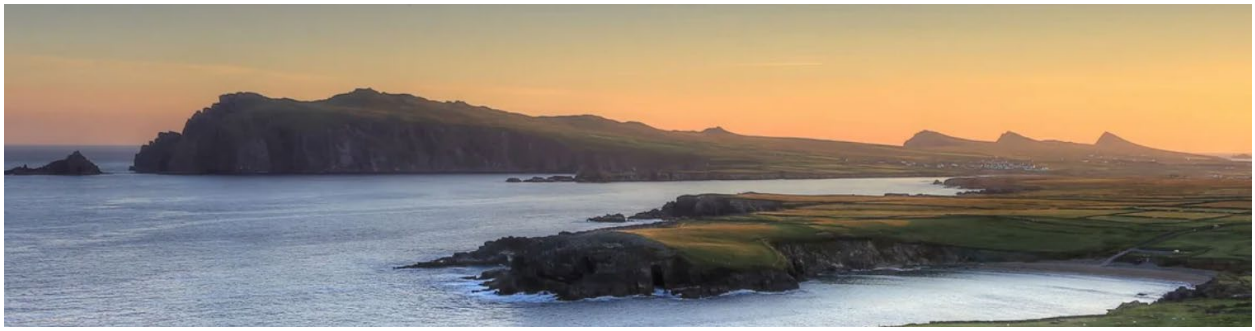
Spiritual Pilgrimage Opportunity in 2027

Walk the Dingle Peninsula–Explore Ireland May 3-14, 2027



First Presbyterian Church is offering an 11-day pilgrimage to Ireland in May of 2027, including 7 days walking the Dingle Way along the rugged and beautiful coast of Ireland. This trek follows the success of spiritual treks on the Portuguese Camino and Scotland in 2026 by groups from First Pres. After our walk in Dingle, the group will explore sites in Dublin including the Book of Kells and Guinness Storehouse.

The Dingle Peninsula in County Kerry on Ireland's west coast takes in some of Ireland's most extraordinary landscapes. The Dingle Way, a renowned coastal hiking trail, circumnavigates this unique corner of the world, exploring Dingle's breathtaking scenery, ancient neolithic and religious sites, award-winning cuisine, traditional Irish music, and colorful Irish characters. Our guided walk with Wilderness Ireland is about 75 miles total.

The beautiful circular long-distance trail around the Dingle Peninsula starts in the foothills of the Slieve Mish Mountains (Sliabh Mis) on the northeast of the Dingle peninsula, crosses to the south shore going west towards Slea Head. From Dunquin and in view of the Blasket Islands the walk meanders north around Mount Brandon, then east along the breathtaking coastal landscape of Brandon Bay and the Maharees back towards Tralee. Most of the walk is on quiet tarmac roads, mountain, field, and cliff paths, and it features a good bit of lovely beach walking. The route is known for spectacular, varied scenery, small villages and passes close to many cultural, religious, archaeological, and historical sites.

Dingle Way Pilgrimage Details

May 3—14, 2027

What's included*

11-day spiritual pilgrimage in Ireland. *
Round-trip group airfare to Dublin from Dulles**
7 Walking Days on the Dingle Way
3 Explore Days in and about Dublin; possible visits could include:

> Trinity College & The Book of Kells, Kilmainham Gaol Museum, Dublin Castle, St. Patrick's, Guinness Storehouse, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum & Jameson Distillery Bow Street. Evenings will be full of Irish music and pub visits.

Ground Transport: private vans, round-trip train service from Dublin to Tralee
Hotels: Eleven nights' accommodations in Ireland in a three-star or better hotel
Meals: Breakfast daily, 6 lunches, 10 dinners
Entrance Fees and Guides
Ordained Spiritual Guide
Experienced Irish Guides for the Dingle Way
Gratuities
Educational Resources

Our trip planner is Wilderness Ireland, who will provide experienced trekking guides, planning, accommodations, travel, and logistics for our trip.

(*Current r/t airfare from Washington Dulles to Dublin, Ireland is about $700.00 USD. **Trip length and cost may adjust based on group goals. Details about location & site visits subject to availability.)

What is not included

Travel Insurance
Alcoholic Beverages
Single supplement
Meals not specified

Fees

Pilgrimage Cost not to exceed $6500.00 per person, including airfare.

> *Negotiations are ongoing about travel, accommodation, meals, special site visits, and transportation for Dublin adventures. *Trip length and cost may be

adjusted based on group goals, number of nights including lodging, meals, and transportation. Details about location & site visits subject to availability. Will affect cost.

Refundable Deposit of $1000.00 due November 30, 2026
Payments to: First Presbyterian Church
Final Payment Due February 15, 2027

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First Pres Ireland Group
Our group size is limited to 16 people: based on two groups of 8. A minimum of 12 is needed to guarantee the pilgrimage.

Accommodation
This trip features select accommodation chosen for its excellent location, service, and comfort. All accommodation provides breakfast.

Meals
Most meals are included in the price of this trip. Breakfast is provided each morning, as well as lunch and snacks throughout the Dingle Way section of the trip. Some lunches in Dublin are not included. Dinner is provided for 10 nights. Local pubs and restaurants offer a wide choice of local dishes. On this trip, we generally eat dinner as a group.

A Few Notes of Religious Significance:
The Dingle Peninsula in County Kerry, Ireland, contains over 30 surviving early Christian and medieval monastic sites, making it one of the richest open-air repositories of early religious history in Western Europe.

Christianity took root in Corca Dhuibhne (the Dingle Peninsula) between the 4th and 5th centuries, integrating with existing Celtic traditions and Ogham-inscribed standing stones. Christian monks sought safety, isolation, and spiritual reflection by the Atlantic coast, establishing dry-stone beehive huts (*clocháin*) and oratorical chapels. Sites like the Gallarus Oratory highlight ancient dry-stone corbeling architecture designed to withstand relentless Irish coastal weather. **Kilmalkedar Church:** Founded in the 7th century by St. Maolcethair, the Kilmalkedar Church complex features an ancient alphabet stone, a sundial, and deep ties to St. Brendan the Navigator. The port of Dingle was a major point of departure for pilgrims traveling to northern Spain to walk the Camino de Santiago.



Pilgrimage is a spiritual practice of almost all the major world religions. It is a physical journey that can unveil a deeper spiritual journey. At First Pres, it is an act of spiritual formation. Walking with a group of people draws us into a community and moves our spiritual status quo towards something sacred. Jesus was a pilgrim. As a child he came to Jerusalem with his parents and as an adult the passion story unfolds in the midst of a pilgrimage. Jesus was constantly on the go and invites us to join him.

> *It is impossible to visit the Dingle Peninsula and not be impressed by its artistic and cultural heritage. Recognized as a bastion of the Irish Language and culture the place has an immense spirit set in an ancient maritime landscape.*
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> *A lively contemporary arts and cultural scene breathes life into the small villages across the Dingle Peninsula. Harbouring a large Irish speaking Gaeltacht community, this corner of Ireland is alive with music and language, born from its deep-rooted traditions. Inspired by this magical place, artists, craftspeople, musicians, and writers have come from across the world to live, work and settle here, blending tradition with new ideas and creating an eclectic, cosmopolitan arts scene at the edge of Europe. A living culture.*
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