

September 13, 2026

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Ernest T. Thompson III
Worship Leader	Jim Gallagher
Flowers	Harriet and Tarlton Long
Ushers	Nancy and Gregg Wechsler
Minister's Hospitality	Lili and Chris Teigland
Refreshments	Nancy and Gregg Wechsler
Music	Catherine Garner
Bagpiper	Ella Markland

Website

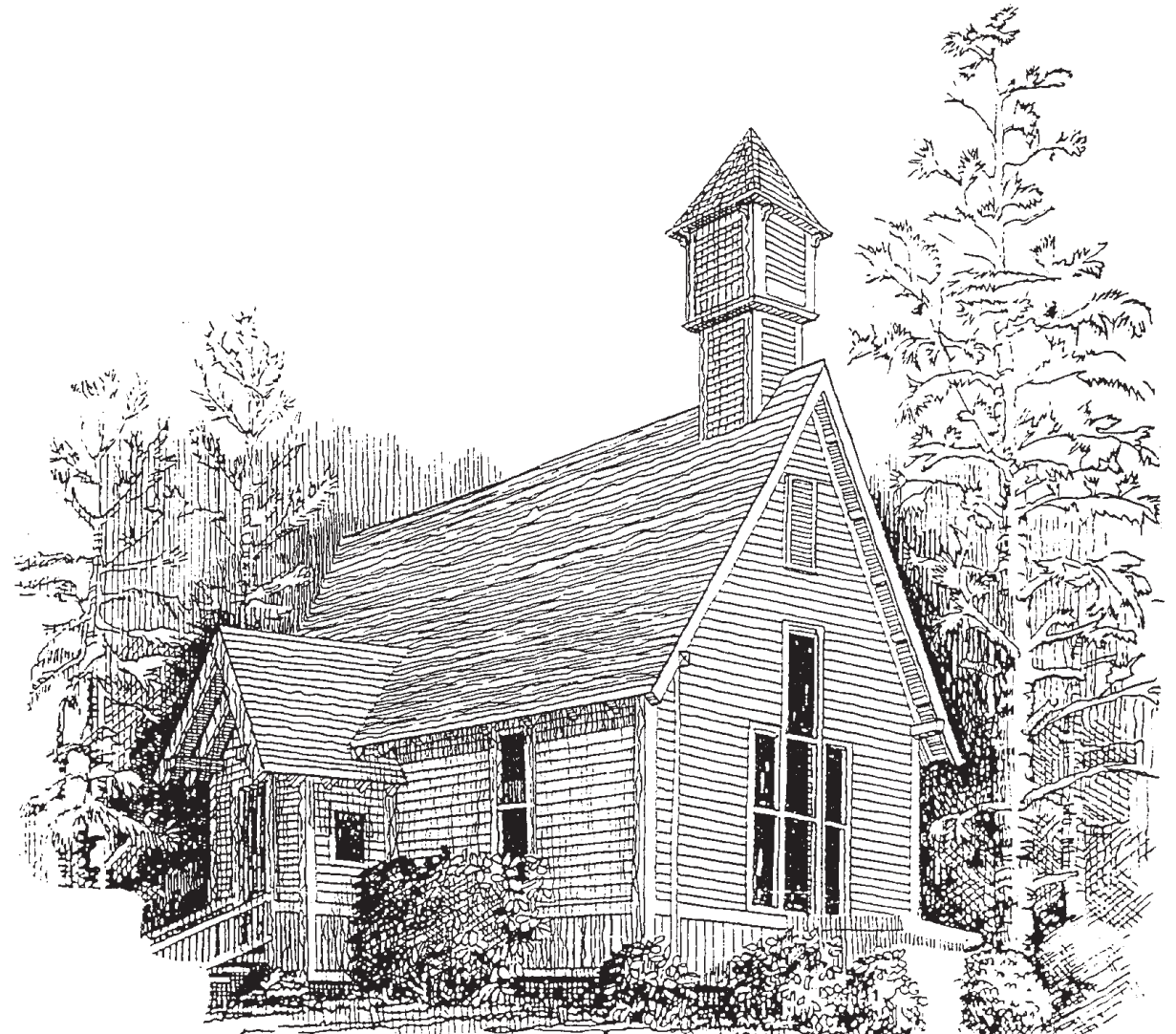
Please visit the Wee Kirk website (www.weekirk.org) for information about our visiting ministers, church history, and benevolence. For information about volunteering, call or text Carol Cookerly at 404-216-0319. Past sermons also can be found on the website. For more information about sermon recordings, 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.

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GUEST MINISTER

The Reverend Dr. Ernest T. Thompson II

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. Ernest T. Thompson III and his wife Elaine.

Ernie attended the University of South Carolina, where he met his wife, Elaine. Ernie and Elaine were married during his last year at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond VA.

Ernie has served as pastor of the Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church in VA, as associate pastor at First Presbyterian in Charlotte, and then as pastor and head of staff at First Presbyterian in Lancaster SC, First Presbyterian in Wilmington NC, and most recently, at Westminster in Greensboro NC.

After his retirement in June of 2024, Ernie and Elaine moved to Raleigh to be closer to family, including their son Richard and his wife Lane, their daughter Meagan and her husband Daniel, and their three grandchildren, Davis (6), Jack (4), and Bowen (2). Ernie now serves in a part-time position as Parish Associate at First Presbyterian in Raleigh.

Ernie and Elaine enjoy playing pickleball, biking, hiking, and are hoping to visit more national parks in their retirement. Ernie also enjoys playing golf, running, and reading.

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Daniel W. Massie
Pastor Emeritus
First (Scots) Presbyterian Church
Charleston, South Carolina

Friday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Massie will lead the Bible Study on Friday, September 18th, 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! Scottie and Richard Bowers will be hosting Dr. Massie.

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: O come, let us sing to the Lord, and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.
Congregation: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

* HYMN NO. 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 145:8-9*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Matthew 5:38-48*

SERMON *“Jesus’ Hardest Commandment”*

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 420 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

* BENEDICTION

** Those who are able please stand.*