

September 14, 2025

# Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Ernest T. Thompson III
Worship Leader	George MacBain
Flowers	Cathy and David Thompson
Ushers	Lili and Chris Teigland
Minister's Hospitality	Mindy and Lee Hanna
Refreshments	Susan and David Dooley
Music	Cissy Shull
Bagpiper	Ella Markland

## Website

Please visit the Wee Kirk website ([www.weekirk.org](http://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.

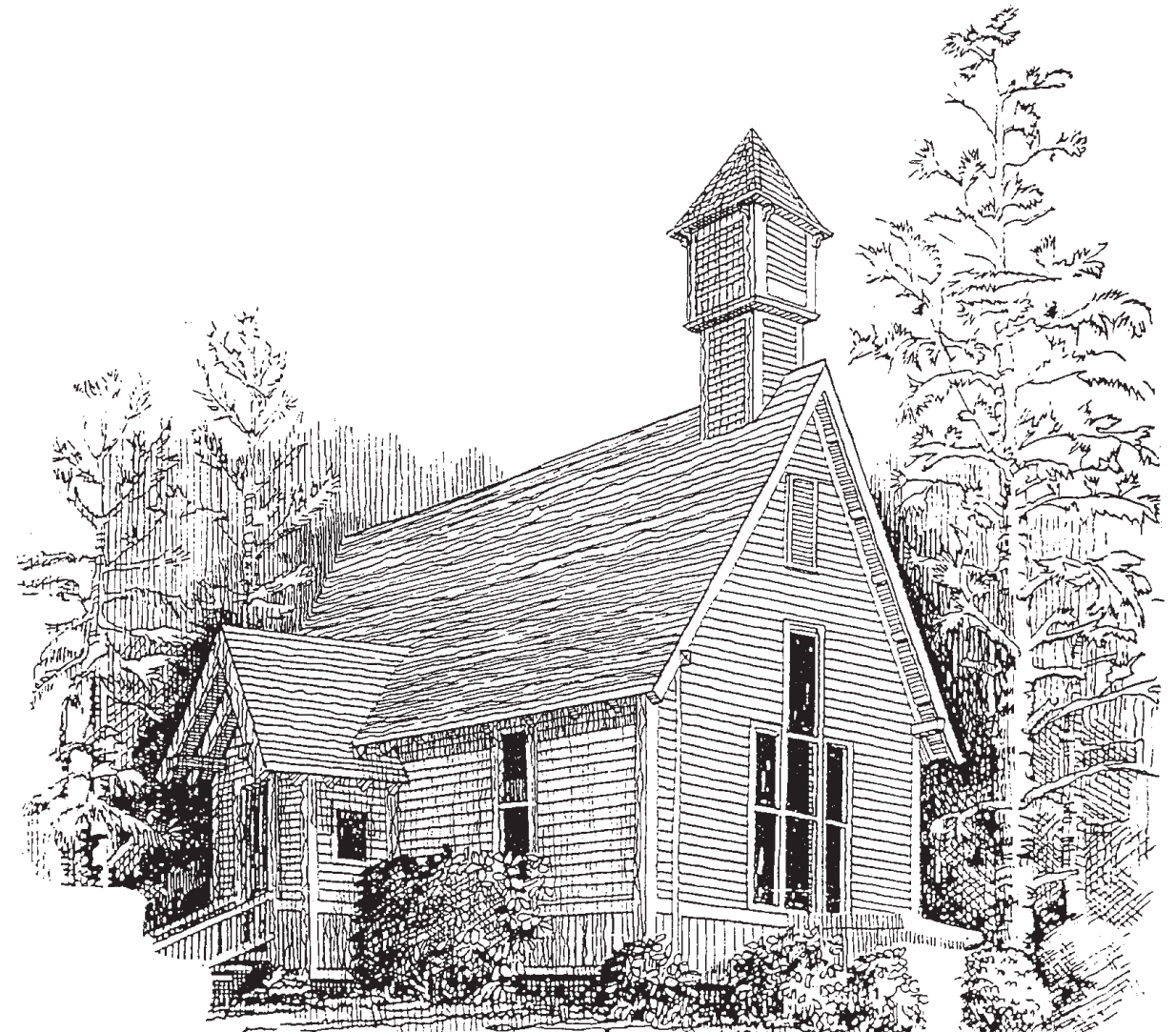
## Outreach

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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*Circa 1895*

GUEST MINISTER

The Reverend Dr. Ernest T. Thompson III

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. Ernest T. Thompson III and his wife Elaine.

Ernie took early retirement in July of 2024 so that he and his wife Elaine could move to Raleigh and be close to family, including their children, Meagan and Richard, and their three grandchildren ages 6,4, and 2.

Ernie currently serves as a part-time Parish Associate at First Presbyterian in Raleigh. He has previously served churches in VA, SC, and NC, including First Presbyterian in Charlotte, First Presbyterian in Wilmington, and Westminster Presbyterian in Greensboro.

Dr. Thompson can be reached at ethompson@fpcraleigh.org.

Next week our guest minister will be  
The Reverend Dr. Edwin Gray Hurley  
Pastor Emeritus  
South Highland Presbyterian Church  
Birmingham, Alabama

Friday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Hurley will lead the Bible Study on Friday, September 19, 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! Gillian and Mike Goodrich will be hosting Dr. Hurley.

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 God who made us, and we belong to God. We are God’s people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to God; bless God’s name.

Congregation: For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

\* HYMN NO. 483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 23*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *John 10:22-30*

SERMON *“Believing and Belonging”*

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OFFERING AND \*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

\* HYMN NO. 172 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

\* BENEDICTION

*\* Those who are able please stand.*