

Kanawha Church

presents

Kirkin' O' The Tartan



*Sunday, March 4, 2018
at 11:00 a.m.*

*Join Us For This Special Worship Service
Where Everyone is Scottish for a day!
Wear your family tartan or bring
a small piece of it to be blessed.*

A Celebratory Reception to Follow

*Kanawha United Presbyterian Church
1009 Virginia St. E. Charleston, WV
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Kirkin' o' the Tartan as part of Charleston's Celtic Calling

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(A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall)

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American Presbyterians' Ties to Scottish History

In 1560, the Scottish Parliament declared Scotland a Protestant nation, and noted clergy of the land, including John Knox, framed a confession of faith. This confession, known as the "Scots Confession," was ratified by Parliament, and the Church of Scotland, the mother of American Presbyterianism, was born. Two hundred years later, the English defeated the Scots at the Battle of Culloden. An "Act of Proscription" was passed to control the Scots. The wearing of kilts, plaid or any other tartan garment that represented their Scottish heritage was outlawed. The stubborn Scots secretly carried or wore a piece of their tartan as they went to Kirk (church). One Sunday a year the minister slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') on all tartans into the service. Through this tradition, the Scots kept alive their loyalty to God, to family, and to their ancestors.

The American Kirkin' o' the Tartan ceremony had its beginning with the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC, during World War II. The Kirkin' is a traditional worship service but with specific significance to Scots. Central to its theme is the presentation of various tartans of clans regions, regiments, symbolizing the re-dedication of Scots everywhere to God's service.

On March 4, the service at Kanawha United Presbyterian Church will be a traditional Kirkin' o' the Tartan. It will include a procession into the sanctuary led by a piper, and beautiful Celtic music. During the service, tartans will be blessed in recognition of our heritage. At the end of the service, a prayer of dedication will be given, and a recessional will be led by a piper exiting the church.

***Join us as we celebrate the Scottish Heritage of the Presbyterian Church!
Wear your Scottish garb and bring your family tartan for a kirkin' (blessing)!***

Kanawha United Presbyterian Church was founded in 1819. Our historic sanctuary, dedicated in 1875, is the oldest house of worship in Charleston still being used today. Come visit us March 4 or on any Sunday and take part in our traditional worship service. Sunday services begin at 11 a.m.

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