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The beautiful stained glass windows at Presbyterian Church of the Roses bring light and color into the sanctuary. As the sun moves on it's course during worship the light coming through the bright windows illumines with different hues first one face , then another in the congregation.

Dean Hooper, the artist who designed the windows, has depicted the history of our faith using Christian symbols. First at the upper left is the Star of David, showing our roots in Israel. Next the Scroll above indicates the words of the ancient prophets. Below the scroll is the Star of Bethlehem to represent the birth of Jesus. The Wheat and Grapes and the Chalice remind us of Christ's self giving love, remembered in Holy Communion. The Celtic Cross is a universal symbol for Christians of Christ's sacrificial death and his resurrection to everlasting life. The Dove representing the Holy Spirit shows the power of the Spirit radiating forth upon the people. Below it is the ancient Christian symbol of a fish, used by early Christians to identify one another. The last symbol in the upper part of the windows is the Bible. It's pages seem alive, indicating the life changing power in the Word.

The lower half of the windows depict plants that also tie with our sacred heritage. First on the left is the Burning Bush in which Moses heard the voice of God. Next are the Palms that welcomed Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. Lilies we associate with Easter and the Resurrection. The thistle represents the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian Church. You have already surmised that the wealth of Roses at the far right are for Church of the Roses! May we bloom brightly in the SON light and as the beautiful windows cast a glow on each face here may we sense in those rays a blessing and a call to serve.









