ball was arranged by the Scottish romantic writer, Sir Walter Scott. Everyone (even lowlanders whose families never wore kilts), including the King, wore tartan kilts.

The English Queen Victoria's love of Scotland made the use of tartans popular throughout the 1800's. Clan (family) tartan patterns were "discovered" and the canny Scots developed the clan tartan industry. Tartans are now made for clans, political districts, military units, merchandisers and organizations. You may find a clan tartan in ancient, modern, dress, and hunting patterns! The Lord Lyon King of Arms is the recorder of official tartan patterns.

What is a Clan? Although the popular concept of a Scottish clann (clan) is that of an extended family, historically, the members of a clan were those septs (families) who aligned with a particular laird (chief). Unlike the feudal system under which leaders inherited their positions, the Scottish highland chiefs were elected. The clans identified themselves by what they wore on their bonnets (hats). Typically, it was a plant native to their locale such as cranberry, bog myrtle, or a type of pine. They also adopted a sluggarn (slogan or motto) to identify themselves.

What is a kilt? In ancient times the Scots wore a feiladh mor. A long wide piece of wool cloth, it could be pleated and belted around the waist, thrown over the shoulder, tied between the legs and cover a person from head to toe. It could even be used as a sleeping bag! "Kilted" means to be pleated above the knee. The modern men's kilt is pleated in the back, flat in the front and has the opening on the wearer's right. Wearing a kilt also calls for knee socks with "flashed" garters to keep them up. A sporran is a pouch worn in front to make up for the lack of pockets. A sgian dubh, a short utility knife, is worn in a sock. All types of hats, shirts, vests and jackets may be worn with a kilt. There are many types of accoutrements (the "kit") which can be worn with highland dress including belts, clan badges, kilt pins, dirks (small swords), sashes, etc. However, only a clan chief should wear feathers in his hat!

Who is the "Beadle"? The office of Beadle dates from pre-Christian times when a doorkeeper was responsible for opening places of worship to the faithful and keeping unbelievers out. The Latin word bedellus means summoner. Beadle is the shortened Scottish version. Before the printing press, the Beadle was responsible for safeguarding the hand written Bible, as there might be only one in an entire community, and bringing it to church for Services. The Beadle called the faithful to church, kept order in it, and also tracked down (summoned) those who did not attend. Now largely ceremonial and honorary, the Beadle carries the Bible, the centerpiece of faith, into and out of the Sanctuary.

Who are the "covenanters"? In the 1660's and '70's the Scottish Presbyterians were persecuted. They held secret outdoor Worship Services called conventiclers. These "covenanters" posted lookouts to warn of approaching government forces in order to protect the worshipers from arrest. The lookouts call "all clear" before the service would begin. Many joined the Cameronian Regiment and were known for coming to church armed in remembrance of the "Killing Time." Now, they call out "all clear" inside the Sanctuary before the Sermon begins. They are a reminder of times, then and now, when people are persecuted for their faith.

Sunday, October 11

9:45 a.m. - Kirkin' Rehearsal (Sanc)
 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)
 11:40 a.m. - Chancel Bells
 4:30 p.m. - Missions/Outreach (Conf. Rm)
 5:30 p.m. - Youth (YR)
 6:00 p.m. - CE Team (BR)

Monday, October 12

10:15 a.m. - Emerald Bells
 10:30 p.m. - Circle #3 (Conf. Rm)
 4:30 p.m. - PGS (Sanc)
 5:15 p.m. - Bldgs & Grnds (BR)
 6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (AH)

Tuesday, October 13

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
 10:00 a.m. - Cong. Care Team (BR)
 12:30 p.m. - Circle #5 (AH)
 7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (Conf Rm)
 10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (Conf. Rm)
 4:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry (BR)
 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner (AH)
 6:00 p.m. - Adults (122/203/207)
 6:00 p.m. - SHinE (Base)
 6:00 p.m. - Youth (YR)
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 15**SPIRE DEADLINE****PRAYER SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

7:00 a.m. - EGGS (CFA)
 10:30 a.m. - Listening for God (BR)
 11:00 a.m. - K-Group (Wesley Commons)
 6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR)
 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (BR)

Friday, October 16**Saturday, October 17**

9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Base/YR)
 5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Base/YR)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by Steve & Sally Anderson to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carl (Gabe) & Sara Deadwyler.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

5:15 – fellowship on the playground

5:30 dinner for all ages

6:00 something for everyone!

- Nursery for children infant – K3
- Children K4-5th in the basement Root Cellar
- Youth for 6th - 12th in the 3rd floor LOFT
- Women's Small Group in the parlor room 203
- Men's Bible Study in room 206
- Lectionary Bible Study in Barksdale Room
- Fellowship in Alexander Hall

Wednesday Night Fellowship & Dinner

OCTOBER 14TH:

5:30 BBQ Chicken, brown rice, cheesy corn casserole

SHinE Menu: Chicken Nuggets

6:00 Programming

Check the Spire for menus. Be sure to sign up by Monday at noon. You can do that by contacting the front office, signing up on the sheet in the front lobby, or using the yellow cards in the pew racks.

Prayer Submissions

The Intercessory Prayer Group is celebrating its 25th year! And to mark this occasion they are compiling a Book of Prayers and they would love for you to submit prayers that have touched you. Please be sure to note where the prayer came from if you didn't write it yourself. You can email them to Lea in the front office at office@fist-greenwood.com or leave them in her office. Look for information in the October Spire. Submissions are due by October 15th.

Christmas Card sale to benefit the Annual Women's Retreat

Stop by the Christmas card ordering station in the lobby any time during the month of October to place an order for one-of-a-kind Christmas cards. Order now. Delivery December 1st. \$3.00 a card.

Payment due at delivery. Entire amount helps fund the Annual Women's Retreat.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Please let your pastor know how much you love and appreciate them!

Sundays@9:30

Join one of the following:

- Sojourners** - Room 110, led by Lelion Elledge, Jukie Leary, Philip Bell, Bob Roddey, and others in the Henry Reynolds room across from the library. Coffee available.
- FISH** (Fellowship In Service to Him) – Room 205, led by David Gardner, Christopher Collins, Hood Souter, Brian & Sarah Pinson, and others. Coffee available.
- Youth** – 3rd floor LOFT – 6th – 12th graders with adult volunteers facilitating a digital study. Third floor LOFT. Goodies available.
- Children** (Basement Root Cellar) – K4 – 5th graders welcome in the basement area for a digital study and play. Adult volunteers welcome! Goodies available.
- Nursery** (Room 120) – infant – K3 in near the playground door.

YOUTH

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 in the LOFT

with some of our favorite people – Dale Culbertson, the Sanders, the Penneys, and Mrs. Elise! We're doing *Unoffendable* by Brant Hanson! Goodies and coffee available!

Sunday Evening Youth at 5:30 in the LOFT

Bible Study with Mrs. Elise and Dawsey
Snacks/dinner and small groups
Fun activities as well!

Wednesday Evening Youth at 5:30 in AH/LOFT

5:30 dinner with Mallory in AH;
6:00 – fun activities and student-led devos

It's October!!!

Mark your calendars for Fall Fest!

Wednesday, October 28

5:30 – 7:00

Dinner provided! In the back parking lot (weather permitting). We need donations of candy and baked goods. We need people to host a trunk for treaters. We need volunteers for set-up, during, and clean-up. Contact Michelle Barksdale at mobarksdale@icloud.com.

Thank you so much!

We were able to put together 13 baskets during our Pathway Hands-On Service Project for clients who will be moving out on their own. This is a starter pack of basics as they set up their own place.

Save the Dates:

Children's Sabbath Sunday, October 18, 2026
All Saints Recognition, November 1, 2026
Veterans Recognition, November 8, 2026
Stewardship Sunday, November 15, 2026

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

We are offering a New Members Class beginning next Sunday, October 18 at 9:30 am in the Barksdale Room (Room 122). The class will continue for the next 3 Sundays (October 25, November 1, and November 8) and you will be received into membership on November 8th. If you haven't already, please contact the front office (office@firstgreenwood.com or 864-229-5814) or Rev. Brad Christie (brad@firstgreenwood.com) and let us know if you will be joining us so that we can have adequate materials ready.

Text to make your contribution!

Your can text FIRSTPRESGWD to 73256 and follow the prompts to make your contributions or other payments.

Me a Minister?

The Stephen Series, a program for enabling people to do caring ministry, will begin training lay ministers soon. Is this for you? Do you care about people? Do you have the desire to pass on to others the love that God has shown to you? Do you want to learn to know yourself better? If you answered YES to these questions, then the Stephen Series is for you. Speak to one of the Stephen Ministers or call Brad Christie at the church office for more information.

REMEMBRANCE BANNER

All Saints Recognition on November 1st.

Contact the front office or write the name on the notepad in the lobby of your loved one that you would like placed on the Remembrance Banner. All church members who passed away this past year will have their names read aloud during the service.

Needed: quality grand piano for Alexander Hall.

The Clavinova that has served so nobly for many years is nearing the end of its useful life. A quality grand piano (Yamaha, Kawai, Steinway, etc.) of at least 6' would be a wonderful instrument for AH, and have a lifespan of 50-75 years (!!).

Contact Steve Skinner steve@firstgreenwood.com for more info.