

September 1, 2024

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. W. Douglas Hood, Jr.
Worship Leader	Charlie Gray
Flowers	Anne Robinson
Ushers	Gay and Joel Vann
Minister's Hospitality	Kathy and Charlie Gray
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. W. Douglas Hood, Jr.

With pleasure today we welcome The Reverend Dr. W. Douglas Hood, Jr. and his wife Grace.

Dr. W. Douglas Hood, Jr. has been the Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach (PCUSA), Florida, since 2012.

He holds an M.Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary and a D.Min. from Fuller Theological Seminary. An accomplished author, his books include *Nurture Faith: Five-Minute Medications to Strengthen Your Walk with Christ* and *A Month of Prayer: Five-Minute Meditations for a Deeper Experience of Prayer*.

He is married to Grace, has two children, Nathanael and Rachael, and resides in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Dr. Hood can be reached at douglas.hood.87@gmail.com.

The Reverend Anna Dickson
Executive Pastor and Pastor of Congregational Care
First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte
Charlotte, North Carolina

Friday Morning Bible Study

Reverend Dickson will lead the Bible Study on Friday, September 5th, 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!

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: From the very beginning, God calls us.

Congregation: God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

Leader: Trusting in God, let us worship together.

* HYMN NO. 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. Forgive and heal us, dear God, for we know God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Give us hope in God's steady love and ability to make all things new. We ask these things in your holy name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 5:1-20

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SERMON

"Losing Our Spiritual Balance"

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING AND *DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

* BENEDECTION

* *Those who are able please stand.*