

August 6, 2023

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Christopher H. Edmonston
Worship Leader	Katherine Bunn
Flowers	Sarah and Allen Shifflet
Ushers	Pat Copeland Mindy Hanna
Minister's Hospitality	Ashley and Richard Anderson
Refreshments	Brad Bailey
Music	Cissy Shull Larson Shull
Bagpiper	Emmitt LaBelle

Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

Friday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will be held on Friday, August 11th, starting at 8:30 AM in the small dining room at the Eseeola Lodge. A free continental breakfast is available for attendees. Dr. Bynum will lead the Bible Study based on the role of the Holy Spirit as "Advocate" in John 14 and 1 John 1:4-2:2, "I Will Not Leave You Orphaned". Please come and bring a friend! Linda and Albert Myers will be hosting Dr. Bynum.

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

The Reverend Dr. Christopher H. Edmonston

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. Christopher H. Edmonston and his wife Colleen.

Rev. Dr. Christopher H. Edmonston is Pastor and Head of Staff at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. A graduate of Davison College, Union Presbyterian Seminary, and Columbia Theological Seminary.

Christopher has called North Carolina home for most of the last 30 years. He previously served First Presbyterian, Charlotte, and Howard Memorial Presbyterian in Tarboro, NC. He has been at White Memorial for twelve years and shares ministry across the city of Raleigh and the state of North Carolina through many church-based and community-based initiatives. He is the Board Chair at Union Presbyterian Seminary and a member of the Board of Pensions (PCUSA).

He is married to Colleen Camaione-Edmonston and they have three children, Patrick (a rising Senior in the Honors College at Appalachian State University), Gabe (a rising Sophomore at Davidson College), and Amelia (a rising Junior at St. Mary's School in Raleigh).

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Peter Bynum
Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Larchmont Avenue Church
Larchmont, New York

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.

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 17)

Leader: Lord, listen to our prayers and receive our songs and praises in worship.

Congregation: Help our feet to hold true to your steps. Help us follow the path of faithfulness.

Leader: We call upon you in every moment of our lives. Your grace alone sustains us all.

Congregation: In the name of grace of Jesus Christ, let us praise God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

* HYMN NO. 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Merciful God, we confess we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We fall short of your righteous will by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have put You to the test, as though in our conceits we are the ones who could ever test You. Forgive our misguided thoughts and actions. In the name of Jesus, receive our confession and hear our prayer for pardon. Help us, Lord, to delight in your will and follow in your ways. Help us to follow you into the fields of service. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 17:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 14:13-27

SERMON

“Going Ashore with Jesus”

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 485

To God Be the Glory

* BENEDECTION

* *Those who are able please stand.*