

June 30, 2024

Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

Guest Minister	The Reverend Betsy Lyles Swetenburg	
Worship Leader	Jim Gallagher	
Flowers	Meredith and Kelly Graves	
Ushers	Mary Lois and Sloan Leonard	
Minister's Hospitality	Anna and Dennis Elliott	
Refreshments	Mary Lois and Sloan Leonard	
Communion Servers	Dianne Bailey	Mindy Hanna
	Harriet Long	Sara Stroud
Music	Cissy Shull	
Bagpiper	Emmitt LaBelle	

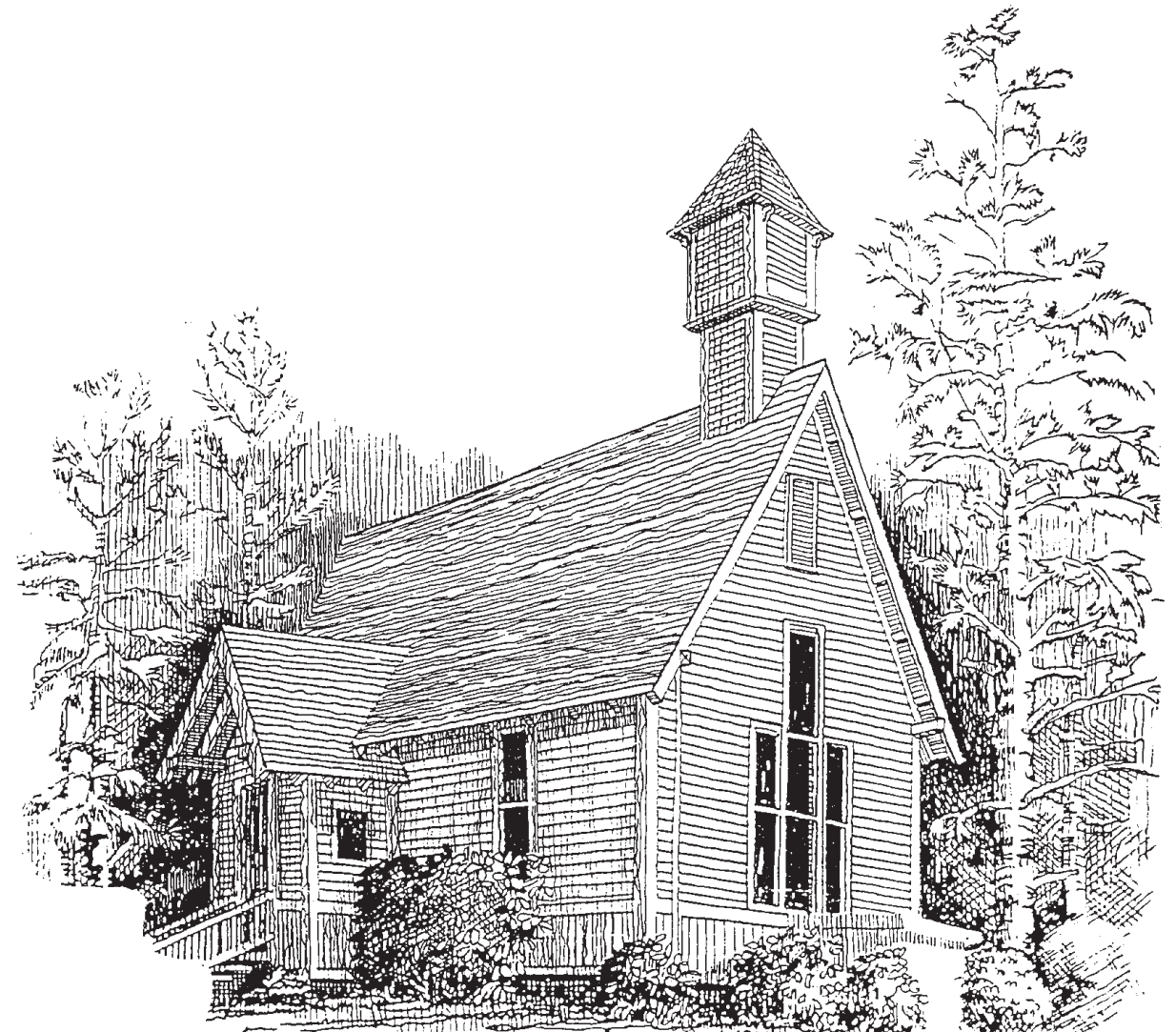
Website

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.

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.

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Circa 1895

GUEST MINISTER

The Reverend Betsy Lyles Swetenburg

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Betsy Lyles Swetenburg and her husband Owen.

Betsy is the Pastor of Northridge Presbyterian Church in Dallas, TX, where she has served since July 2020. Prior to Northridge, Betsy served as an associate pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church and as Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Columbia Theological Seminary, both in Atlanta.

Betsy graduated from Davidson College prior to attending Columbia Seminary.

She currently serves as: an associate editor of the Journal for Preachers, a member of the Montreat Retreat Association (Montreat) Board, and vice-chair of the board for the White Rock Center for Hope, a Dallas non-profit.

Her greatest joy is getting to travel through life with her husband, Owen, and 18-month-old son, Harris. Betsy and Owen, both North Carolina natives, at times still find it hard to believe that their child is a Texan. They have enjoyed finding every opportunity to expose Harris to the wonders of their home state and are grateful for this week of his continued North Carolina indoctrination.

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Christopher H. Edmonston
Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
White Memorial Presbyterian Church
Raleigh, North Carolina

Friday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Edmonston will lead the Bible Study on Friday, July 5th, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the small dining room at the Eseeola Lodge. Complimentary continental breakfast and coffee will be available. Please come and bring a friend! Ashley and Richard Anderson will be hosting Dr. Edmonston.

Save the Date

Please put July 20th on your calendar and save the date for our Wee Kirk Potluck Dinner. It will be held at the Alan Dickson Center in Linville. More information to follow.

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: Before a path was chosen or a word spoken;

Congregation: Before a war was fought or a winter passed;

Leader: Before a sword was forged or the seas parted;

Congregation: Before a wall was built or an apple bitten;

Leader: Before the wine was blessed or the bread broken;

Congregation: Before the people were dressed or a prayer offered;

Leader: Before any of this

Congregation: there was love.

* HYMN NO. 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of love, you command us to love one another from the center of our being, you tell us to bless one another, and you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words: instead of loving, we have practiced hatred; instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing; instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Forgive us for giving up. Give us the grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 80:1-7; 17-19 Page 416

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 1:18-23 Page 1

SERMON “The Most Important Word”

* THE APOSTLES' CREED Page 14

OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 442 *The Church's One Foundation*

* BENEDICTION

** Those who are able please stand.*