

July 7, 2019

Guest Minister Dr. Joseph J. Clifford
Worship Leader Dianne Bailey
Flowers Hunter McLawhorn
Greeters Kathy and Charlie Gray
Refreshments Kim and Johnny Belk
Usher Cambey and Jim Gallagher
Minister's Hospitality Gretchen and Tom Carpenter
Music Cissy Shull and the Men's Chorus
Bagpipes John Crom

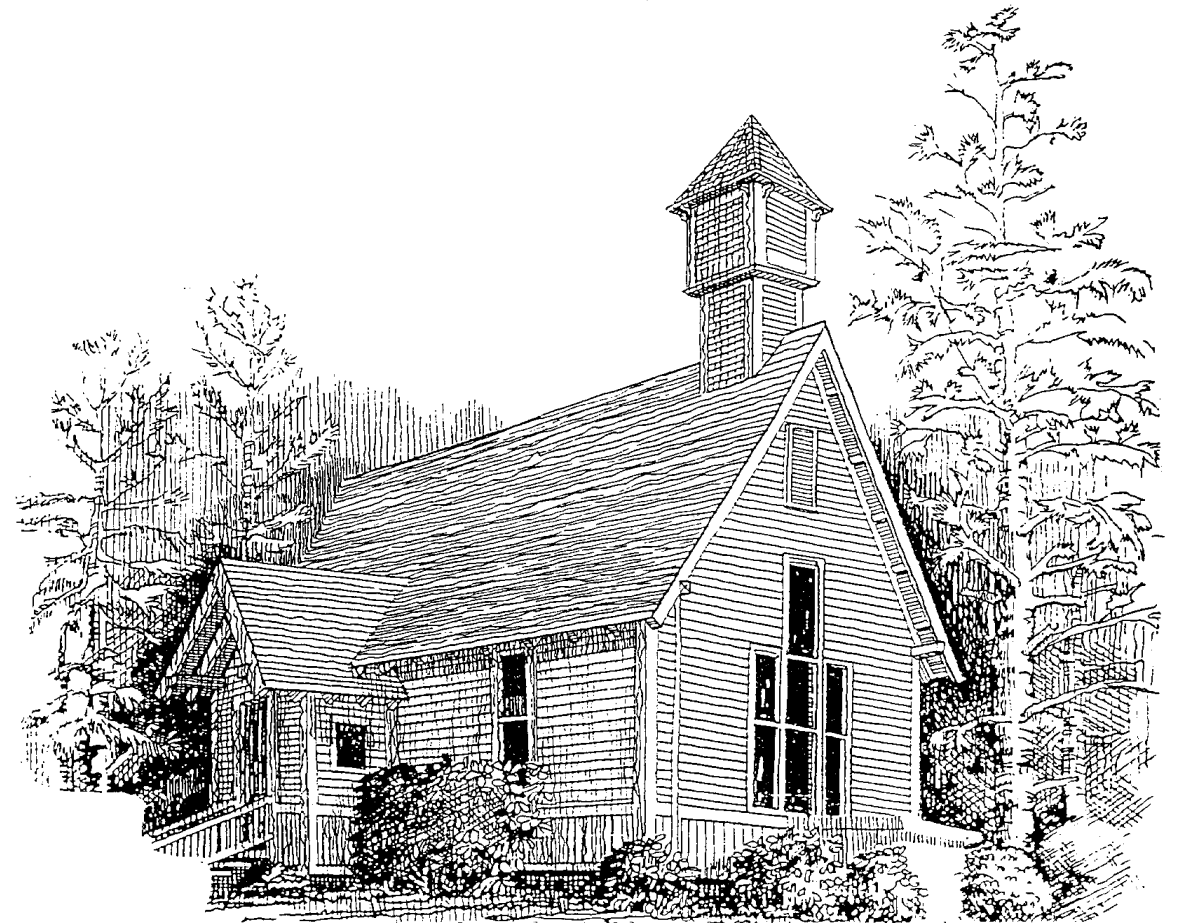
*Following the service, join us on the lawn
to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.*

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Sunday Service 9:30 AM Thursday Bible Study (at the Manse) 10:00 AM

In addition to CDs, 2018 and 2019 sermons are now available on our web site under the "Visiting Ministers" tab and can be enjoyed on your computer, tablet or phone and thru Bluetooth in the car. Contact Albert Myers at agm1536@gmail.com or 733-5003 for questions or help with the web site.

Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church



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GUEST MINISTER

THE REVEREND DR. JOSEPH J. CLIFFORD

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Joseph J Clifford and his wife Jennifer. The Rev. Dr. Joseph J. Clifford serves as Pastor, Head of Staff of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. He began his ministry there in September 2016. Myers Park is a congregation of 4,700 members with a vibrant ministry and numerous partnerships to join God's transforming work in the world, including Crossroads, a community development corporation focused on Grier Heights, one of the most challenged neighborhoods in Charlotte. He serves on various community boards, including Crossroads and the Mountain Retreat Association, (Montreat.)

Joe's passions in ministry are preaching and teaching. He loves opening the world of the Bible to explore how it intersects with our world and where God might be working in those intersections of our lives, our communities, and our planet. Joe sees the church as an outpost for the Kingdom of God, pointing to God's tomorrow through ministry today. For rest and relaxation he enjoys hiking, golf, (which for him involves lots of hiking!) reading, and watching his favorite sports teams.

Before coming to Myers Park, Joe served First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Texas (2006-2016,) Alpharetta Presbyterian Church (2000-2006,) and Stockbridge Presbyterian Church, (1997-2000.) He is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, and earned his Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from McCormick Theological Seminary. His thesis, "From Fear to Freedom: Self Differentiated Preaching in an Age of Anxiety" applied Family Systems Theory to the functioning of the preacher. His undergraduate degree is from Auburn University, where he majored in economics and began his professional life in banking before discerning a call to ministry. He grew up in the Washington DC area, the son of two public school teachers. Joe met his wife, Jennifer, at Auburn and they have two adult children.

Next week our guest minister will be Dr. Steven P. Eason, Interim Senior Minister, Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN. On Thursday, July 11 starting at 10AM at the Manse, Dr. Eason will lead the Bible Study based on Mathew 13:1-9, 18-23, "The Parable of the Sower of the Seed". Please come and bring a friend! Fred Isenhower will be hosting Dr. Eason.

Wee Kirk Outreach — More than 90% of our gifts and offerings go to our Outreach Program, the focus of which is to serve the neediest children and families in Avery County. Through your generosity, we provide 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.



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: The earth is the Lord's,

Congregation: And the fullness thereof.

Leader: God alone is our sovereign

Congregation: To whom all bow in allegiance.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord,

Congregation: Our God, the Ruler of all nations.

* HYMN NO. 510

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" MATERNA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**You call us to be your voices in this world, O God, but too often we stay silent.
You call us to be your hands in this world, but too often we keep them hidden.
You call us to be your feet in this world, but too often we go our own way. You call us to defend our friends and neighbors, but too often we turn away. Loving God, breathe life into us, renew us, revive us. Give us the strength and the courage to demonstrate your love in the life we live and share. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:1-4

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 5:1-15

SERMON

"Finding Freedom"

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 304

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

* BENEDICTION

