

May 28, 2023

Guest Minister	Dr. Ernest T. Thompson III
Worship Leader	Lili Teigland
Flowers	Mindy and Lee Hanna
Greeters and Ushers	Scottie and Richard Bowers
Minister's Hospitality	Ashley and Richard Anderson
Refreshments	Dianne and Brian Bailey
Communion Servers	Dianne Bailey    Wynn Dorsett Johnny Belk    Sarah Shifflet
Music	Cissy Shull
Bagpiper	Emmitt LaBelle

### Friday Morning Bible Study

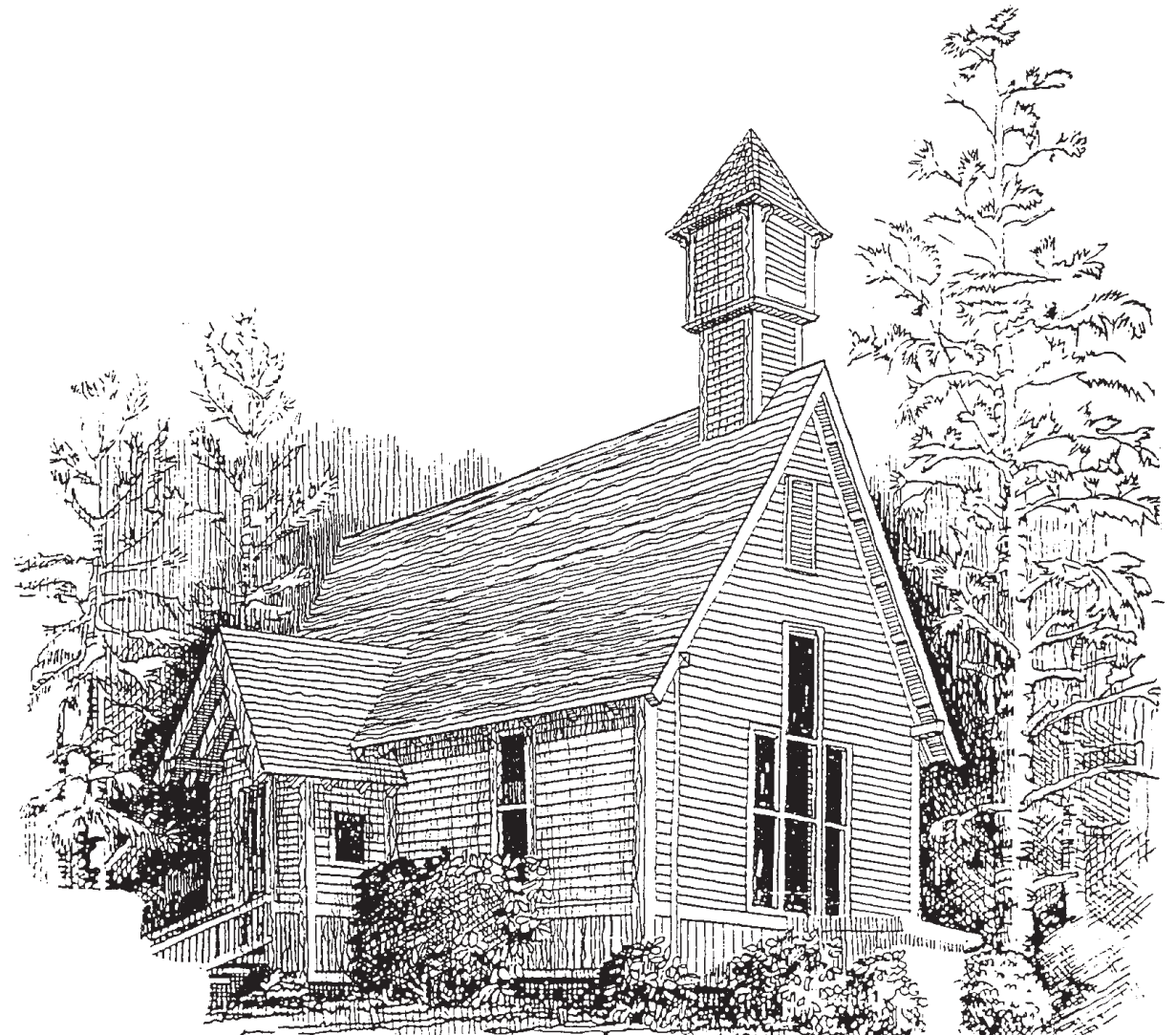
On Friday, June 2nd starting at 8:30 a.m. in the small dining room at the Esee-ola Lodge. Complimentary continental breakfast and coffee will be available. Dr. Walker will lead the Bible Study based on John 10, "I am"... *Who is Jesus in John's Gospel*. Please come and bring a friend! Harriet and Tarlton Long will be hosting Dr. Walker.

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*Circa 1895*

## GUEST MINISTER

### Dr. Ernest T. Thompson III

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

Ernie has served as pastor and head of staff of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro since 2015. He spent 15 years before that serving as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington NC and has also served churches in Charlotte NC, Lancaster SC and Colonial Heights VA. Ernie attended Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond for his M.Div degree and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur for his D.Min. Ernie's father, Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson Jr, who passed away this year, was one of the early preachers at Wee Kirk when church was rededicated 30 years ago.

Ernie and his wife Elaine are both graduates of the University of South Carolina. They have two adult children. Meagan and Richard, who both live in Raleigh. Meagan and her husband Daniel have three sons, Davis, Jack and Bowen.

Next week our guest minister will be

**Dr. Tom Walker**  
Retired Pastor  
Palms Presbyterian Church  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida

## 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 (John 3:8, I Corinthians 12:17)

Leader: The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.

#### **Congregation: So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.**

Leader: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

#### **Congregation: Let us worship our good and gracious God.**

#### \* HYMN NO. 319

*Spirit*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a generous spirit.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:24-30

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 20:19-23

#### SERMON

“The Gifts of the Spirit: Peace, Joy, and Mission”

#### \* 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. 324

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

#### \* BENEDECTION

*\* Those who are able please stand.*