August 13, 2023

Guest Minister The Reverend Dr. Peter Bynum

Worship Leader Tom Bunn

Flowers Sara and Taylor Stroud and Family

Ushers Taylor Stroud

John Stoud

Minister's Hospitality Linda and Albert Myers

Refreshments Asher Stroud

Music Cissy Shull

Bagpiper Emmitt LaBelle

Friday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will be held on Friday, August 18th, starting at 8:30 AM in the small dining room at the Eseeola Lodge. A free continental breakfast is available for attendees. Dr. Eason will lead the Bible Study based on a variety of biblical references, "How Do We Interpret the Bible?". Please come and bring a friend! Gail Brinn Wilkins and Howard Freese will be hosting Dr. Eason.

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. Peter Bynum

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. Peter Bynum and his wife Stephanie.

Peter Bynum has been the Senior Pastor of Larchmont Avenue Church in Larchmont, New York since April of 2021. He has previously served as the senior minister of churches in Rocky Mount, NC, Concord, NC, and Mount Pleasant, SC. He holds degrees from Davidson College (B.A.), the University of Virginia School of Law (J.D.), Union Presbyterian Seminary (M.Div.), and Columbia Theological Seminary (D.Min.).

Peter's wife Stephanie also serves the church as the Director of Administration for the Office of the Vicar at Trinity Church Wall Street in Manhattan. They have two daughters: Molly (21), who is a rising senior at Columbia University, and Kate (17), who is a rising senior at Mamaroneck High School.

Next week our guest minister will be The Reverend Dr. Steven P. Eason Retired Senior 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 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: Beloved, since God has loved us so much, we are called to love one another.

Congregation: If we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us.

Leader: And how do we know that we abide in God and God abides in us?

Congregation: Because God has given us God's own Spirit.

Leader: Therefore, we need not fear, because perfect love casts out fear.

Congregation: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Leader: Let us worship God!

* HYMN NO. 275 God of Our Life

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ with me, before me and behind me, above me and below me, you have promised that you will not leave us orphaned -- that you will remain with us and abide with us as our Teacher, our Guide, and our Advocate. We hear this Promise, but we so rarely live as if we believe it. We want to have Faith, but our fears are so strong, and our flesh is so weak. You show us the Way, but the paths of the world are so well trodden, and our sense of direction is so unreliable, that we end up wandering far from you. Forgive us, Lord. Reassure us and lead us with the power and presence of your Holy Spirit, so that our lives may truly serve and honor you...

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 68:4-10, 19

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14:15-21

SERMON

"The Paraclete Strikes Again!"

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 398

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

^{*} BENEDICTION

^{*} Those who are able please stand.