

September 7, 2025

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Daniel W. Massie
Worship Leader	Jim Dorsett
Flowers	Scottie and Richard Bowers
Ushers	Meredith and Kelly Graves
Minister's Hospitality	Scottie and Richard Bowers
Refreshments	Susan and David Dooley
Music	Cissy Shull
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

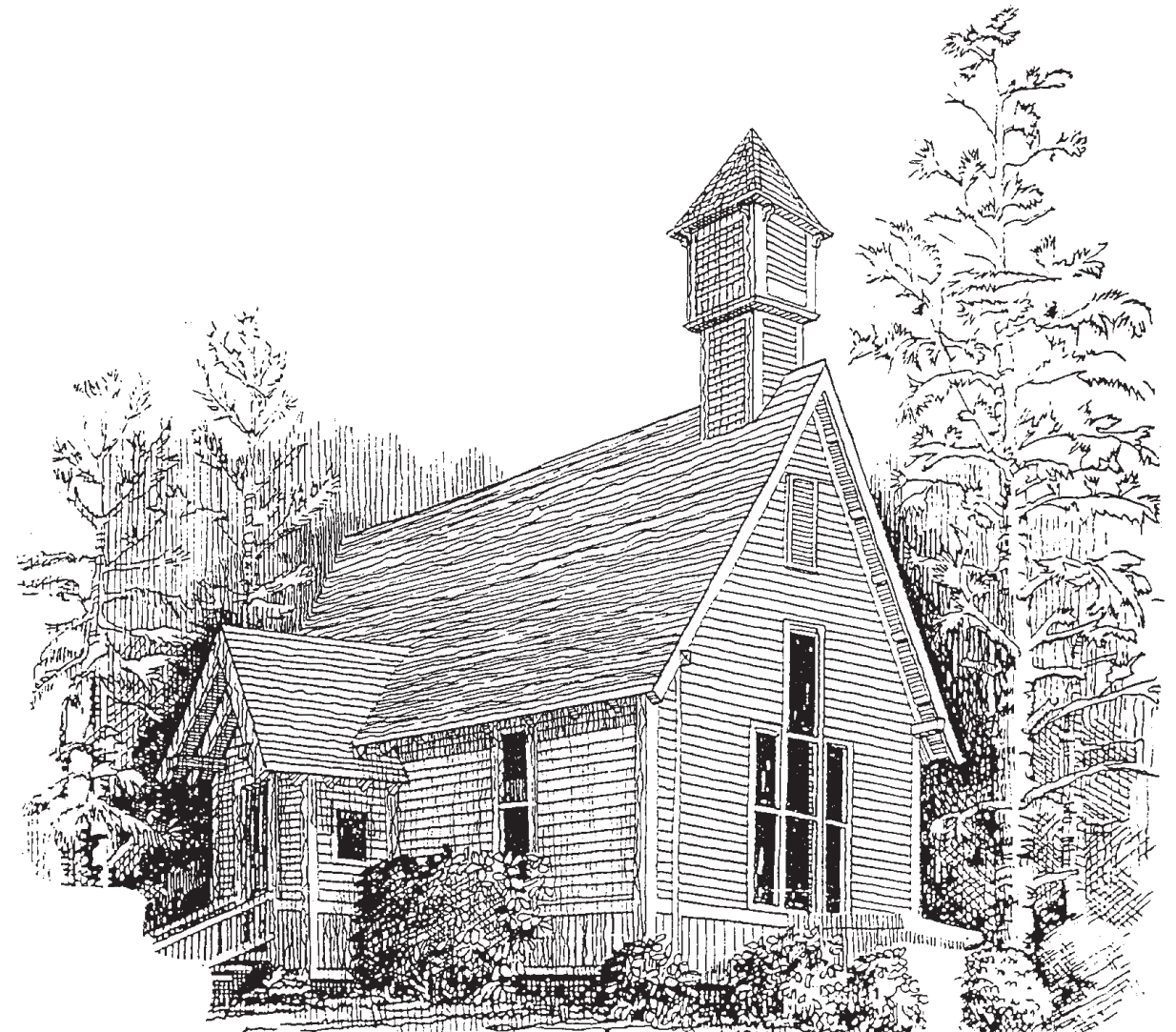
The vast majority of our gifts and offerings go to our Outreach Program, the focus of which is to serve the children and families in Avery County. Through your generosity, we provide funding for tutors in classrooms, swimming lessons for Pre-K and 2nd graders, essential needs, medical care, and enrichment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

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GUEST MINISTER

The Reverend Dr. Daniel W. Massie

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. Daniel W. Massie and his wife Tita.

Dr. Daniel W. Massie, a native of Mississippi, is a graduate of Belhaven University (B.A.) and Union Presbyterian Seminary (M.Div; D.Min.). He did further study at New College in Edinburgh, Scotland and at the Tantur Ecumenical Center in Jerusalem.

Danny retired in 2015 after eighteen years as Senior Pastor at the First (Scots) Presbyterian Church of Charleston, SC. Previous pastorates were in Norfolk, VA, Vicksburg, MS, and Kingsport, TN.

In retirement he has served as Interim Minister at Presbyterian churches in Orangeburg, SC, Mount Pleasant, SC, and Greensboro, NC. Currently he is the Interim Pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Barnet, Vermont.

Danny and Tita, a biologist retired from the South Carolina Aquarium, have three adult children and six grandchildren.

Dr. Massie can be reached at danielwmassie@gmail.com.

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Ernest T. Thompson III
Parish Associate
First Presbyterian Church
Raleigh, North Carolina

Friday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Thompson will lead the Bible Study on Friday, September 12, 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! Mindy and Lee Hanna will be hosting Dr. Thompson.

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: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people revere him.
Congregation: For he spoke and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
Leader: The Lord foils the plans of the nations;
Congregation: He thwarts the purposes of the people.
Leader: But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,
Congregation: The purposes of his heart through all generations.
Unison: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

* HYMN NO. 220 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
God our Father: you led people to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. But we have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrongs, or justifies any injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, we pray, on the heart of this land and its varied people. Make us kind and compassionate, fair and reasonable and helpful to one another. Raise up in all of us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation’s good and your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 8*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Galatians 5:1, 13-15*

SERMON *“Why Democracy Matters”*

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 561 *My Country, ‘Tis of Thee*

* BENEDICTION

** Those who are able please stand.*