

September 21, 2025

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Edwin Gray Hurley	
Worship Leader	Garland Honeycutt	
Flowers	Gillian and Mike Goodrich	
Ushers	Dottie and Barry Cook	
Minister's Hospitality	Gillian and Mike Goodrich	
Refreshments	Dottie and Barry Cook	
Communion Servers	Mindy Hanna	Lee Hanna
	Diana Shelton	Steve Shelton
Music	Cissy Shull	

Website

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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. Edwin Gray Hurley

With pleasure today, we welcome The Reverend Dr. Edwin Gray Hurley and his wife Gayle.

Ed served 22 years as Senior Pastor of South Highland Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL, a historic congregation founded in 1888. Located near downtown Birmingham, SHPC seeks to help all become “Fully Alive with the Passion of Christ.” Ed also served churches in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Monroe, Louisiana; and Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Ed grew up in El Dorado, Arkansas. He graduated from McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University with a double major in History and English, his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and his Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary. Ed did graduate study at New College, the University of Edinburgh as a recipient of the Graduate Study Fellowship for Parish Ministry awarded by Princeton Theological Seminary.

His wife Gayle, is a portrait artist, beekeeper, and former Director of Children’s Music at South Highland. Ed and Gayle have three children. Their daughter Catherine, a graduate of Vanderbilt, serves as a Nurse Practitioner at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital in Nashville. She is married to Hunter Mize, an executive with Wyndy, and the two of them live in Nashville with their 6-year-old son, Winfield, 4-year-old son Henry, and 2-year-old son, Gray. Their son, Stuart, a graduate of the College of Charleston in Business and Philosophy, graduated from UAB with his MBA and Master’s in Health Sciences Hospital Administration and has worked as a hospital executive. He is married to Dr. Tracy Ng, and their daughters are 3-year-old Kelly and 1-year-old Hayden. Their son Peter is a graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute and is currently working in San Francisco in art and music, and as a mentor through ARC to mentally challenged adults.

Ed is active in his Presbytery where he recently served as Moderator of the Presbytery. He has served twice as a Commissioner to General Assembly in St. Louis and Charlotte. He served on the Committee on Ministry and as Chair of the Judicial Council. Ed has served a number of terms on the Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian Church, previously served as board chair, and currently serves as board vice-chair. He serves on the Advisory Board of Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, and previously on the Alumni Council of Princeton Theological Seminary.

In an active retirement, Ed is enjoying travel with Gayle, golf and occasionally is filling different pulpits. May to August 2025 he served as Pastor-In-Residence at First Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Dr. Hurley can be reached at eghurley55@gmail.com.

This is our final service for 2025 and has been another summer of outstanding ministers and worship here at Wee Kirk. We have enjoyed a season of bountiful giving, furthering our mission of serving Avery County’s children and families. Thank you so much for your generosity and for all the Wee Kirk volunteers who always say “yes”. Watch your mailboxes as we will announce our 2026 ministers in the Spring. As always, we look forward to the next time we get together and we urge you to please come and bring a friend.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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 98:4-9)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

People: Sing praise to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Leader: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

People: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Leader: Let us worship the Living Loving God, our creating Father, redeeming Son, and empowering Holy Spirit!

* HYMN NO. 229 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. We are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way and serve you faithfully, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Romans 15:20-33, 16:25-27

SECOND READING Acts 28:1-2, 11-31

SERMON “And So We Came To Rome!”

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 371 *Lift High The Cross*

* BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love: the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

** Those who are able please stand.*