

Celtic Worship

The **bodhrán** is a frame drum of Irish origin. A goatskin head is tacked to one side (synthetic heads or other animal skins are sometimes used). The other side is open-ended for one hand to be placed against the inside of the drumhead to control the pitch and timbre. One or two crossbars, sometimes removable, may be inside. The bodhrán is considered to be the native drum of the ancient Celts and was possibly used originally for winnowing or wool dying, with a musical history that predated Christianity, native to southwest Ireland. It is also called a poor man's tambourine.



*Embracing the example of Jesus,
our welcome knows no boundaries
and is extended to ALL people.*

Sunday, September 29, 2024

*Welcome to worship!
If you are worshipping at home, and would like to participate in
Holy Communion,
please have bread and wine or juice set aside.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet James
Nancy Parkhouse
(has set the table)

We gather at God's feast. We listen to Holy Scripture. We hear music that connects our hearts. We are fed the nurturing grace of God through the brokenness and poured out life of Jesus the Christ. The table is set. All are welcome.

BODHRAN CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

Keith Parkhouse

We have walked with you, O God,
from many parts of the world to this time and place.

**And we will walk with you, O God,
into the world to serve all people.**

We leave behind our old securities;
we leave behind our reliance on worldly goods.

**And we will walk with you, O God,
into the world to live with all people.**

We leave behind all which holds us back;
we leave behind all which keeps us from following you.

**And we will walk with you, O God,
into the world to work with all people.**

We leave behind the fears which bind us;
we leave behind the hurts which damage us.

**And we will walk with you, O God,
into the peace you offer to all people.**

BAPTISMAL WATERS

Keith Parkhouse
Nancy Parkhouse

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.
We were buried so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we
too might walk in newness of life.

(Water is poured into the font.)

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Lyn Hill

A poem by Marian Wright Edelman

We pray for the children
Who sneak popsicles before supper,
Who erase holes in math workbooks,
Who can never find their shoes.
And we pray for those
Who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
Who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers,
Who never “counted potatoes,”
Who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead,
Who never go to the circus,
Who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children
Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money.
And we pray for those
Who never get dessert,
Who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
Who watch their parents watch them die,
Who can't find any bread to steal,
Who don't have any rooms to clean up,
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.

We pray for children
Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
Who like ghost stories,
Who shove dirty clothes under the bed, and never rinse out the tub,
Who get visits from the tooth fairy,
Who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,
Who squirm in church or temple and scream in the phone,
Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those
Whose nightmares come in the daytime,
Who will eat anything,
Who have never seen a dentist,
Who aren't spoiled by anybody,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
Who live and move and have no being.

We pray for children who want to be carried
And for those who must,
For those we never give up on and for those who don't get a second chance.
For those we smother...and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind
enough to offer it.

~ moment of silence ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE

Marilyn Johns

Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify you
in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

James 5: 13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Janet James

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hand to Hold”

JJ Heller

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

God of all glory.

It is our heart's true longing
to praise and glorify you.

You shaped us in your image,
so we might reflect your grace;
you breathed the Spirit into us,
so we might live your hope.

But we were wiser than you
and so chose another path.

You spoke to our grandparents of the faith
in a shrub burning with the cries of captives;
in the thunder of stuttering prophets;
in the still, small voice of a weeping mother.

Yet we persisted in our stubbornness,
hardening our hearts towards you.

And so, you whispered to us one morning
in the borning cries of a Child
in the dirt and grime of a stable.

Therefore, we join our voices
with our sisters and brothers in all the world,
and with those of every time,
singing songs of joy to your heart:

SANCTUS (please see the screen)

We praise you in this congregation, Holy God,
and bless your Son, Jesus our Lord.

Stamped with your image,
he walked among us
so we could see who we could become.

When he spoke your Word of peace,
he shattered the walls of war and violence.
When he was offered the easy way out
of his suffering and death,
he carried his integrity to Calvary,
where he was broken to make us whole,
where he died so we might live with you.

We remember, and in remembering,
we would tell others of your wonderful love,
and would be peacemakers for the world,
even as we live out that mystery we call faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pour out the Spirit of the Prince of Peace
not only on us
and the gifts of the bread and the cup,
but on all your children throughout the world:
who gather around war-scarred tables
and at the tailgates of Humvees
to pass the Bread of Life
from hand to hand
until all the hungry are fed;
and who stand on both sides
of those walls built of our fears and hurts
and dare to offer the Cup of peace
to those known only as 'the enemy'
unto all are graced
and embrace one another in love.

Through your Son, Jesus, who is our peace;
through the Spirit, who empowers us to be weak;
we honor and glorify your hopes
for all people in all creation,
Great God our hope and our joy,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION IS SHARED

*After we receive the bread and the cup,
let us hold the cup and drink together.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT

Keith Parkhouse

Lord of all light, as we go forth into the world,
we extinguish the lights here that
represent the presence of the Holy in our midst.
**But we will carry the light in our hearts,
and we pray that as we go about our work in the world,
we will shine with the love of God.**

BLESSING

Janet James

OFFERING

It is appropriate to respond to God with our time, talents, and money. Financial offerings can be made by mail to P.O. Box 29635, Henrico, VA 23242 or [click here](#) to use PayPal on The Kirk's website or use the QR Code below.



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WORSHIP NOTES

worship leaders

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Flutists-Outdoor/Midday Prayer Service: Allen Burris, Deb Saidel, Myrick Crampton

The Gayton Kirk Jazz Trio: Joe Sarver, Ross Riddell, Bruce Sullivan

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PRELUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," Step to Christ
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTpUQOoaryw>

IMAGINATIVE WORD A poem by Marian Wright Edelman
<https://echosofcoaching.wordpress.com/2011/09/03/a-poem-by-marian-wright-edelman/>

SPECIAL MUSIC "Hand to Hold," JJ Heller
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-JZLHvniRU>

THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 9:45 AM - Outdoor Worship (weather-permitting) - in-person
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers Discussion - in person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 6:00 PM - Jazz Vespers Fellowship - in-person

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30

- 11:00 AM - Coffee and Scripture - Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 1:30 PM - Creative Expressions - in-person (*led by Sandra O'Neill*)
- 7:00 PM - River City Players Rehearsal

TUESDAY OCTOBER 1

- 10:00 AM - What If. . .? Class - in-person (*led by Ross Riddell and Janet James*)
- 11:55 AM - Kirktown Ukes - in-person (*Kay Cox and Tina Bechtle*)
- 1:00 PM - Bridge and Learn to Play Bridge - in-person (*Ellen Welthy and Tina Bechtle*)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2

- 9:45 AM - Class: Life After Doom - in-person (*led by Bland Weaver*)
- 12:00 PM - Tuckahoe Kiwanis Club - in-person
- 12:30 PM - Midday Prayer Service (*in the spirit of Taize*) - in-person
- 1:00 PM - Creative Fellowship Art Class (*led by Robin Ricketts*)
- 7:00 PM - River City Community Players Rehearsal

THURSDAY OCTOBER 3

- 9:30 AM - Tai Chi - in-person (*led by Steve Sawyer*)
- 10:30 AM - Chair Yoga - in-person (*led by Robin Ricketts*)
- 5:30 PM - Handbells

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4

- 6:45 PM - Celtic Harp Circle Rehearsal

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5

- 10:30 AM - Ria Springer Memorial - visitation with light refreshments
- 11:30 AM - Ria Springer Memorial Service

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 9:45 AM - Outdoor Worship (weather-permitting) - in-person
- 9:45 AM - "Silencing White Noise" class - in-person (*led by Barbara Crump*)
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 3:30 PM - Artist's Reception: Margo Titmus and Sandra O'Neill - in-person
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers Discussion - in person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 6:00 PM - Jazz Vespers Fellowship - in-person