

RESTROOM RENOVATION: As part of the Building Improvement Capital Campaign, all of the restrooms will be updated by December. However, during renovation some of the restrooms will be closed: November 9-December 3

- Unisex restroom by the library
- Upstairs men's restroom
- Upstairs women's restroom

TO MARKET, TO MARKET, TO MARKET WE GO... this year's Mission Market will be held today after our 10:00 AM Kirkin' o' the Tartan service. Join us in Davis Hall/Gym for this great opportunity to learn about organizations supported by Valley and to buy meaningful gifts to give to or honor someone special. Some organizations have products available for sale; all offer donation opportunities. **Gifts to purchase for giving (or keep for yourself):** Equal Exchange (fair traded products), Youth Mission, Luke Dorf, and Second Home. **Donations:** Habitat for Humanity, Knit for Kids, Heifer International, PCUSA Disaster and Medical Emergency Services.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL will be supporting the Ronald McDonald House of Portland this Christmas season by sponsoring a stuffed animal drive. We invite you to join us in this effort by donating a new, unwrapped stuffed animal to be given as a gift to a child staying at Ronald McDonald House. Donation bins will be located in the preschool wing through Thursday, December 13.

UNPLUG THE CHRISTMAS MACHINE: Valley member Joyce Wood will be leading an informal conversation based on the book *Unplug the Christmas Machine* by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppock Staeheli. Participants need not purchase the book or read ahead. We will be meeting in the Fireside Room from 5:00-6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 5. If child care is needed, contact kurtztk@comcast.net.

KIDZ MART is coming to Valley! Please bring in your new or gently used items to be donated to Kidz Mart. Donation bins are located in the church office lobby. Proceeds benefit Children's Ministries.

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
November 18-25, 2018		
SUNDAY, November 18 Kirkin' o' the Tartan 9:00 AM Adult Education 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Mission Market 11:15 AM Membership Comm. 11:30 AM Youth Choir 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 12:00 PM Dining for Women 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time 7:00 PM Scout Venture Crew	MONDAY, November 19 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 592 7:30 PM Girl Scouts TUESDAY, November 20 'The Messenger' Newsletter Deadline 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry WEDNESDAY, November 21 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:00 PM Adult Education 7:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Bible Study	THURSDAY, November 22 Thanksgiving Day - Church Building Closed FRIDAY, November 23 Thanksgiving Day - Church Building Closed SUNDAY, November 25 9:00 AM Adult Education 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Mission Market 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time

A Brief History of the Kirkin' o' the Tartan

After the defeat of the Scots by the English at the Battle of Culloden 1746, the Act of Proscription banned the wearing of tartans and kilts, speaking Gaelic and other Highland ways in hopes the rebellious Scottish spirit would be subdued. But the canny and defiant Scots preserved their traditions underground. According to legend, one way was to hide pieces of tartan and bring them to church to be secretly blessed at a particular point in the service. Kirk is the Gaelic word for church. The history supporting this origin is sketchy. In his collection of Highland folklore, the Carmina Gadelica, Alexander Carmichael does list a prayer for the "Consecration of the Cloth", but no mention is made of it originating from the days following 1746 or being associated with outlawed tartan.

The American roots of the Kirkin' service are well-documented, however. The Reverend Peter Marshall, born in Scotland, was the pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington DC, and served as Chaplain of the United States Senate before his death in 1949. (He was the subject of the 1955 movie "A Man Called Peter.") During the Second World War, Dr. Marshall held prayer services at New York Avenue to raise funds for British war relief. At one of the services, in 1941, he gave a sermon titled "the Kirkin' o' the Tartans," and a legend was born. Dr. Marshall was a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington DC, which assisted with the first Kirkin' services. In 1954, the Kirkin' was moved to the National Cathedral in Washington, where it continues to be held today. Across the United States and Canada many Scottish, Caledonian and St. Andrew's Societies hold Kirkin' of the Tartan services. Many are in Presbyterian Churches but they may also be found in Episcopal, Methodist, Roman Catholic and other denominations.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 NOVEMBER 18, 2018 ✠ 10:00 AM

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN

❖ *Please stand as you are able*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

PRELUDE *Invocation* C. F. Becker

ACOLYTES Macy Vermillion and Sophie Vermillion

❖ BAGPIPE PROCESSIONAL

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE *Iona Community*

The world belongs to God,
The earth and all its people.
 How good it is, how wonderful,
To live together in unity.
 Love and faith come together,
Justice and peace join hands.
 If Christ's disciples keep silent
These stones would shout aloud.
 Open our lips, O God,
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
 Let us worship our God!

❖ OPENING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No 475

OPENING PRAYER *Corrymeela Community* Ariel Derting, Liturgist
Father, to look at Christ is to realize our many failings. Christ was patient—always ready to listen.

Lord, teach us to be patient.

Christ was at home with everyone, everywhere.

Lord, help us to be open to all.

Christ preached what he lived.

Lord, may our deeds speak.

Christ forgives us all.

Lord, teach us to forgive. Give us the courage to commit ourselves to live for humankind.

Hear us now as we confess in silence.

☪ *Silence is kept* ☪

❖ **CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE** *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us* N^o 575
Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS & PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

❖ *Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.* ❖

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Alleluia!* N^o 587

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Debbie Purcell, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.35 in the hymnal)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Kay Hope Gold

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

ANTHEM *Brother James Air* arr. Jacob
Luke Smith, tenor

SCRIPTURE *Jeremiah 18:1-6* Old Testament, p. 720

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *Jars of Clay* Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *How Firm a Foundation* N^o 463

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from The Scots Confession (1560)*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, 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 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 for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

The McCleans

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

On behalf of all families and nations, we stand before God in gratitude for our heritage, and we pray God's blessings on all beloved children in all lands.

We proclaim that we are united in the covenant of Jesus, the Christ, for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

BAGPIPE OFFERTORY

Will Beattie

❖ *Congregation rising, row by row, as ushers pass* ❖

❖ **DOXOLOGY**

N^o 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖ **PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

N^o 450

❖ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

May there always be work for your hands to do.

May your purse always hold a coin or two.

May the sun always shine upon your window pane.

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend always be near to you and

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Let us go from this place to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

❖ **BAGPIPE RECESSIONAL**

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. D. N. Johnson

You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS: we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! Please fill out a Visitor Card, located in the pew back, and drop it in the Offering Plate when it is passed.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Sanders and Busch Families upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: Join us for a return to a viewing and discussion of John Dominic Crossman's "Faith and Reason" video series. We will take a look at 'The Challenge of Paul' and review Paul and Jesus in context. Join us! We meet from 9:00-9:50 AM Sunday mornings in Armitage Hall.

STEWARDSHIP OF VALLEY, IN YOUR OWN WORDS:

"The spiritual love, warmth, beauty and compassion we first felt at Valley has grown in our hearts over the years. Being a part of our incredible church family, watching the children's ministry grow, hearing the magnificent choir and music, seeing the welcoming sanctuary with its beautiful stained glass windows, feeling the spirit move within us each Sunday through meaningful services with Jeff's sermons, and knowing our helping hands are giving back to our community, sends us out the door as messengers of God's grace and peace in our world today."

COME AND JOIN US! As we come into the Advent/Christmas season, it might be a good time to join the choir in celebrating the birth of Jesus. Consider making a short term commitment as your personal way of celebration. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings: 7:15-9:00 p.m. Contact david@davidjimerson.com, or just show up!

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING EVENT! Join us at 5:00 PM on Saturday, December 1 for Valley's tree lighting event. Let's start the Advent season off with Christmas carols and an outdoor tree lighting on Valley's front lawn. Please come! Bring your neighbors and friends for hot cider, hot chocolate, cookies and carols. Be a part of Valley's first community tree lighting event. All are welcome!

ADVENT FAIR DECEMBER 2: Please plan on attending Valley's traditional Advent Fair in Davis Hall/Gym following the 10:00 AM worship service on December 2. A light lunch of pizza and cider will be provided as the entire church will have fun making tree and Christmas decorations. This is an event that is exciting for all generations.

COOKIES... COOKIES... Let's begin December by baking Christmas cookies! We need cookies for both the Community Tree Lighting and Advent Fair events.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Please join us at 11:30 AM on December 9 in Armitage Hall for a class about membership led by Pastor Jeff and Glenys Craig.