

May 25, 2025

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Thomas K. Tewell
Worship Leader	Dianne Bailey
Flowers	Sally and Tom McElwee
Ushers	Cambey and Jim Gallagher
Minister's Hospitality	Anne Robinson
Communion Servers	Lili Teigland Johnny Belk Kelly Graves George MacBain
Refreshments	Cambey and Jim Gallagher
Music	Cissy Shull
Bagpipes	Ella Markland

Website

Please visit the Wee Kirk website (www.weekirk.org) for information about our visiting ministers, church history, and benevolence. For information about volunteering, call or text Jim Gallagher at 704-315-8961. Past sermons also can be found on the website. For more information about sermon recordings, call or text Nancy Wechsler 214-609-0654.

Outreach

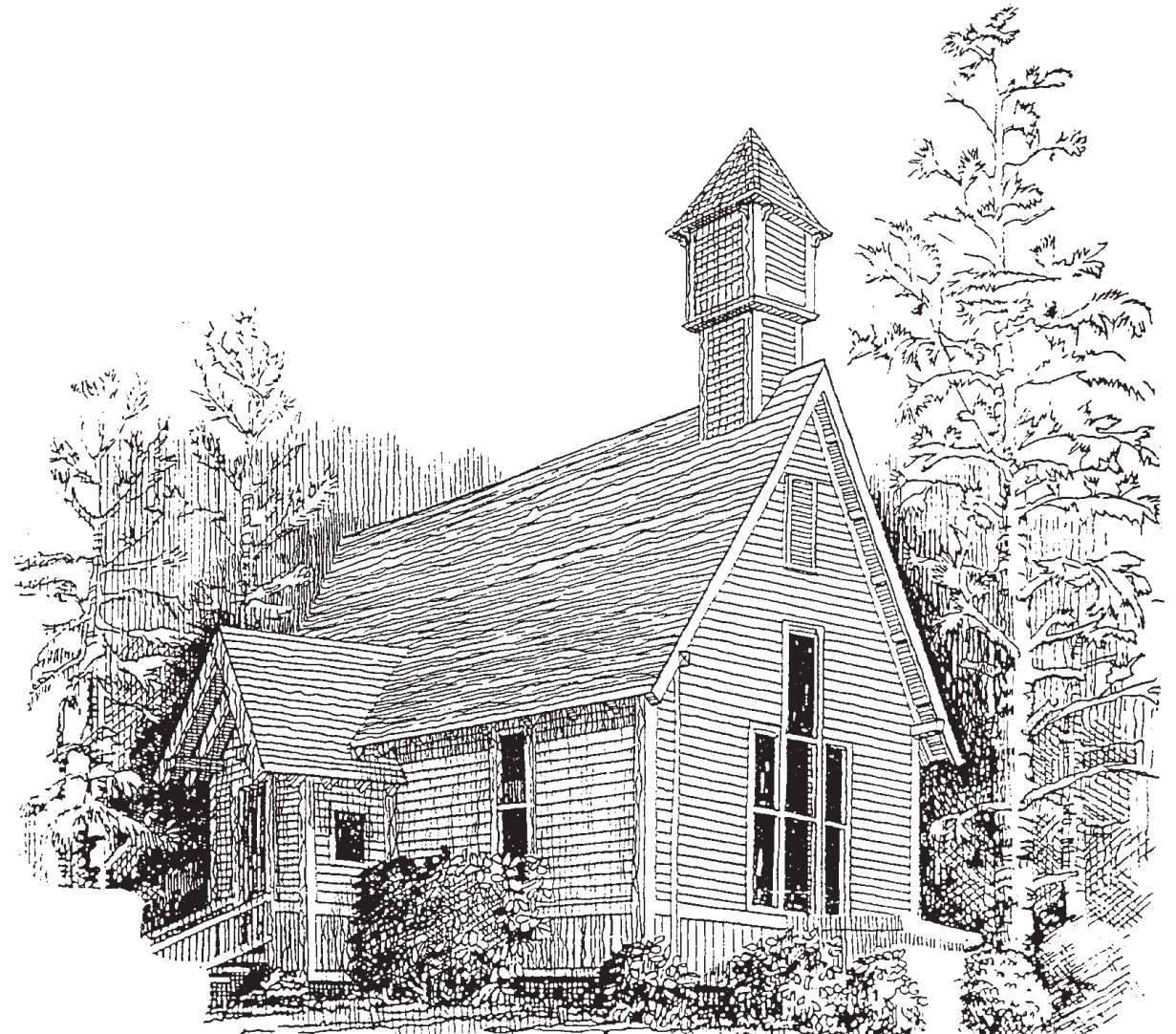
The vast majority of our gifts and offerings go to our Outreach Program, the focus of which is to serve the children and families in Avery County. Through your generosity, we provide funding for tutors in classrooms, swimming lessons for Pre-K and 2nd graders, essential needs, medical care, and enrichment programs, along with scholarship stipends for some Mayland Community College students. Thank you for your support.

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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 wonderful congregations during his forty-five years in pastoral ministry, including Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, that he served on September 11, 2001, and the 5,000-member Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas. In this current chapter of life, he thoroughly enjoys being a pastor to pastors, a preacher in residence at the San Marino Community Church in suburban Los Angeles, and, most of all, a husband, dad, and granddad to seven grandchildren between the ages of seven and twenty-five!

A graduate of Princeton Seminary, where he served as a Trustee for 15 years, Tom received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew Theological School and has been awarded two honorary doctorates. Tom has received numerous awards for his social justice ministry, particularly with the homeless in NYC, and for his preaching. Tom continues to enjoy being invited to preach on college and seminary campuses, and in congregations across America. In addition, Tom loves mentoring 40 young PC(USA) preachers through the Zick Preaching Scholar Program that helps good preachers improve the quality of their preaching. Three of the preachers in our Wee Kirk preaching lineup this summer are a part of the Zick Preaching Program: Alan Dyer, Howard Dudley, and Betsy Swetenburg.

An entrepreneur at heart, Tom is also the Co-Founder of Macedonian Ministry, a leadership development ministry that he and Tom Cousins started together in 2008. Macedonian Ministry just enrolled our 1,400th pastor and congregation representing 25 different Christian denominations! Tom and his wife Suzanne have been married for over 50 years and live in Claremont, California, close to their three youngest grandchildren, under the age of ten. Dr. Tewell can be reached at ttewell@ministry.org

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

Friday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Bynum will lead the Bible Study on Friday, May 30th, 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! Harriet and Tarlton Long will be hosting Dr. Bynum.

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 (Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the Earth. Worship the Lord with Gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing.

Congregation: Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Congregation: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

* HYMN NO. 210

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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 the 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 the sanctuary with a crescendo of adoration. And, in all our dancing, let us follow in the steps of our real orchestra conductor, Jesus Christ. A-men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Esther 4:10-16

NEW TESTAMENT READING

II Corinthians 5:14-20

SERMON

“ The Missing Piece of the Puzzle”

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* BENEDICTION

* Those who are able please stand.