

July 9, 2023

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Joseph J. Clifford
Worship Leader	Jim Gallagher
Flowers	Ginny and Jim Cannon
Ushers	Mindy and Lee Hanna
Minister's Hospitality	Jennifer and Greg Currie
Refreshments	Brad Bailey
Music	Cissy Shull
Bagpiper	Emmitt LaBelle

Friday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will be held on Friday, July 14th, starting at 8:30 AM in the small dining room at the Eseeola Lodge. A free continental breakfast is available for attendees. Reverend McLaughlin will lead the Bible Study based on 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, "The B.I.B.L.E: That's the Book for Me". Please come and bring a friend! Sally and Tommy McElwee will be hosting Reverend McLaughlin.

Wee Kirk Website

Please visit the Wee Kirk website (www.weekirk.org) for information about our visiting ministers, church history, and benevolence. On the website, you can volunteer to usher or serve lemonade. For more information about volunteering, call or text Dianne Bailey at 704-936-9047. Past sermons also can be found on the website. For more information about sermon recordings, call or text Albert Myers at 904-806-5072.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

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GUEST MINISTER

The Reverend Dr. Joseph J. Clifford

With pleasure today we welcome Dr. Joseph J. Clifford and his wife Jennifer.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph J. Clifford serves as Pastor, Head of Staff of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. He began his ministry there in September 2016.

In the community, Joe chairs the board of the Mountain Retreat Association (Montreat) and he serves on the board of Crossroads Community Development Corporation in Charlotte.

He is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, and earned his Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from McCormick Theological Seminary. His undergraduate degree is from Auburn University, where he majored in economics and went on to a career in banking and finance before discerning a call to ministry and going to seminary.

He grew up in the Washington DC area, the son of two public school teachers. Joe met his wife, Jennifer, at Auburn and they have two adult children.

Next week our guest minister will be
Reverend Meg Peery McLaughlin
Co-Pastor
University Presbyterian Church
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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.

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

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Congregation: The Lord's name be praised!

* HYMN NO. 339

Be Thou My Vision

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:31-39

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 139:1-18

SERMON

"God's Knitting"

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

* BENEDECTION

* *Those who are able please stand.*