

GUEST MINISTER

DR. GEORGE B. WIRTH

With pleasure we welcome back to the Wee Kirk, Dr. George B. Wirth and his wife, Barbara. Dr. Wirth, Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, was born in Rockville Centre, Long Island, New York.

He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina with a degree in Journalism and a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Wirth received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He served two churches in Pennsylvania before accepting the call to First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, where he retired May 5th, 2013. He now serves as a consultant to the Cousin's Family Foundation in Atlanta.

The Wirths have two children: Daughter Alyson, married to Jeff Cross who have two children, Bryn Laura and Eliza Jane, and their son Matthew Wirth is married to Katherine with 2 children, George and Annie.

Today there will be a meeting of the Steering Committee, Committee Heads, and Members of the congregation immediately after greeting the minister.

Note too that we will have a guest speaker next Sunday, September 2nd. Trey Oakley, CEO of the Williams YMCA of Avery County, will be here to tell us about how we can continue to support their cause.

Next week our guest minister will be Dr. Doug Hood, Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Delray Beach, FL. On Thursday, August 30, starting at 10AM at the Manse, Dr. Hood will lead the Bible Study based on Acts 16:6-10, "Hearing God". Please come and bring a friend! Kathy and Charlie Gray will be hosting Dr. Hood.

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

August 26, 2018

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 Lord, You have searched us and known us. You are acquainted with all our ways.

Congregation: Where can we go from your Spirit? Where can we flee from your presence?

Leader: We praise you, for your works are wonderful.

Congregation: Search us and know our hearts, and lead us in the everlasting way.

All: Let us worship God!

* HYMN NO. 11

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. But we confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light as we stumble around in the darkness. Forgive us when we turn away from the poor, ignore your call for justice and fail to strive for peace in this world. Through your mercy, cleanse us from all of our sins and baptize us once again with your Holy Spirit, so that forgiven, renewed and restored, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Responsive Reading #32, Page 503, (Psalm 139)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14:18-19 and 25-31

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 28:20 "Lo I am with you always, to the close of the age".

SERMON

"A Presence In The Absence"

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING AND * DOXOLOGY

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 135

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

* BENEDICTION

