June 2, 2024

Guest Minister The Reverend Rebekah Close LeMon

Worship Leader Rosa McNairy

Flowers Dottie and Barry Cook

Ushers Katy and Raleigh Shoemaker

Minister's Hospitality Allison and Hank Hall

Refreshments Dottie and Barry Cook

Music Cissy Shull

Trumpeter Joel LeMon

Bagpiper Emmitt LaBelle

Friday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Thompson will lead the Bible Study on Friday, June 7th, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the card room at The Eseeola Lodge. Complimentary continental breakfast and coffee will be available. Please come and bring a friend! Harriet and Tarlton Long will be hosting Dr. Thompson.

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 Sally McElwee 704-975-5920. Past sermons also can be found on the website. For more information about sermon recordings, call or text Nancy Wechsler 214-609-0654.

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GUEST MINISTER

The Reverend Rebekah Close LeMon

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Rebekah Close LeMon and her husband Joel.

A native of Spartanburg, SC, Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Columbia Theological Seminary, and Emory University School of Law. Since May 2022, she has served as the Senior Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

In the community, she is involved in legislative advocacy efforts for housing and healthcare for all, truancy prevention and academic success for young people, and supporting pathways to theological education. She is married to Joel LeMon, the Harp Professor of Biblical Studies at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, and they are the proud parents of James (17) and Caroline (almost 14). The LeMons have a quirky mutt named Marley and love fishing, hiking, and canoeing together.

Next week our guest minister will be The Reverend Dr. Ernest T. Thompson III Pastor Westminster Presbyterian Church Greensboro, North Carolina

WEE KIRK OUTREACH

The vast majority 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: Come and listen, all who need God's help!

Congregation: Our help comes from the one who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Come and pray, all who long to know God.

Congregation: God is our keeper; God will not let our feet be moved.

Leader: Come and sing, all who are moved to praise.

Congregation: We lift our eyes to our Lord.

Leader: Come and worship the one who holds our lives. Congregation: Let us worship the Lord our God together.

* HYMN NO. 339 Be Thou My Vision

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we want to know you and follow you. We know that we need your guidance and your teaching. But we are easily distracted and we struggle to find truth among the loud voices around us. We've grown accustomed to picking and choosing, listening closely to what we want to hear and criticizing everything else. Our thoughts drift so far that we lose sight of your authority in our lives. Forgive us, Lord. By the power of your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and renew our minds. Correct and encourage us, so that we might be bearers of your Good News.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear and believe this Good News: Jesus Christ came to earth not to condemn, but to save us. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 121

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

SERMON

"Itchy Ears"

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

* HYMN NO. 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

^{*} BENEDICTION

^{*} Those who are able please stand.