

September 10, 2023

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Todd B. Jones
Worship Leader	Steve Shelton
Flowers	Harriet and Tarlton Long
Ushers	Jennifer and Greg Currie
Minister's Hospitality	Pat White Copeland
Refreshments	Jennifer and Greg Currie
Music	Lana Donovan
Bagpiper	Emmitt LaBelle

Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

Friday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will be held on Friday, September 15th, starting at 8:30 AM in the small dining room at the Eseeola Lodge. A free continental breakfast is available for attendees. Dr. Covington will lead the Bible Study based on I Corinthians 14:1-40, "Decently and In Order". Please come and bring a friend! Wynn and Jim Dorsett will be hosting Dr. Covington.

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. Todd B. Jones

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. Todd B. Jones and his wife Connie.

Todd is a 1976 cum laude graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and a 1979 Master of Divinity graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, where he was awarded the Fellowship for Parish Ministry. After a year of graduate study at Edinburgh University, Todd was ordained in 1980 by the PCUSA.

He has served four congregations over forty years, including eleven years as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, South Carolina and seventeen years as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, Tennessee, from which he retired in 2019. For each of those forty years, the congregations Todd served grew in membership.

Todd has served on the Board of Princeton Seminary since 1997, and recently retired from the Board of Belmont University.

Todd is married to the former Connie King, and they have four adult children and six grandchildren. He has been coming to Wee Kirk since 1994, and Todd and Connie are delighted to be back in Linville!

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Matthew Covington
Pastor
The Presbyterian Church
Bowling Green, Kentucky

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: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.

Congregation: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the seas.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Congregation: For he is our God, and we are the sheep of his hand, the people of his flock.

* HYMN NO. 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gracious God, who is ever more ready to forgive than we are to confess our sins, we come this morning as people in need of your grace and mercy. We have left undone those things we ought to have done, and done those things we ought not to have done. We are humbled in your presence, and ask for your forgiveness of our many sins. Hear our prayers, and grant us the grace to live lives pleasing in your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 1

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 10:1-13

SERMON

“Life Abundant”

* 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.*