

August 27, 2023

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Thomas K. Tewell
Worship Leader	Dianne Bailey
Flowers	Leigh and John Green
Ushers	Dottie and Barry Cook
Minister's Hospitality	Anne Robinson
Communion Servers	Diana Shelton     Steve Shelton
	Wynn Dorsett     Mindy Hanna
Refreshments	Dottie and Barry Cook
Music	Lana Donovan
Bagpiper	Emmitt LaBelle

# Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

## Friday Morning Bible Study

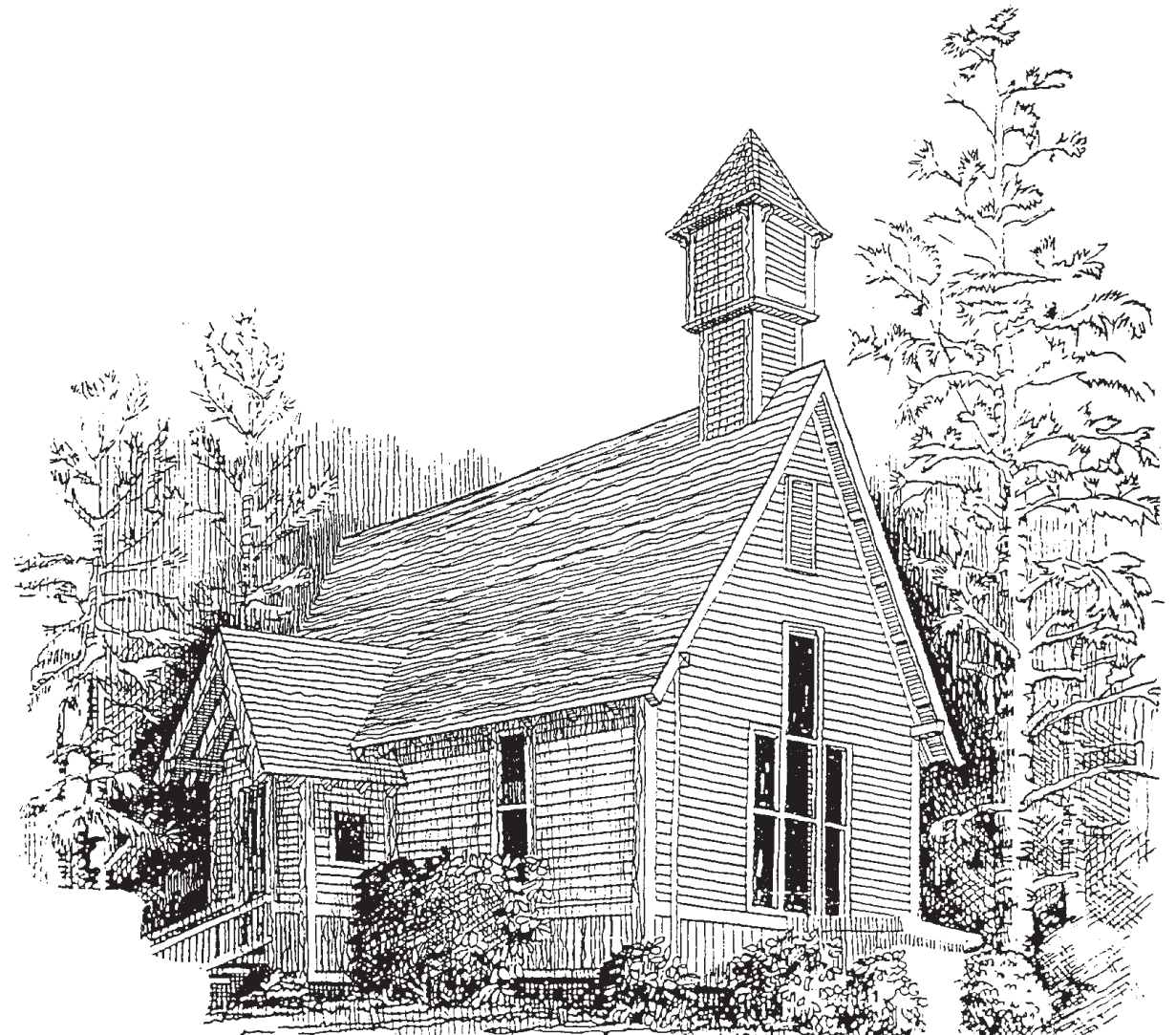
Bible Study will be held on Friday, September 1st, starting at 8:30 AM in the small dining room at the Eseeola Lodge. A free continental breakfast is available for attendees. Reverend Peery will lead the Bible Study based on Luke 19:1-10, "Zacchaeus". Please come and bring a friend! Meredith and Kelly Graves will be hosting Reverend Peery.

## Wee Kirk Website

Please visit the Wee Kirk website ([www.weekirk.org](http://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. Thomas K. Tewell**

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. Thomas K. Tewell and his wife Suzanne.

Tom Tewell has loved being pastor of four thriving congregations during his more than forty-five years in the pastoral ministry, including Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. In this current chapter of life, Tom thoroughly enjoys being a pastor to pastors, a preacher in residence at San Marino Presbyterian near Pasadena, California, and most of all a husband, dad, and granddad of seven grandchildren between the ages of five and twenty-three!

A graduate of Princeton Seminary, where he served as a Trustee for 15 years, Tom received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew Theological as well as two honorary doctoral degrees. He has received numerous awards for his social justice ministry with the homeless in New York City, and for his preaching. Tom continues to mentor 28 young preachers, through the Zick Preacher Scholar Program that he founded, that helps pastors improve their preaching.

An entrepreneur at heart, Tom is also the Founder of Macedonian Ministry, a leadership development ministry that he started with Linville's own, Tom Cousins in 2008. Macedonian Ministry just enrolled their 1,200th pastor and congregation representing 25 different denominations in America. Tom and his wife Suzanne have been married for 52 years and live in Claremont California, close to their three youngest grandchildren under the age of eight!

Next week our guest minister will be  
The Reverend Pendleton Barnes Peery  
Senior Pastor  
First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte  
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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Congregation: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

**Congregation: It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: For the Lord is good.

**Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\* HYMN NO. 487

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord, we are always asking that you dance to our tune. Whatever melody moves through our lives, we want it to be your song, too. We have it backwards. We want you to be the orchestra and ourselves to be the conductor. Give us grace to put down the baton, and to play fiddle, even second fiddle. Let us keep time to your beat. If your cue is for justice, let justice be performed. If your cue is for silence and rest, let every instrument be still. If your cue is for praise, let our voices fill with a crescendo of adoration. And in all our dancing, let us follow the steps of our master, Jesus Christ. A-men

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 10:38-42

### SERMON

"A Red-Carpet Welcome!"

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### OFFERING AND \*DOXOLOGY

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN NO. 276

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

\* BENEDECTION

*\* Those who are able please stand.*