June 25, 2023

Guest Minister The Reverend Dr. John C. Brearley

Worship Leader Steve Shelton

Flowers Dee Dee McKay

Ushers Sally and Tommy McElwee

Minister's Hospitality Dottie and Barry Cook

Refreshments The Stroud Family

Communion Servers Jane Smith Terry Smith

Harriet Long Mindy Hanna

Music Cissy Shull

Bagpiper Emmitt LaBelle

Friday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will be held on Friday, June 30th, starting at 8:30 AM in the small dining room at the Eseeola Lodge. A free continental breakfast is available for attendees. Reverend Swetenburg will lead the Bible Study based on Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 2:19-22 and other selected readings, "Jesus Yes, Church No". Please come and bring a friend! Cambey and Jim Gallagher will be hosting Reverend Swetenburg.

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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GUEST MINISTER

Reverend Dr. John C. Brearley

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. John C. Brearley and his wife Tammy.

John is the Senior Minister at Myrtle Beach First Presbyterian Church. He was born in Columbia, SC, and received his undergraduate degree from Presbyterian College, his Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, and his Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Seminary. In addition, Dr. Brearley completed post graduate study at the University of Edinburgh. Before coming to Myrtle Beach, John served churches in Camden, SC, Elkin, NC and Greenville, SC.

John and his wife Tammy have four children. Meg (Mrs. Paul Greathouse) is a high school history teacher in Lexington, SC. Lauren (Mrs. Spencer Benton) is an attorney in Myrtle Beach, SC. Michael (married to Erin) is an attorney in Greenville, SC. Caroline (Mrs. Chase Owens) is an elementary school teacher in Lexington, SC.

John and Tammy enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren, living at the beach, and visiting Wee Kirk and the mountains each summer.

Next week our guest minister will be Reverend Betsy Swetenburg Pastor and Head of Staff Northridge Presbyterian Church Dallas, Texas

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

Leader: Today we gather with Christians near and far to sit together at God's table.

Congregation: Together we will eat the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation.

Leader: God prepares the table with love and grace.

Congregation: We give praise to God, who invites us all to this feast.

* HYMN NO. 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. (Please continue with silent prayers of confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us.

Congregation: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 133

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

SERMON

"In This Together"

* 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. 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

^{*} BENEDICTION

^{*} Those who are able please stand.