

August 16, 2026

Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

Guest Minister	The Reverend Meg Peery McLaughlin
Worship Leader	Jim Gallagher
Flowers	Anne Robinson
Ushers	Carter and George MacBain
Minister's Hospitality	Dianne and Brian Bailey
Refreshments	Carter and George MacBain
Music	Catherine Garner
Bagpiper	Ella Markland

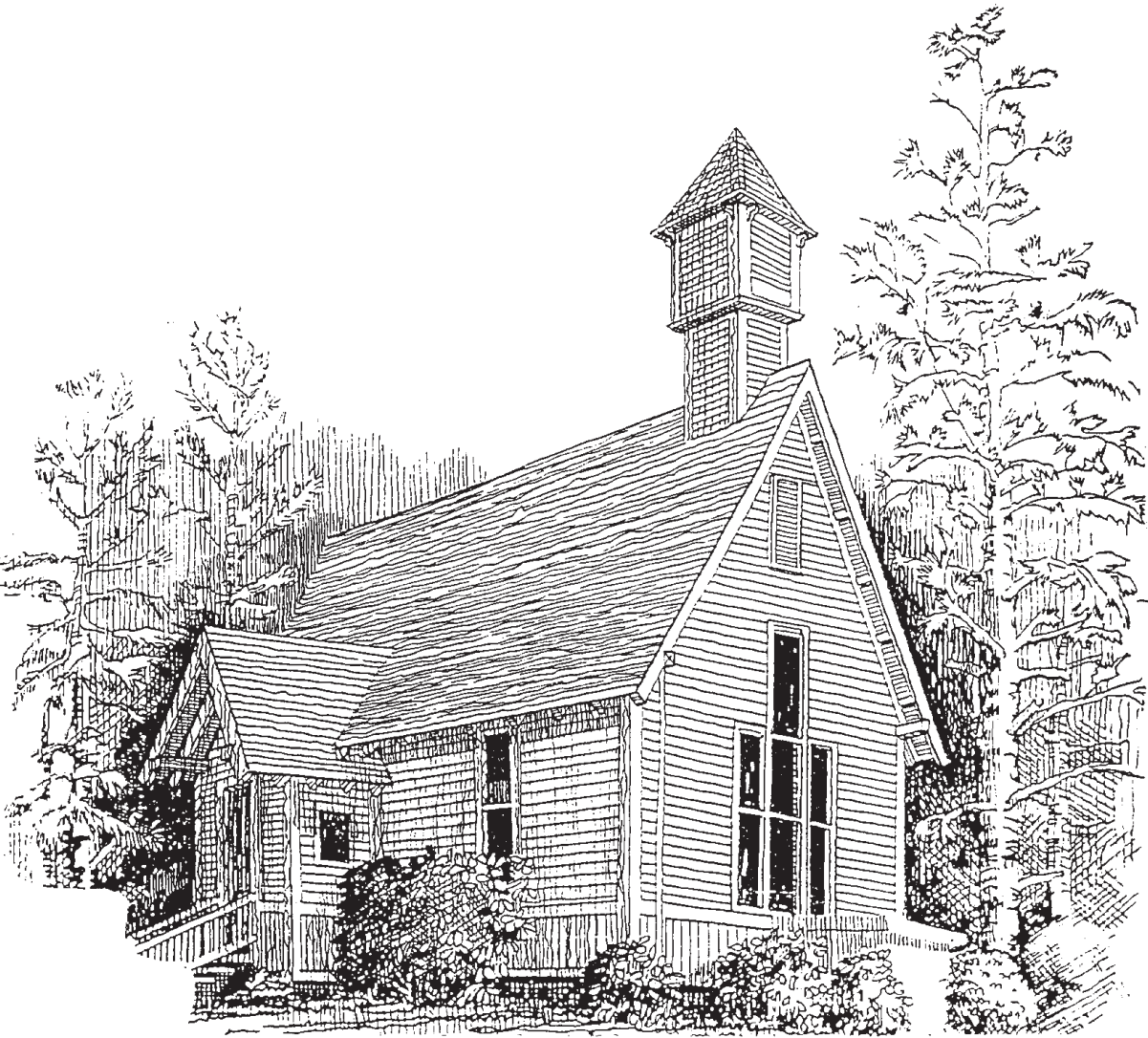
Website

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.

Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church
Post Office Box 702, Linville, North Carolina 28646



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GUEST MINISTER

The Reverend Meg Peery McLaughlin

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Meg Peery McLaughlin and her husband Jarrett.

The Reverend Meg Peery McLaughlin serves as Co-Pastor, alongside her husband the Reverend Jarrett McLaughlin, at University Presbyterian Church on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill. They have been there seven years this summer. UPC is under a major HVAC renovation. This summer, UPC is sharing worship with the Methodist church on Franklin Street (we say debts and trespasses!) and this Fall, UPC will worship in the Koury Auditorium in the Kenan-Flagler Business School. It's an adventure.

Meg is a native of North Carolina. She holds a Bachelor’s in English Literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master’s in Divinity and in Christian Education from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. Meg was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in 2006, at Village Presbyterian Church near Kansas City, MO, where she served for seven years in the role of Pastoral Care. She and Jarrett served as co-pastor Heads-of-Staff at Burke Presbyterian Church for 6 years before coming to UPC.

Meg and Jarrett have three daughters: big sister Naomi and, twins, Caroline and Zanna. She has hitched her life to the promise that Jesus Christ is the light that overcomes darkness, is the love that is stronger than all fear, and is the sure and certain assurance that new life is possible, even when it seems otherwise.

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Steven P. Eason
Retired Senior Pastor
Myers Park Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

Friday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Eason will lead the Bible Study on Friday, August 21st, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the small dining room at the Eseeola Lodge. Complimentary continental breakfast and coffee will be available. Please come and bring a friend! Sue and Caldwell Rose will be hosting Dr. Eason.

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: God is faithful.
Congregation: We come to remember.
Leader: The night is sometimes long.
Congregation: None of us are alone.
Leader: Praise makes a way through.
Congregation: Songs slip around lumps in the throat.
Leader: Together let us worship God.

* HYMN NO. 482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Liberating God, in Christ you have already set us free. We confess the sinful ways we shrink our lives to fit our cells. We are bound to more than we can name, to old griefs and grudges, to fears we have carried so long they feel like part of us. Forgive us. Shake loose what binds us. Open what we have shut. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 42*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 16:16-34*

SERMON *“Singing at Midnight”*

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 404 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

* BENEDICTION

* *Those who are able please stand.*