

July 28, 2024

Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Peter Bynum	
Worship Leader	Tom Bunn	
Flowers	Sally and Tommy McElwee	
Ushers	Kathy and Charlie Gray	
Minister's Hospitality	Dianne and Brian Bailey	
Refreshments	Katy and Raleigh Shoemaker	
Communion Servers	Dianne Bailey	Robert Beal
	Sally McElwee	Tommy McElwee
Music	Cissy Shull	
Bagpiper	Ella Markland	

Website

Please visit the Wee Kirk website (www.weekirk.org) for information about our visiting ministers, church history, and benevolence. On the website, you can volunteer to usher or serve lemonade. For more information about volunteering, call or text Sally McElwee 704-975-5920. Past sermons also can be found on the website. For more information about sermon recordings, call or text Nancy Wechsler 214-609-0654.

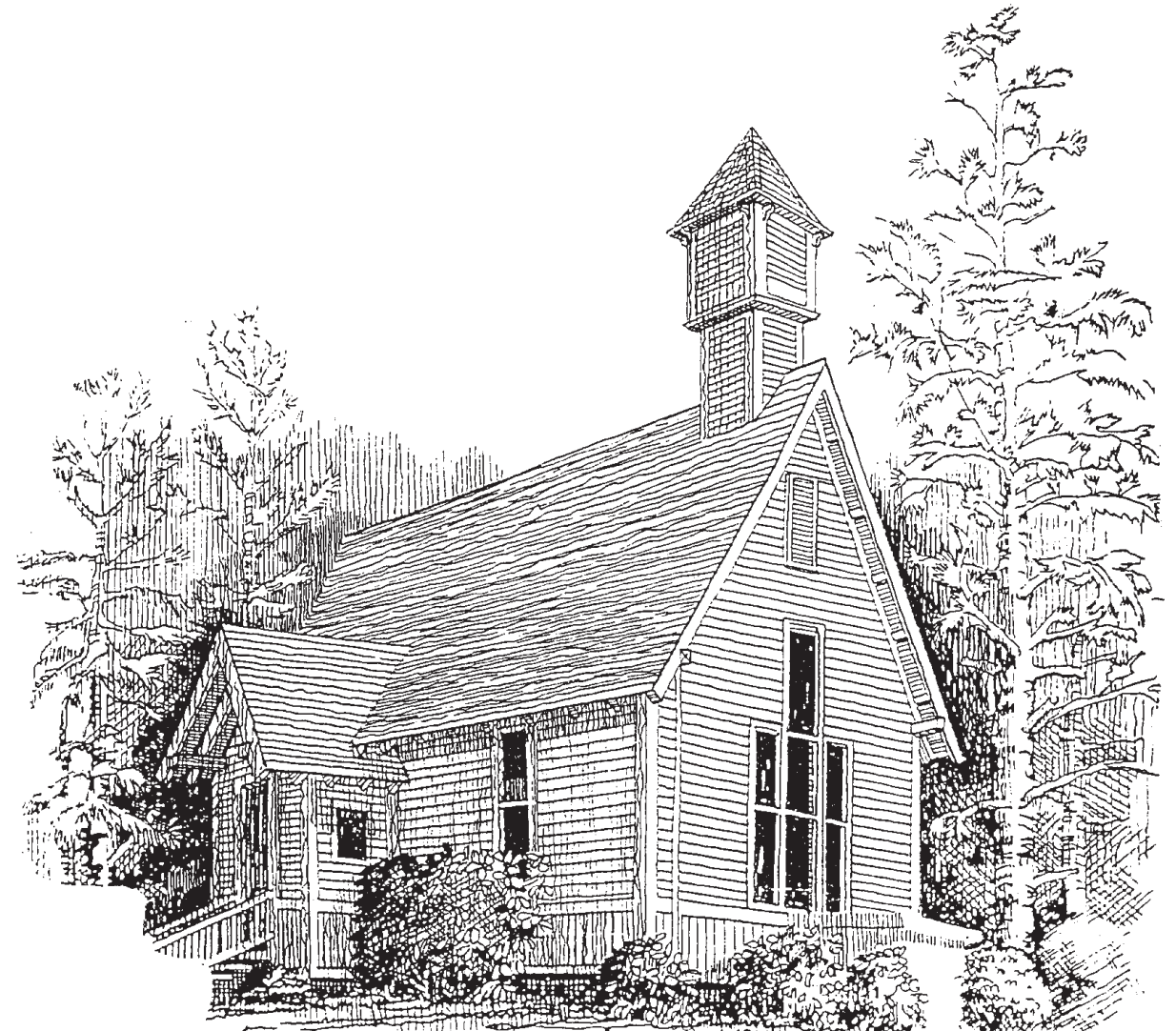
Outreach

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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ORDER OF SERVICE

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GUEST MINISTER

The Reverend Dr. Peter Bynum

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. Peter Bynum and his wife Stephanie.

Peter Bynum has been the Senior Pastor of Larchmont Avenue Church in Larchmont, New York since April of 2021. He previously served as the senior minister of churches in Rocky Mount, NC, Concord, NC, and Mount Pleasant, SC. He holds degrees from Davidson College (B.A.), the University of Virginia School of Law (J.D.), Union Presbyterian Seminary (M.Div.), and Columbia Theological Seminary (D.Min.).

Peter's wife Stephanie also serves the church as the Executive Director of the Office of the Vicar at Trinity Church Wall Street in Manhattan. They have two daughters: Molly (22), a recent graduate of Columbia University, and Kate (18), who is an incoming freshman at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Bynum can be reached at pbynum@lacny.org.

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Joeseeph J. Clifford
Pastor
Myers Park Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

Friday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Clifford will lead the Bible Study on Friday, August 2nd, 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! Jennifer and Greg Currie will be hosting Dr. Clifford.

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: In God's world, seeds of blessing fall on good soil and bad soil. Some has been worn down by labored steps, packed hard by the weight of years of busy travel.

Congregation: Such soil is unreceptive, unwilling, and inhospitable to growth.

Leader: Other soil appears dark and rich on the surface, but below it is littered with stones.

Congregation: Hindered by buried obstacles, beset by unseen difficulties, life struggles to take root.

Leader: Still other areas might be productive, except that thorny weeds have claimed too much ground.

Congregation: In this soil, misplaced priorities and misguided choices choke out healthy fruit.

Leader: The sun rises on the evil and the good, the rain falls on the righteous and unrighteous, but in God's world, good soil can make all the difference.

Congregation: In this hour, Lord, we ask you to tend the gardens of our spirits. Clear the clutter from our minds, open our ears to your Word, and plant the seeds of your wisdom in our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* HYMN NO. 554

Let All Things Now Living

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy God of heaven and earth, giver of life, we confess that we have not trusted you as we should. We plant seeds in the hope that God will make them grow...but when sprouts are slow to appear, we quickly lose heart. We are told that you, having begun a good work among us, will surely bring it to completion... but we still fear that our work is in vain. You promise to be with us always... but we still worry that we are laboring alone. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us strength to continue the good work of faith, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord... (time for silent prayer)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:1-12 Page 688

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Page 11

SERMON "Bloom Where You Are Meant to Be Planted"

* THE APOSTLES' CREED Page 14

OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 293

This Is My Father's World

* BENEDICTION

* *Those who are able please stand.*