

August 20, 2023

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Steven P. Eason
Worship Leader	Lee Hanna
Flowers	Jeannie and Robert Fuller
Ushers	Jennifer and Greg Currie Molly and Jack Blythe
Minister's Hospitality	Gail Brinn Wilkins and Howard Freese
Refreshments	Jennifer and Greg Currie
Music	Cissy Shull
Bagpiper	Emmitt LaBelle

Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

Friday Morning Bible Study

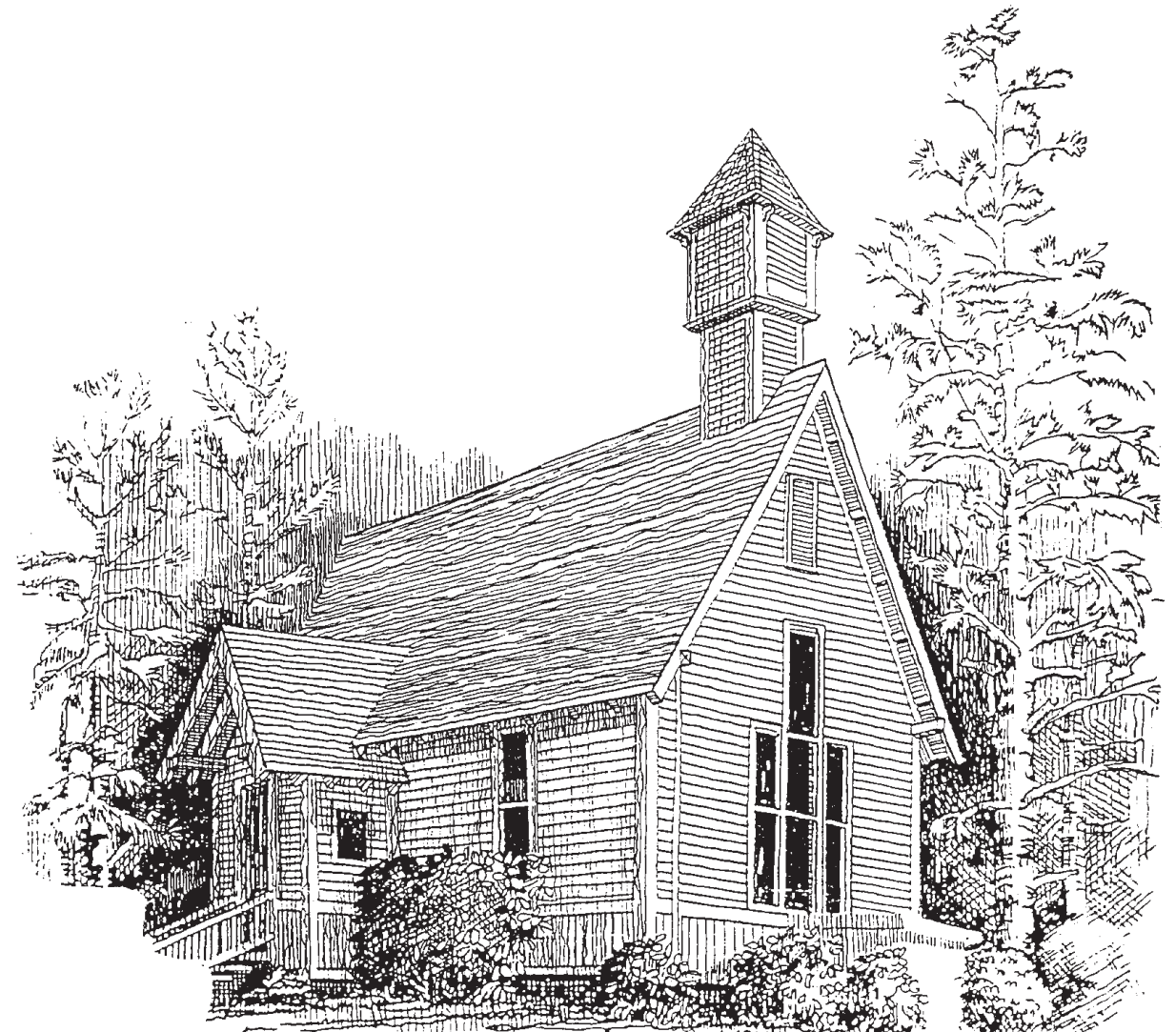
Bible Study will be held on Friday, August 25th, starting at 8:30 AM in the small dining room at the Eseeola Lodge. A free continental breakfast is available for attendees. Dr. Tewell will lead the Bible Study based on Romans 12:1-21, "Decerning God's Will in Turbulent Times". Please come and bring a friend! Anne Robinson will be hosting Dr. Tewell.

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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Circa 1895

GUEST MINISTER

The Reverend Dr. Steven P. Eason

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. Steven P. Eason and his wife Catherine.

Dr. Eason is a retired Presbyterian (USA) pastor, author, pastoral counselor, teacher and consultant. A graduate of Duke Divinity School ('79), Steve served churches of all sizes over his 40 years of ministry. From 2002 to 2015 he was the Senior Pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

His book, *Making Disciples, Making Leaders*, (Geneva Press, 2016), is used by many Presbyterian churches for officer training and leadership development.

Steve and Catherine were married in 1977. They have three grown children and six grandchildren. Their home is in the beautiful hill country of Brevard, NC.

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Thomas K. Tewell
Preacher in Residence and Pastoral Residency Advisor
San Marino Community Church
San Marino, California

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: This is the day the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* HYMN NO. 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Merciful God, even as we sing your praise, we know that we fall short of what you ask. We admit that we are score keepers, revenge seekers, people who seldom forget an insult suffered. We confess that forgiveness seems unfair, even subversive to the good of the order. We are sure that somebody needs to straighten out those other people. But when we turn to face you, we realize that we are "those other people." And you are full of mercy towards us in our sin. You forgive seventy times seven, and then some. Forgive us again today so that we may learn how to be forgiving people. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:27

SERMON

"The Image of God"

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 326

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

* BENEDECTION

* *Those who are able please stand.*