

July 30, 2023

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Edwin G. Hurley	
Worship Leader	Bob Eoff	
Flowers	Gillian and Mike Goodrich	
Ushers	Gretchen Carpenter Sara Stroud	
Minister's Hospitality	Gillian and Mike Goodrich	
Communion Servers	Dianne Bailey	Rosa McNairy
	Jane Smith	Terry Smith
Music	Cissy Shull	
Bagpiper	Emmitt LaBelle	

Friday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will be held on Friday, August 4th, starting at 8:30 AM in the small dining room at the Eseeola Lodge. A free continental breakfast is available for attendees. Dr. Edmonston will lead the Bible Study based on James 1, *James: "Brother" of Jesus; Friend and Servant of God*. Please come and bring a friend! Ashley and Richard Anderson will be hosting Dr. Edmonston.

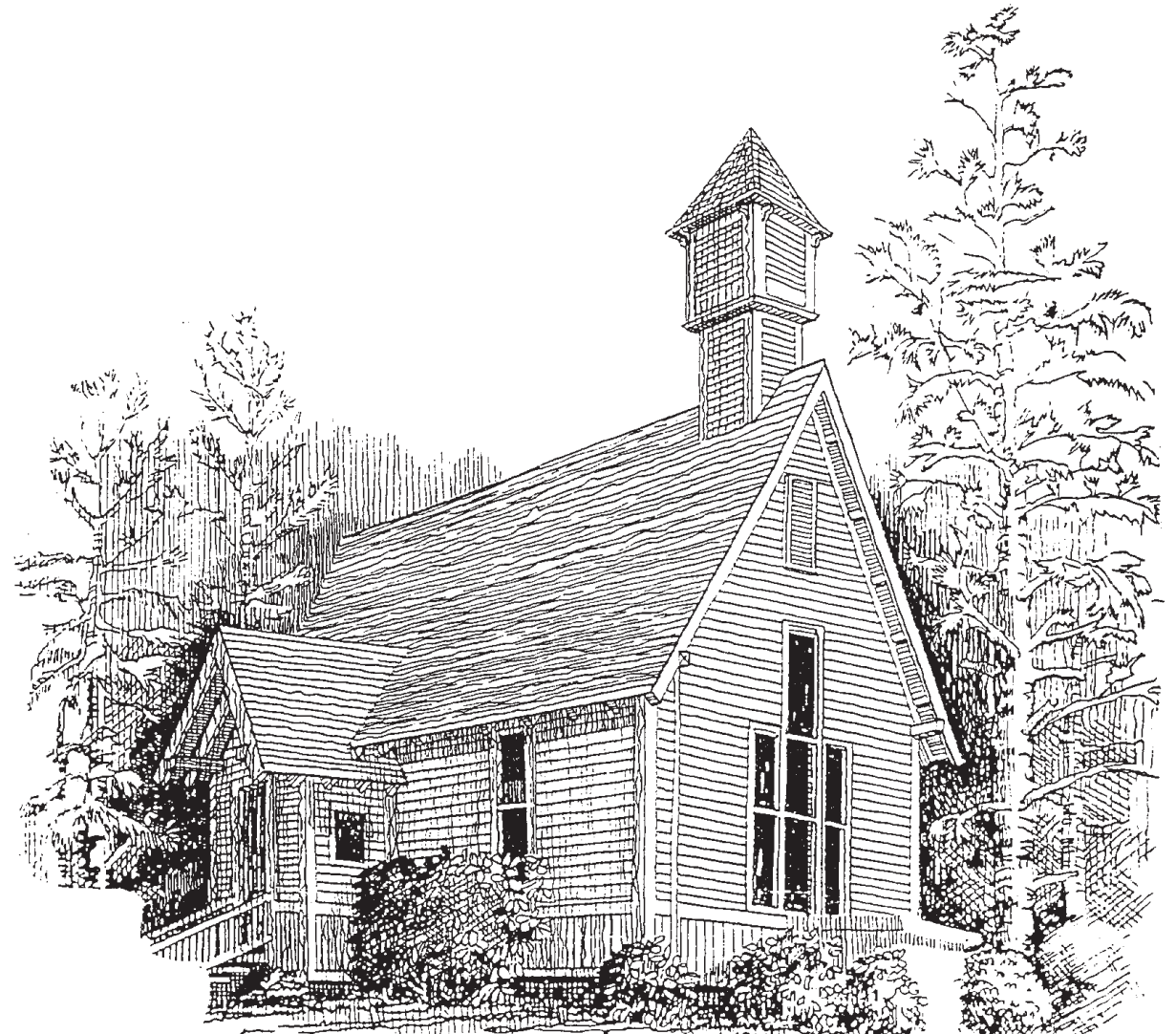
Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Christopher H. Edmonston
Pastor, Head of Staff
White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, North Carolina

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

The Reverend Dr. Edwin G. Hurley

With pleasure today we welcome Dr. Edwin G. Hurley and his wife Gayle.

Dr. Edwin Gray Hurley, Ed is the Senior Pastor of the South Highland Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama. In October, Ed will complete his 22nd year of service at SHPC. SHPC is an historic congregation, founded in 1888, located near downtown Birmingham, seeking to help all become “Fully Alive with the Passion of Christ.”

Ed grew up in El Dorado, Arkansas. He graduated from McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University with a double major in history and English, his Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, his Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary. Ed did graduate study at New College, the University of Edinburgh as recipient of the Graduate Study Fellowship for Parish Ministry Award from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Dr. Hurley has previously served churches in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Monroe, Louisiana; and Bowling Green, Kentucky. Ed is married to Gayle, a portrait artist and beekeeper, and they have three children, Stuart (Tracy), Peter, and Catherine (Hunter) and four grandchildren, Kelly, Winfield, Henry, and Gray.

Ed is active in the Presbytery of Sheppards & Lapsley, serving currently as Moderator. He has served as a commissioner to General Assembly. He serves as a Trustee of the Board of the Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian Church, having previously served as Chair of the Board. Last year he traveled to Pakistan with an Outreach team where they visited Presbyterian schools, churches, Christian broadcasting and book publication organizations, and the historic Forman Christian College. More recently he participated in consultations in Beirut, Lebanon with Presbyterian Church leaders from across Europe and the USA who are partnering with the war-torn Presbyterian Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon. From there he went on to Warsaw, Poland engaging with the Ukrainian refugees and teaching at the Warsaw Evangelical College of Theology and Social Sciences. He serves on the Advisory Board of Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, and the Alumni Council of Princeton Theological Seminary.

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 (From Psalm 68)

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds - his name is the Lord - be exultant before him.

Congregation: Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

Leader: God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

Congregation: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

Leader: Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belongs escape from death. Let us worship the living God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

* HYMN NO. 455

All Creatures of Our God and King

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 3:25-29

GOSPLE READING

Matthew 3:1-17

SERMON

“Confession of a Privileged Southerner”

* 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. 439

In Christ There Is No East or West

* BENEDECTION

* *Those who are able please stand.*