

September 24, 2023

Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. W. Douglas Hood, Jr.
Worship Leader	Charlie Gray
Flowers	Gretchen and Tom Carpenter
Ushers	Mindy and Lee Hanna
Minister's Hospitality	Kathy and Charlie Gray
Communion Servers	Meredith Graves Kelly Graves Lili Teigland Jim Gallagher
Music	Lana Donovan
Bagpiper	Emmitt LaBelle

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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Circa 1895

GUEST MINISTER

The Reverend Dr. W. Douglas Hood, Jr.

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. W. Douglas Hood, Jr. and his wife Grace. Rev. Dr. W. Douglas Hood, Jr. has been the Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, Florida, since 2012. He holds a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Doug was the 2015 Moderator of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida and was a commissioner to the Presbyterian Church USA's General Assembly in 2014 and 2016. Author of numerous books, including a soon-to-be-published book, *A Month of Prayer: Five-Minute Meditations for a Deeper Experience of Prayer*, he co-authored *Nurture Faith: Five-Minute Meditations to Strengthen Your Walk with Christ*, with his son, Nathanael, a recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. His sermons and articles have appeared in *Lectionary Homiletics*, *Preaching Great Texts*, *Biblical Preaching Journal*, and *Preaching Word & Witness*.

Doug is married to Grace, has two children, Nathanael and Rachael, and resides in Boynton Beach, Florida.

This is our final service for 2023 and has been another summer of outstanding ministers and worship here at Wee Kirk. We have enjoyed a season of bountiful giving, furthering our mission of serving Avery County's children and families. Thank you so much for your generosity and for all the Wee Kirk volunteers who always say "yes". Watch your mailboxes as we will announce our 2024 ministers in the Spring. As always, we look forward to the next time we get together and we urge you to please come and bring a friend.

WEE KIRK OUTREACH

A significant percent of our gifts and offerings go to our Outreach Program, the focus of which is to serve the 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

Leader: From the very beginning, God calls us.

Congregation: God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

Leader: Trusting in God, let us worship together.

* HYMN NO. 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steady love and ability to make all things new.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 119:105-112

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 20:11-18

SERMON

"Surprise Endings"

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 339

Be Thou My Vision

* BENEDECTION

* *Those who are able please stand.*