

July 2, 2023

Guest Minister	The Reverend Betsy Swetenburg
Worship Leader	Jim Gallagher
Flowers	Katherine and Tom Bunn
Ushers	Kelly and Dean Dancer
Minister's Hospitality	Cambey and Jim Gallagher
Refreshments	Brad Bailey
Music	Cissy Shull Men's Choir
Bagpiper	Emmitt LaBelle

Friday Morning Bible Study

On Friday, July 7th, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the small dining room at the Eseeola Lodge. Complimentary continental breakfast and coffee will be available. Dr. Clifford will lead the Bible Study based on Psalm 139:1-18, "God's Providence". Please come and bring a friend! Jennifer and Greg Currie will be hosting Dr. Clifford.

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

Reverend Betsy Swetenburg

With pleasure today we welcome Reverend Betsy Swetenburg and her husband Owen.

Betsy is the Pastor of Northridge Presbyterian Church in Dallas, TX, where she has served since July 2020. Prior to Northridge, Betsy served as an associate pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church and as Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Columbia Theological Seminary, both in Atlanta.

Betsy graduated from Davidson College prior to attending Columbia Seminary. She currently serves as an associate editor of the Journal for Preachers and is a board member of the White Rock Center for Hope, a Dallas non-profit.

Her greatest joy is getting to travel through life with her husband, Owen, and son, Harris, whom they welcomed in December 2022. Betsy and Owen, both North Carolina natives, at times still find it hard to believe that their child is a Texan. They have enjoyed finding every opportunity to expose Harris to the wonders of their home state and are grateful for this week to do just that.

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Joseph J. Clifford, Pastor
Myers Park Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, 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: We are God's church:

Congregation: we come together to worship.

Leader: God has called us into this body:

Congregation: we come together to share our lives.

Leader: God has freed us from our past:

Congregation: we come together to move forward.

Leader: God has put words of scripture on our lips:

Congregation: we go out to share them with the world.

Leader: God has given us the Spirit:

Congregation: we come together to celebrate.

* HYMN NO. 465

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; conveniences masquerade as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of your Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

"Is the Church Necessary?"

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* FINAL HYMN

God Bless America

* BENEDICTION

* *Those who are able please stand.*