

July 8, 2018

Guest Minister Dr. Joseph J. Clifford
Worship Leader Terry Smith
Flowers Jocelyn Rose
Greeters Cathy and David Thompson
Minister's Hospitality Gretchen and Tom Carpenter
Refreshments Cathy and David Thompson
Usher Johnny Belk
Music Cissy Shull
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

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Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church



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GUEST MINISTER

THE REVEREND DR. JOSEPH J. CLIFFORD

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. Joseph J Clifford. Dr. Clifford serves as Pastor, and 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 4,800 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 went on to a career in banking and finance before discerning a call to ministry and going to seminary. He grew up in the Washington DC area, the son of two public school teachers. Joe met his wife, Jennifer, met at Auburn and they have two children.

Next week our guest minister will be Dr. Steven P. Eason, Senior Minister, Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN. On Thursday, July 12 starting at 10AM at the Manse, Dr. Eason will lead the Bible Study based on various New Testament Texts, "First Things". Please come and bring a friend! Fred Isehower 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: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

Congregation: **To the rising of life itself.**

Leader: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

Congregation: **The hand of God between us and each hand.**

Leader: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

Congregation: **The love of Christ between us and each love.**

Leader: O God, who brought us the bright light of this new day,

Congregation: **Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Congregation: **The Lord's name be praised!**

* HYMN NO. 91

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secret can be hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we might perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 4:35-41

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 46:1-11

SERMON

"Lipstick and the Life of Faith"

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OFFERING AND * DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 374

"Be Still My Soul"

* BENEDICTION

