

June 8, 2025

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Joseph J. Clifford
Worship Leader	Jim Gallagher
Flowers	Dee Dee McKay
Ushers	Scottie and Richard Bowers
Minister's Hospitality	Jennifer and Greg Currie
Refreshments	Brad Bailey
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

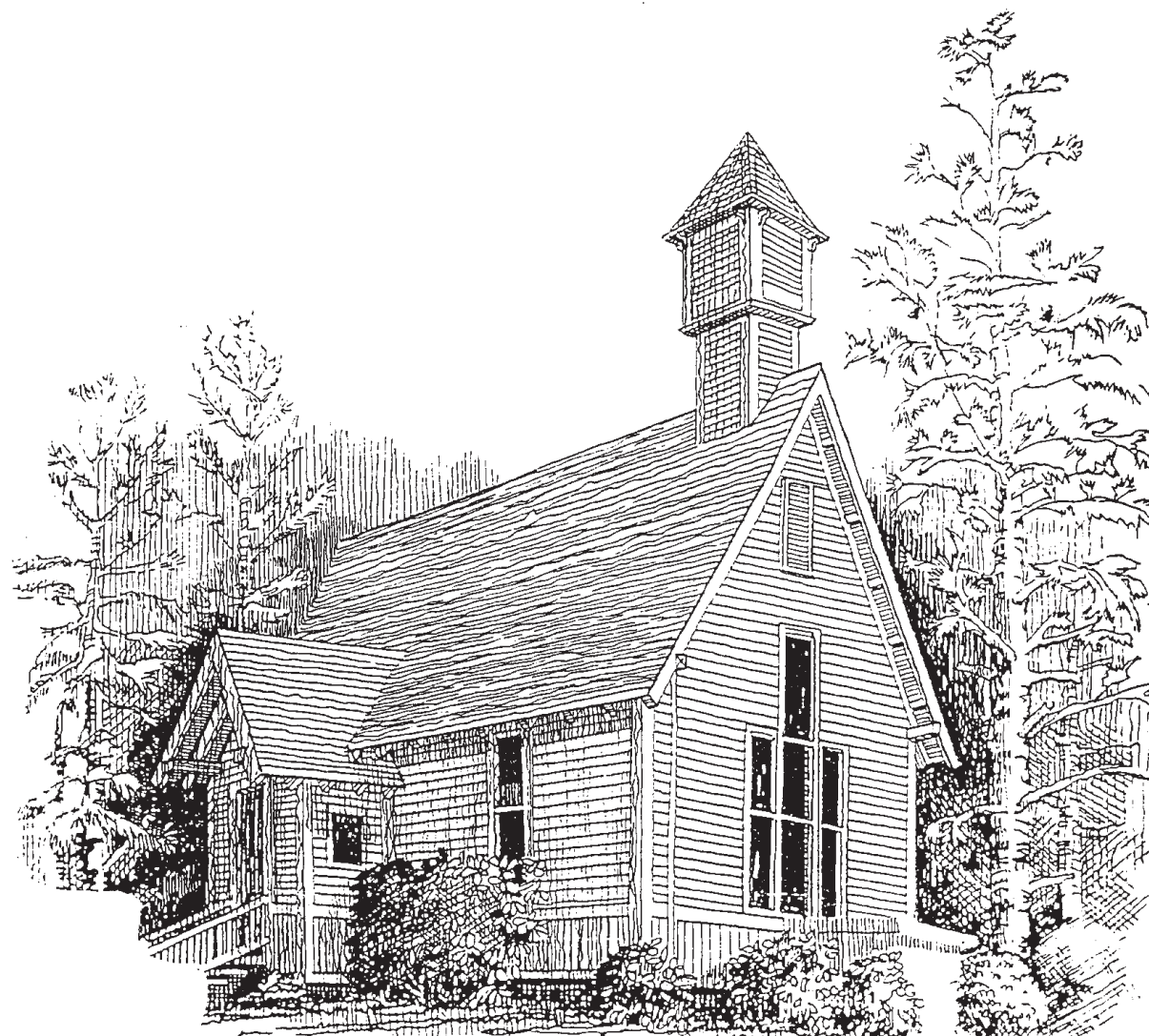
The vast majority of our gifts and offerings go to our Outreach Program, the focus of which is to serve the children and families in Avery County. Through your generosity, we provide funding for tutors in classrooms, swimming lessons for Pre-K and 2nd graders, essential needs, medical care, and enrichment 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. Joseph J. Clifford

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. Joseph J. Clifford and his wife Jennifer.

The Reverend Dr. Joseph J. Clifford serves as Pastor, Head of Staff of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. He began his ministry there in September 2016. Myers Park is a vibrant congregation with numerous outreach ministries, including Crossroads, a community development corporation focused on Grier Heights, a community with a rich history that has been jeopardized by gentrification. In addition to serving on the board of Crossroads, he also serves on the board of Columbia Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to Myers Park, Joe served congregations in Dallas, TX, Alpharetta, GA, and Stockbridge, GA. This month Joe will celebrate the 28th anniversary of his ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament.

He is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary and earned his Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from McCormick Theological Seminary. His undergraduate degree is from Auburn University, where he majored in economics and went on to a career in banking and finance before discerning a call to ministry and going to seminary. He grew up in the Washington DC area, the son of two public school teachers. Joe met his wife, Jennifer, at Auburn and they have two adult children.

Dr. Clifford can be reached at jclifford@myersparkpres.org.

Next week our guest minister will be
Rebekah Close LeMon
Senior Minister
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Atlanta, Georgia

Friday Morning Bible Study

Reverend LeMon will lead the Bible Study on Friday, June 13th, 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! Allison and Hank Hall will be hosting Reverend LeMon.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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: The world belongs to God

Congregation: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,

Congregation: To live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

Congregation: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If Christ’s disciples keep silent

Leader: These mountains would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

Leader: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

* HYMN NO. 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by your Spirit to this place. As we gather and behold your glory, we become aware of our sin. We have ignored your word. We have rejected your gifts. We have failed in your work. Ignoring the truth of Pentecost, we exclude those different from us. We divide our loyalties, and we divide our hearts. (Silent Confession)

Leader: Let your Spirit burn away our sins,

Congregation: and fill us with faith and courage, so that we might live into the promise of this day and receive the fullness of all that you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 11:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-12

SERMON

“What Language Does God Speak?”

* THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

* BENEDICTION

* Those who are able please stand.