

July 12, 2026

Guest Minister	The Reverend Betsy Lyles Swetenburg
Worship Leader	Dianne Bailey
Flowers	Sarah and Allen Shifflet
Ushers	Hunter and Jamie McLawhorn
Minister's Hospitality	Anna and Dennis Elliott
Refreshments	Hunter and Jamie McLawhorn
Music	Catherine Garner
Bagpiper	Emmitt LaBelle

Website

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Outreach

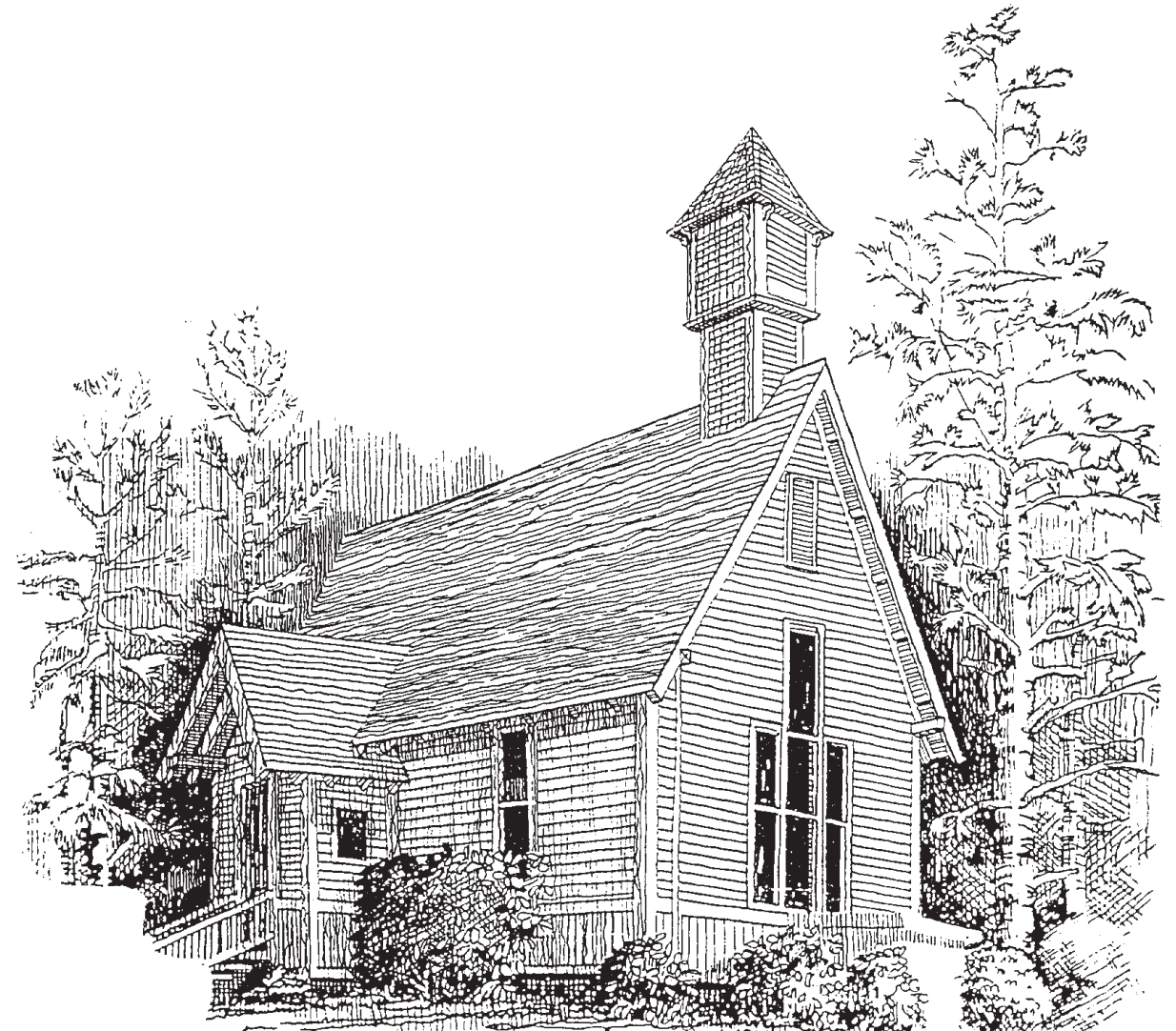
The vast majority of our gifts and offerings go to our Outreach Program, the focus of which is to serve the children and families in Avery County. Through your generosity, we provide funding for tutors in classrooms, swimming lessons for Pre-K and 2nd graders, essential needs, medical care, and enrichment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

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GUEST MINISTER

The Reverend Betsy Lyles Swetenburg

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Betsy Lyles Swetenburg and her husband Owen.

Betsy is the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC, where she has served since February 2026. Prior to Westminster, Betsy served congregations in Dallas, TX and Atlanta, GA.

Betsy graduated from Davidson College prior to attending Columbia Seminary. She currently serves as a member of the Montreat Retreat Association (Montreat) Board and a facilitator in the Zick Preaching Scholars program.

Her greatest joy is getting to travel through life with her husband, Owen, and two sons: Harris (3) and Patterson (1). Betsy and Owen, both North Carolina natives, at times still find it hard to believe that their boys are both Texans, but they’ve enjoyed reacclimating to their home state these last months.

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Jill Duffield
Senior Pastor
First Presbyterian Church
Greensboro, North Carolina

Friday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Duffield will lead the Bible Study on Friday, July 17th, 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! Pat Copeland will be hosting Dr. Duffield.

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 (based on Galatians 5)
Leader: Come, all you who are weary and carrying too much. Come, all you who have questions and doubts. Come, all you who are lonely or fearful.

Congregation: We come seeking rest and meaning.
Leader: Come, all who wonder if there is enough—enough hope, enough grace, enough love for this world.
Congregation: We come trusting that God’s abundance meets us here.
Leader: Jesus calls us to sit down on the green grass, to bring what we have, to trust what God can do with it.
Congregation: This is the gathering of God’s people. Let us worship the God who provides more than enough.

* HYMN NO. 276 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
God of mercy and multiplication, you call us to live from abundance, yet we confess how easily we fall back into fear. We confess that we often see scarcity where you see possibility. We worry there is not enough time, not enough compassion, not enough courage to meet the needs before us. We confess that we send people away when you ask us to draw nearer. We cling to what we have instead of trusting what you can do with it. Forgive us for the ways we shrink the circle of grace. Forgive us when we doubt your provision and resist your call to share. Break open our clenched hands. Loosen our anxious hearts. Teach us again to trust the One who blesses, breaks, and gives until all are fed. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 22:22-30*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Mark 6:30-44*

SERMON *“Bad at Math”*

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 435 *We All Are One in Mission*

* BENEDICTION

** Those who are able please stand.*