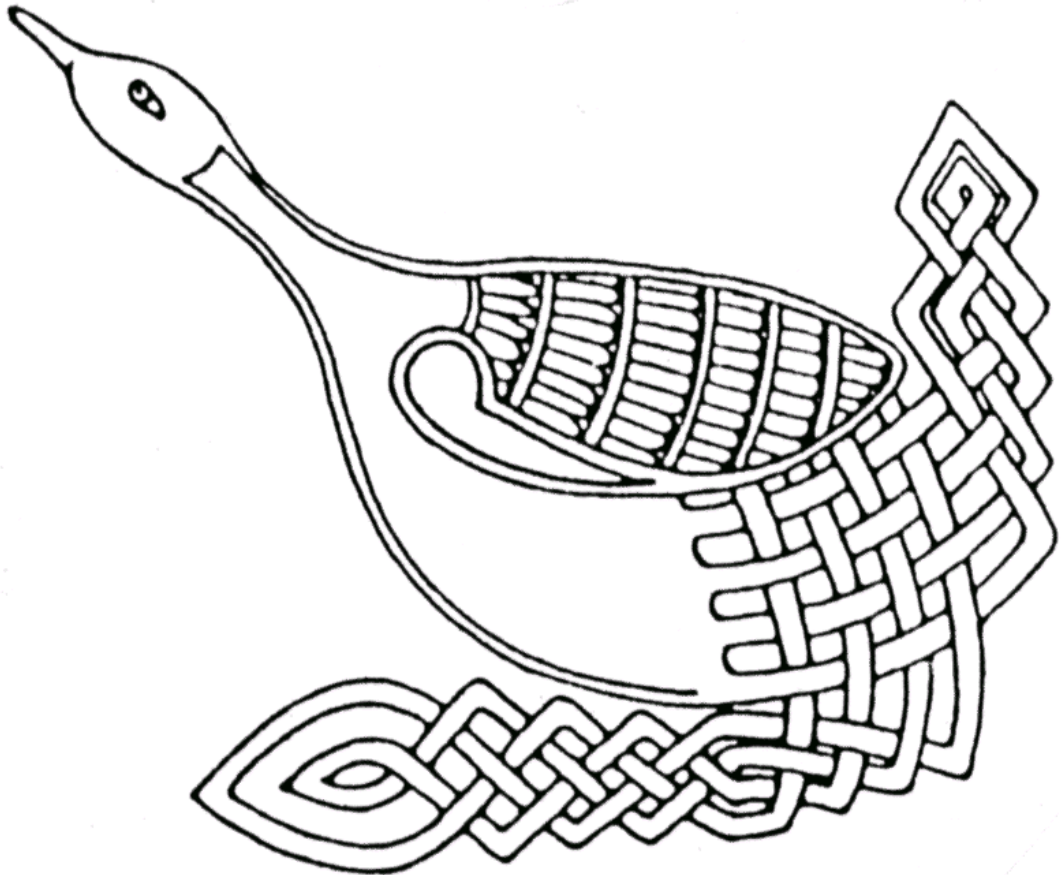


**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany | Kirkin' o' the Tartan**  
**January 28, 2024**



*In the Celtic tradition, the Holy Spirit is represented  
not as a peaceful dove but instead as a wild goose.  
The wild goose reveals a spirit which is passionate, noisy, and courageous.  
This symbol reminds us that God's spirit cannot be tamed or contained.*

## GATHERING

### Greeting

### Processional

All Creatures of Our God and King

### Introit

O for a Closer Walk With God

### \*Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our refuge

**from one generation to another.**

Before the mountains were brought forth,

or the land and the sea were born,

**from age to age, you are God.**

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness,

**so we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,

**and prosper the work of our hands.**

### \*Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#12

### Call to Reconciliation

### Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Holy God, we confess that we are an arrogant people – so full of

“knowledge” that we hardly have any room for love. We confess

that we too often judge when we really need to listen. We confess

that we push people away when you call us to welcome them into

our communities. We confess that we think only about protecting

ourselves when we are challenged to risk everything for others.

Lord, forgive us for being more concerned with being right than

**we are with showing love. Guide us, Great God, to live according to your love. Teach use to see one another as siblings, that we may live as one family.**

*silent confession*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing of the Peace**

## **WORD**

**We Share Our Faith with the Children**

**Hymn**      **I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes**

**#45**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**O Lord, strengthen our faith. Kindle it more in ferventness and love towards you and our neighbors, for your sake. Most dear Father, do not let us receive your word in vain, but grant us the assistance of your grace and Holy Spirit, that in heart, word, and deed, we may sanctify and worship your name. Amen.**

**First Reading**

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ Then the Lord replied to me, ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall

speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’”

**Anthem**

He Leadeth Me

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge, but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge the weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is destroyed. But when you thus

sin against brothers and sisters and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never again eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

*This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon**

Rev. Natalie Wolf

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**from *The Scots Confession***

**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 his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**#581**

**Litany for the Kirkin' o' the Tartans, Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer**

Eternal God, accept our thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in faith and obedience and who serve now as a cloud of witnesses.

**Like the generations before us, we are sustained by your presence;  
in your hands, we find refuge and strength.**

May the tartans worn today be for us a symbol of our rich spiritual heritage;

**for the heritage of Scotland and for kindred hearts through the ages; for mothers and fathers, for friends and companions; for all we have loved; for the riches of love given.**

In our silence, O God, fill us with your presence and the remembrance of your servants who stood courageously against corruption and injustice and reformed your Church. *(In silence we offer prayers of thanksgiving. It is part of the tradition to touch a piece of tartan or fabric that is the sign of one's kindred.)*

**...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Offering + Offertory**

### **Amazing Grace**

*To give via text message through Breeze, our secure church management system, text your offering amount (e.g. \$25) to 662-330-1001. If this is your first time giving with Breeze, you will receive a link to briefly set up your online giving account. After you've done that, giving will be a...breeze!*

### **\*Doxology**

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**#606**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

### **SENDING**

### **\*Hymn**

**Praise God for this Holy Ground**

**#405**

## Commissioning: Living Waters for the World

### Birthday Blessings

O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Announcements

#### \*Charge and Benediction

\*Musical Benediction                      O for a Closer Walk With God

\*Recessional                                  Scotland the Brave

*Shalom, y'all! Go in peace.*

*\*Indicates rise in body or spirit.*

#### Worship Leadership:

Music: Bob Hawkins, Elizabeth Hawkins, Tim Gordon, Bonnie Feig, + the Trinity Choir

Flowers: Nancy Underwood

Livestream Technician: Carol Punday

Sound Technician: Tom Ritter

Liturgist: Brenda Harden

Elder on Duty: Doug Feig

Sources: Call to Worship: *Book of Common Worship* (2018); Prayer for Forgiveness: Amy Loving; Prayer for Illumination: John Knox

**Welcome to Trinity!** We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to Trinity, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here, and it is our hope that all who enter find a home. **If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Trinity family.** Contact Natalie with any questions or interest ([pastor@trinitypcusa.org](mailto:pastor@trinitypcusa.org)).

**Children are always welcome in worship.** There is a special time for children in our service called “We Share Our Faith with the Children,” after which children may go to Sunday School in the rear sanctuary classrooms with Ms. Martha + Ms. Tina (birth-kindergarten), and Ms. Rosie (1<sup>st</sup> grade-5<sup>th</sup> grade). Children are also welcome to stay in worship with their families. When we

celebrate Holy Communion together (usually the first Sunday of the month), we invite the children to return to worship to participate in or witness the sacrament.



**First time here?** Let us know who you are by scanning this QR code and filling out the digital form. Prefer paper? Grab a blue version of this form at the welcome table (where you received a bulletin) and return the form to the elder on duty or Pastor Natalie. We promise to respect your privacy and not to spam your inbox. Thank you for trusting us with your information.

Ministers: All Members of the Church | Pastor: Rev. Natalie Wolf  
Choir Director: Bob Hawkins | Pianist: Elizabeth Hawkins  
Sexton: Christopher Smiley | Administrative Assistant: Alliyah Bradford  
Youth Workers: Bek Carruth and Maddie Gnann  
Childcare Staff: Rosie Oppedal and Martha Roskelley  
Helping Hands Intake Coordinators: Henry Bell and Tina Bell

### **TRINITY THIS WEEK**

#### **Sunday, January 28 – Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan Sunday**

8:30am Choir Practice – Sanctuary  
9:30am Worship – Sanctuary + Facebook Livestream  
10:30am Coffee + Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
11:00am Sunday School  
4:00pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary  
5:00pm Youth Group – Fellowship Hall + Youth Room

#### **Tuesday, January 30**

9:30am Yoga – Sanctuary  
5:30pm Helping Hands – Sanctuary

#### **Thursday, February 1**

9:30am Yoga – Sanctuary

#### **Sunday, February 4 – Communion and Centsability Sunday**

8:30am Choir Practice – Sanctuary  
9:30am Worship – Sanctuary + Facebook Livestream  
10:30am Coffee + Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
11:00am Sunday School  
4:00pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary  
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