

August 4, 2024

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Joseph J. Clifford
Worship Leader	Steve Shelton
Flowers	Sarah and Allen Shifflet
Ushers	Cambey and Jim Gallagher
Minister's Hospitality	Jennifer and Greg Currie
Refreshments	Cambey and Jim Gallagher
Music	Cissy Shull
Bagpiper	Ella Markland

Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

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.

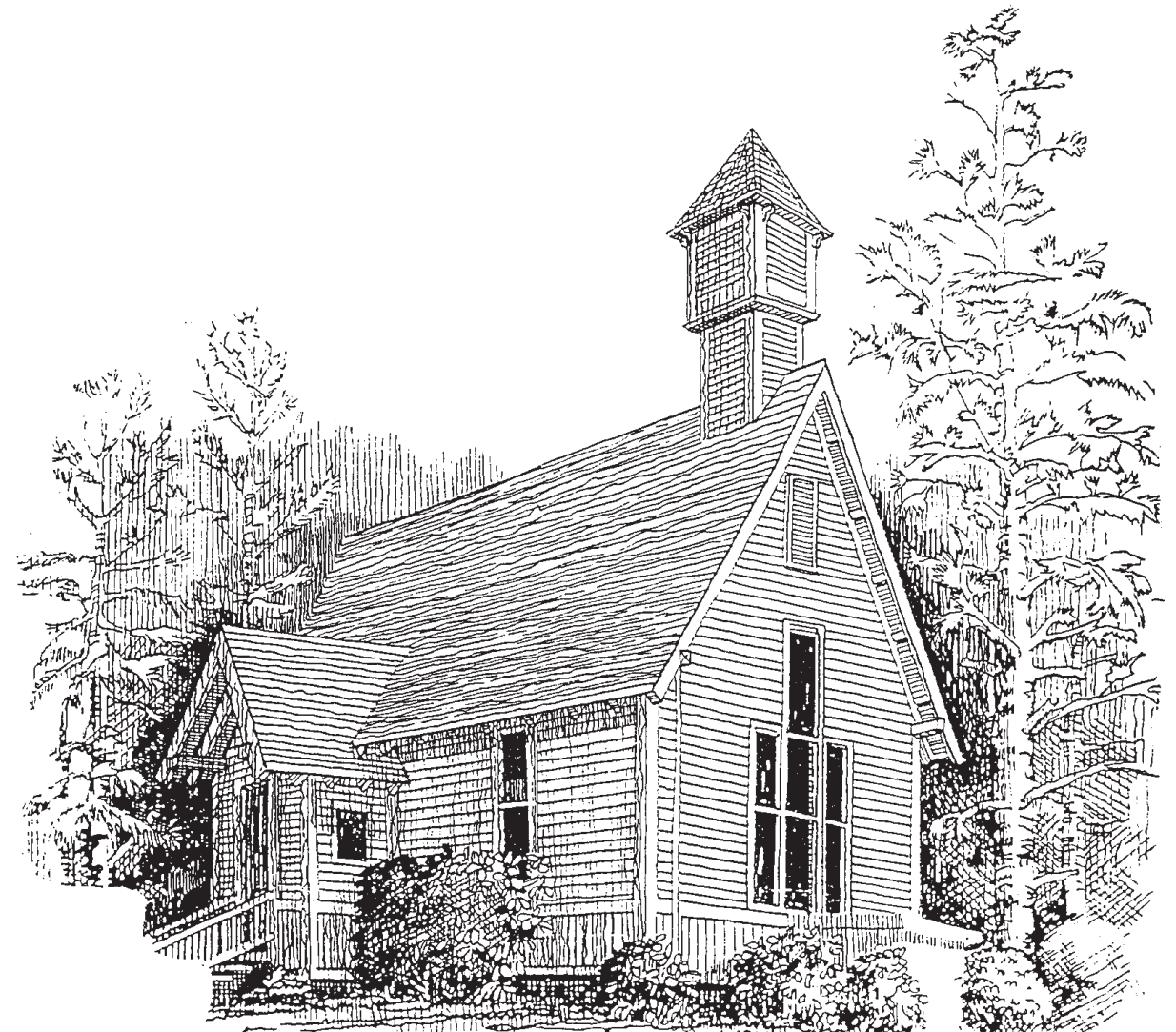
Outreach

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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GUEST MINISTER

The Reverend Dr. Joseph J. Clifford

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. 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 in Charlotte, NC. He began his ministry there in September 2016. Prior to coming to Myers Park, Joe served congregations in Dallas, TX, Alpharetta, GA, and Stockbridge, GA.

Joe currently serves as Chair of the board of Crossroads, a community redevelopment corporation in Grier Heights, a historic neighborhood in Charlotte. He also serves on the board of Columbia Theological Seminary.

He is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, and earned his Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from McCormick Theological Seminary. 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, at Auburn and they have two adult children, who both got married this summer!

Dr. Clifford can be reached at JClifford@myersparkpres.org.

Next week our guest minister will be
The Reverend Dr. Steven P. Eason
Retired Senior Pastor
Myers Park Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

Friday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Eason will lead the Bible Study on Friday, August 9th, 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! Jeannie and Robert Fuller will be hosting Dr. Eason.

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 (by Thom Shuman, in Lectionary Liturgies)

Leader: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:

Congregation: We cannot do this alone, so we gather as God's people.

Leader: Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.

Congregation: We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

Leader: Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

Congregation: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

Leader: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

Congregation: Let us worship God who has called us here today.

* HYMN NO. 442

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom not 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 51:1-4,10-12

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

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SERMON

"God's Favorite Number"

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

* BENEDECTION

* *Those who are able please stand.*