

August 17, 2025

Guest Minister	The Reverend Meg Peery McLaughlin
Worship Leader	Sloan Leonard
Flowers	Meredith and Kelly Graves
Ushers	Bob Eoff Rush Shull
Minister's Hospitality	Dianne and Brian Bailey
Refreshments	Jim Gallagher
Music	Cissy Shull
Soloist	Mary Coates
Bagpiper	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 Meg Peery McLaughlin

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Meg Peery McLaughlin.

Meg Peery McLaughlin and her husband Jarrett serve as Co-Pastors of University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, NC, the church where they met and started dating as undergrads. Prior to returning to the land of pine, Meg and Jarrett served churches in Northern Virginia and Kansas City.

They have three daughters, Naomi (rising 9th) and twins, Caroline and Zanna (rising 6th).

Meg has hitched her life to the promise that Jesus Christ is the light that overcomes darkness, is the love that is stronger than all fear, and is the sure and certain assurance that new life is possible, even when it seems otherwise.

Reverend McLaughlin can be reached at meg@upcch.org.

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Todd B. Jones
Retired Senior Pastor
First Presbyterian Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Friday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Jones will lead the Bible Study on Friday, August 22, 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! Dottie and Barry Cook will be hosting Dr. Jones

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: This is what we know:
Congregation: Life does not spare us sorrow, and even the faithful grow weary.
Leader: This is what we trust:

Congregation: God meets us in this place; the Spirit leans in close.
Leader: This is what we hope:
Congregation: The day is surely coming when all will be made right.

* HYMN NO. 288 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Merciful God, forgive us. So much work remains undone. So much wrong remains unchanged. So much ego remains unchecked. So much love remains unshared. This is not who you made us to be. This is not who we want to be. Release us from anything keeping us from being our truest, most faithful selves, we pray.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 34: 1-18*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Luke 7: 11-17*

SERMON *“I Will Go There”*

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from a poem by Naomi Shihab Nye)
Leader: Before you know kindness as the deepest thing inside,
Congregation: you must know sorrow as the other deepest thing.
Leader: You must wake up with sorrow. You must speak to it till your voice catches the thread of all sorrows and you see the size of the cloth.
Congregation: Then it is only kindness that makes sense anymore, only kindness that raises its head from the crowd of the world to say It is I you have been looking for, and then goes with you everywhere like a shadow or a friend.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
* HYMN NO. 526 *For All the Saints*

* BENEDICTION

* *Those who are able please stand.*