

September 11, 2022

Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

Guest Minister	Dr. Ernest T. Thompson III
Worship Leader	Albert Myers
Flowers	Rosa and Bill McNairy
Ushers	Dottie and Barry Cook Pat Copeland
Minister's Hospitality	Sarah and Allan Shifflet
Refreshments	Dottie and Barry Cook Pat Copeland
Music	Cissy Shull
Soloists	Peg Broughton Nancy Hamff
Bagpiper	Emmitt LaBelle

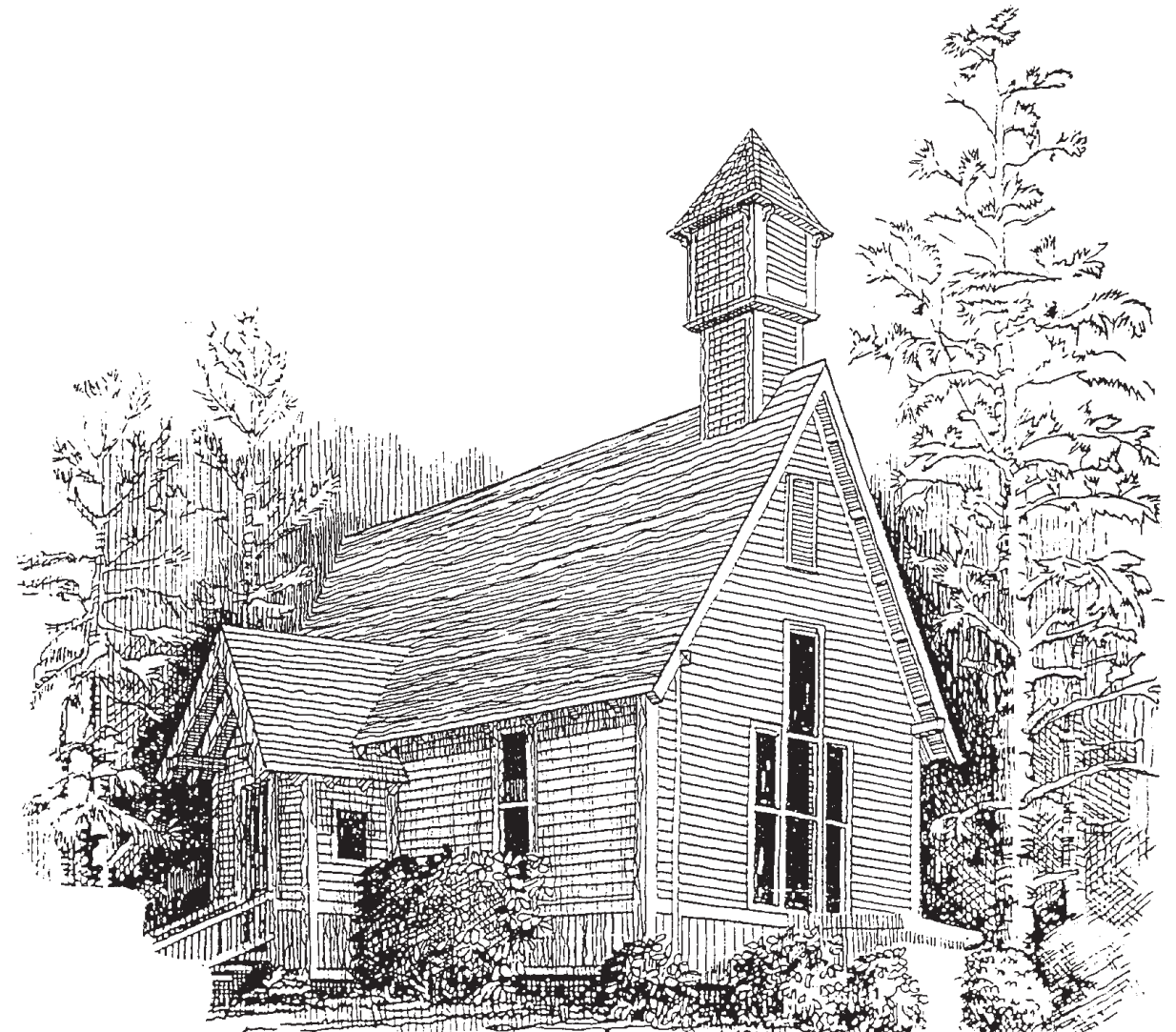
Thursday Morning Bible Study

On Thursday, September 15th, starting at 10 AM in the Manse, Dr. Covington will lead the Bible Study based on Exodus 3:1-4, "Why a Burning Bush?". Please come and bring a friend! Wynn and Jim Dorsett will be hosting Dr. Covington.

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In addition to CDs, 2018 and 2019 sermons are now available on our website under the "Visiting Ministers" tab and can be enjoyed on your computer, tablet, or phone and through Bluetooth in the car. Contact Albert Myers at agm1536@gmail.com or 733-5003 for questions or help with the website.



Circa 1895

GUEST MINISTER

Dr. Ernest T. Thompson III

With pleasure today we welcome Dr. Ernest T. Thompson III and his wife Elaine.

Reverend Ernest T. Thompson III (Ernie) has served as pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro NC for the last 7 years. He previously served Presbyterian Churches in Wilmington NC, Lancaster SC, Charlotte NC, and Colonial Heights VA.

Ernie and his wife Elaine have two adult children, Meagan and Richard, both living and working in Raleigh. They have two grandsons, Davis (3 ½) and Jack (1 ½), with a third grandson due in January.

Ernie and Elaine are grateful for the Wee Kirk's ministry to the Linville Community, to the children of Avery County, and to pastors and their families throughout the Southeast.

Next week our guest minister will be

Dr. Matthew Covington

Pastor

The Presbyterian Church

Bowling Green, Kentucky

WEE KIRK OUTREACH

A significant percent of our gifts and offerings go to our Outreach Program, the focus of which is to serve the neediest children and families in Avery County. Through your generosity, we provide swimming lessons for Pre-K and 2nd graders, essential needs, medical care, and enrichment programs, along with scholarship stipends for some Mayland Community College students. Thank you for your support.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS (Please remain seated)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)

Leader: See I have set before you this day life and death.

Congregation: Blessings and curses.

Leader: Choose life, so that you and your descendants may live.

Congregation: Loving the Lord our God, obeying God, holding fast to God.

Leader: That means life to you.

Congregation: We will serve the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship the God of our salvation.

*HYMN NO. 478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, you created the world and called it good. You created us in your image and blessed us, and you saw all that you had created and called it very good. We thank you for the goodness that surrounds us and for signs of your love and presence. But God we also know that this is not the whole story. Almost as soon as the story begins, we begin to doubt your word. We want to be like you, and even wonder if we really need you. Soon deception and blame and division enter the world. And then anger and violence and death. And it is not good. And so, we need forgiveness. We need healing, for us, and for our nation, and for our world. We need to be set free from sin so that we might choose life. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 4:1-16

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 2:11-14

SERMON

“Hostility and Reconciliation”

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 261

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

*BENEDICTION

**Those who are able please stand.*