

July 5, 2026

Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Joseph J. Clifford
Worship Leader	Chris Teigland
Flowers	Jeannie and Robert Fuller
Ushers/Refreshments	Rob Belk Dennis Elliott Tee Rassieur
Minister's Hospitality	Jennifer and Greg Currie
Music	Catherine Garner Men's Choir
Bagpiper	Ella Markland

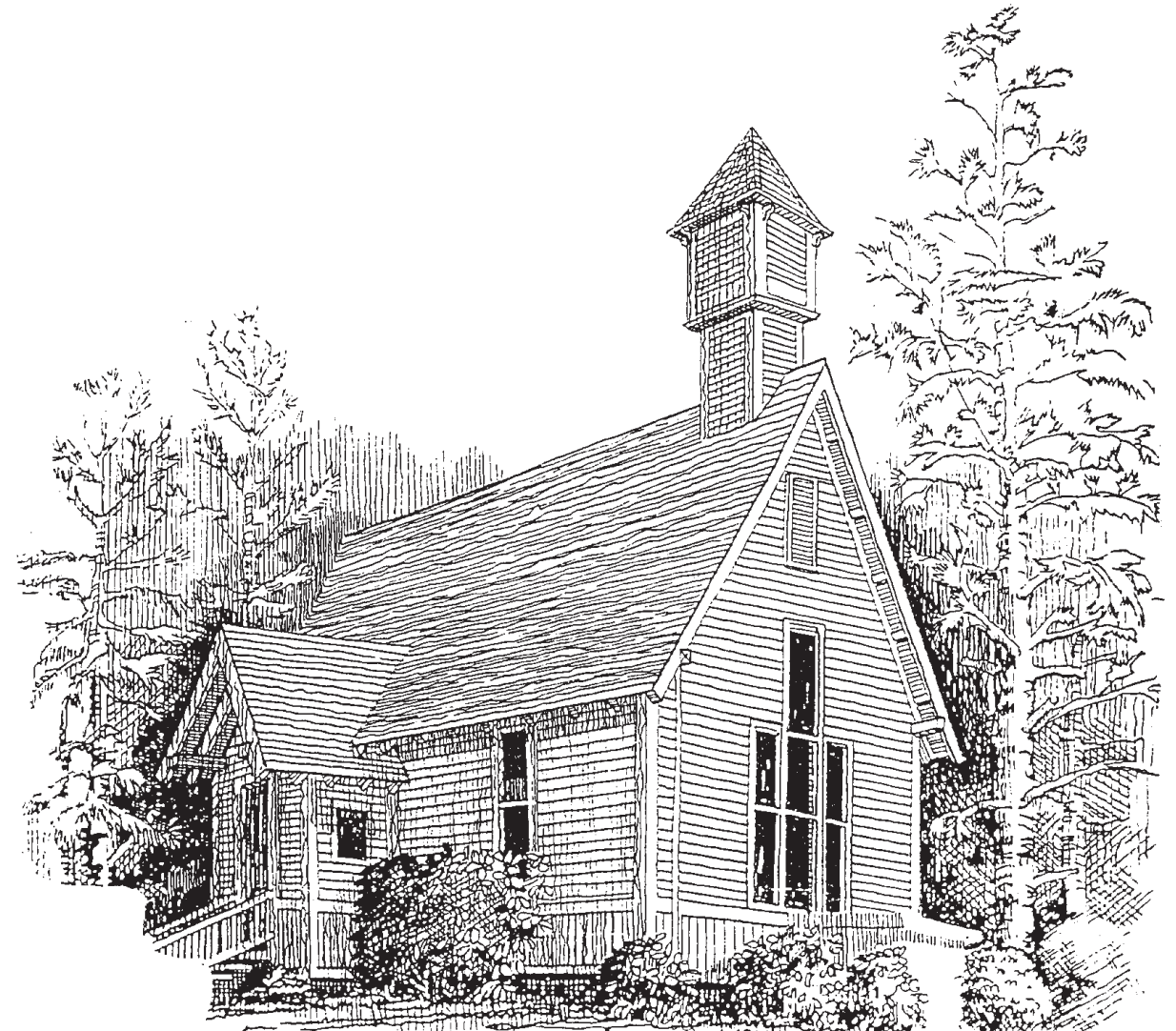
Website

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 Carol Cookerly at 404-216-0319. 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. Joseph J. Clifford

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. Joseph J. Clifford and his wife Jennifer.

The Reverend Dr. Joseph J. Clifford is Pastor, Head of Staff of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, NC where he has served since 2016. He was ordained to ministry in 1997 and has served congregations in Georgia and Texas.

Joe serves the broader church on the board of Columbia Theological Seminary and as a trustee for The Ministry Collaborative. He serves the broader community through his work with the Crossroads Corporation for Community Development and Affordable Housing.

He is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary and earned his Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from McCormick Theological Seminary. His undergraduate degree is from Auburn University, where he majored in economics and went on to a career in banking and finance before discerning a call to ministry. Joe met his wife, Jennifer, at Auburn and they have two adult children.

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Betsy Lyles Swetenburg
Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Greensboro, North Carolina

Friday Morning Bible Study

Reverend Swetenburg will lead the Bible Study on Friday, July 10th, 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! Anna and Dennis Elliott will be hosting Reverend Swetenburg.

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: For freedom Christ has set us free!

Congregation: Stand fast, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of tyranny

Leader: For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;

Congregation: We must not use our freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love serve one another.

Leader: For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

Congregation: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Congregation: The Lord's name be praised!

* HYMN NO. 564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God, ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive, we pray, our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love truth; give wisdom to our counselors and steadfastness to our people; and bring us at last to the fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, and whose builder and maker you are; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Written by Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States, lifelong Presbyterian)

MEN'S CHOIR

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 46

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 25:31-40

SERMON

"Judging the Nations"

* THE APOSTLE'S CREED

OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

* BENEDICTION

* *Those who are able please stand.*