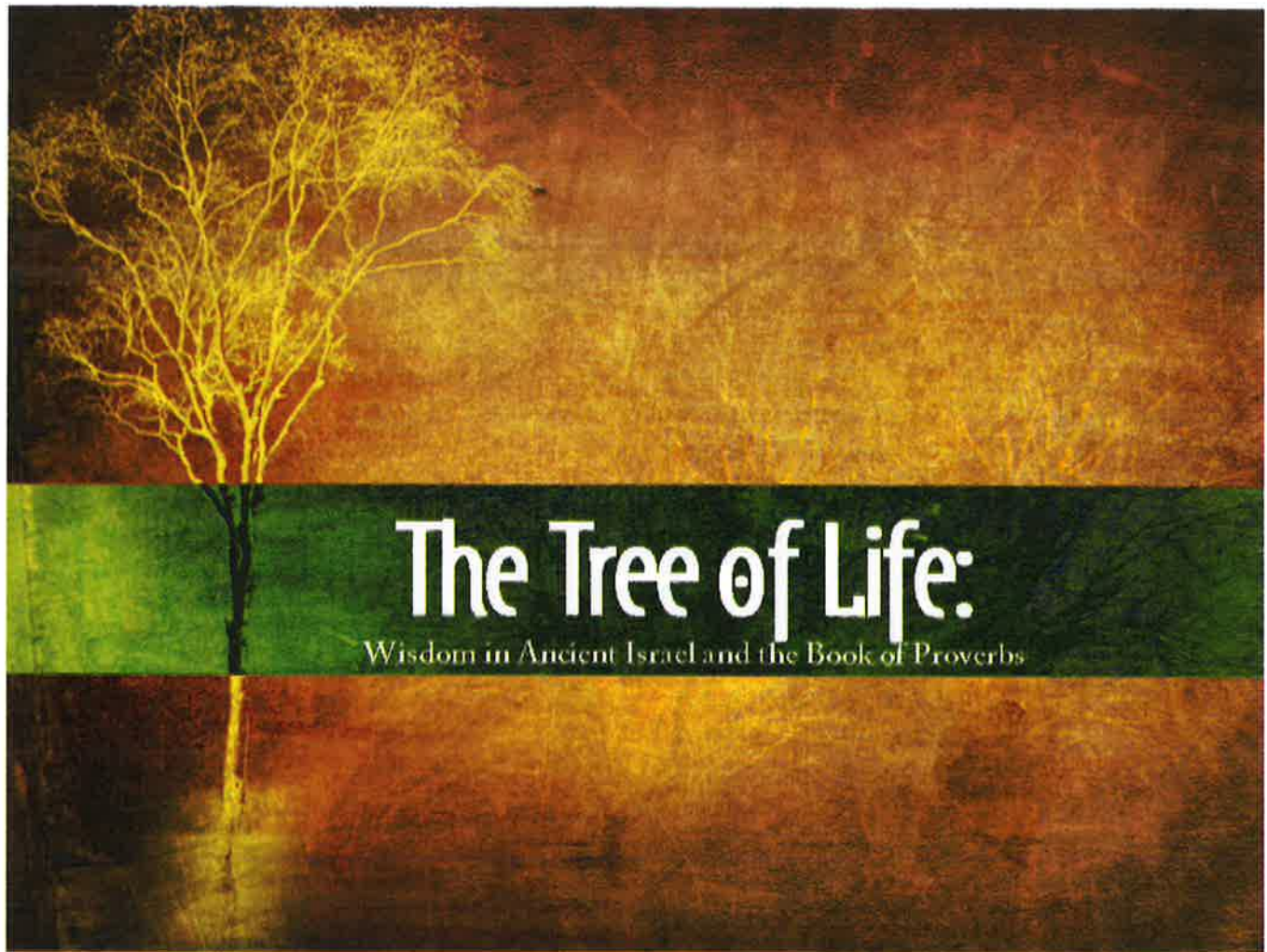


Savannah Presbytery's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Leadership Development Conference**



**February 16-17, 2018**

**Early Bird Registration Ends: January 24, 2018**  
**Final Deadline for Cancellation: January 31, 2018**

Keynote Speaker

**Dr. Christine Roy Yoder**

**Epworth-by-the-Sea**  
**St. Simons Island, Georgia**

## MEET THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Dr. Christine Roy Yoder



Christine Roy Yoder received her B.A. from Swarthmore College and her M.Div. and Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. A teaching elder in the PC(USA), she serves as Interim Dean of the Faculty, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. She is the author of *Wisdom as a Woman of Substance: A Socioeconomic Reading of Proverbs 1-9 and 31:10-31* (De Gruyter, 2001) and *Proverbs* (Abingdon Old Testament Commentary Series, 2009), in addition to many articles and chapters in books. She received a Henry Luce III Fellowship in Theology (2014-15) to work on her current book, tentatively titled *Contours of Desire in Israelite Wisdom Literature* (Baylor University Press). Other forthcoming projects include a commentary on Ruth for the *Illuminations* commentary series (Eerdmans). Christine is an advisor to *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Biblical Studies*, and a senior editor on the *Common English Bible* Translation Board.

### **Keynote: The Tree of Life: Wisdom in Ancient Israel and the Book of Proverbs**

The wisdom literature of ancient Israel (Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes) invites us into an age-old and enduring conversation about what is good and wise in life. How do we discern right from wrong in a world of complex and competing claims? What values do we treasure and why? What makes for strong families and just communities? What cultivates empathy and motivates acts of kindness? How do we understand money, the power of speech, the realities of suffering, and the inevitability of death? And how do we teach it all to our children? Through the particular lens of the book of Proverbs, this study explores how the ancient Israelite sages wrestled with such questions, the formation of moral character, and what it means to “fear the Lord.”



### **DIRECTIONS TO EPWORTH BY THE SEA**

Epworth by the Sea is located at 100 Arthur J Moore Drive, St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

From US-17 in Brunswick, take the F.J. Torras Causeway to St. Simons Island. Once you reach St. Simons Island, follow the new round-about left towards Sea Island Road. Go straight through the light. Take first left at Hamilton Road, then right on Arthur J. Moore Drive. Go through the Entrance Gate, and the Front Desk/Pitts Building will be on your left. Registration will occur near the front desk until 6:30 p.m. Late registration will be available in Brown Auditorium.

**Savannah Presbytery | 3590 Darien Hwy, Suite 8 | Brunswick, GA 31525 | 912-264-1997**

## CONFERENCE FEES

The Conference Room Rates listed include the cost of the conference, room charges and three meals beginning with dinner Friday night. The **Commuter Fee** includes dinner Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and the conference.

**To receive the January 24<sup>th</sup> Early Bird discount**, payment IN FULL must be received on or before that date. There are no exceptions. After January 24, 2018 all registrations must include full payment of the regular fee. After February 2, 2018, registration **may** be limited to commuters and housing cannot be guaranteed.

<b>Registration Fees &amp; Deadlines</b>	<b>Early Bird by Jan. 24</b>	<b>Jan. 25-Feb. 2</b>	<b>After Feb. 2</b>
Commuter Fee (includes meals)	\$52.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
Double Room Rate (two adults)	\$105.00	\$125.00	\$135; May Not Be Available
Single Room Rate	\$150.00	\$170.00	\$180; May Not Be Available
Kids Camp Fee	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
Robertson Inn Upgrade*	\$20/room	Not Available	Not Available

**\*Robertson Rooms are limited in number and available on a first come, first served basis.**

**Registration deadlines are met ONLY  
when completed registration forms AND payment are received.**

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Step 1** Each participant must clearly and completely fill out both sides of the registration form, which is on a separate sheet included in this brochure. Extra registration forms may be copied or can be downloaded from [www.savannahpresbytery.org/events/leadership-development-conference](http://www.savannahpresbytery.org/events/leadership-development-conference).
- Step 2** Each participant must turn in their completed registration form and payment **to his or her church or send directly to presbytery.**
- Step 3** **If the church** is managing registration, please review all forms, and send in one package, along with a single check from the church covering payment IN FULL for all participants by the registration deadline.

**Please Note:** There are no exceptions to the registration deadlines. Registrations with full payment must be postmarked on or before the deadlines to receive the fees listed on the next page.

## CANCELLATION POLICY



Savannah Presbytery is required to finalize the number of rooms needed with Epworth by January 26<sup>th</sup>. Any cancellation that arrives after that date is charged to the Presbytery at the full room rate. To be good stewards of the Presbytery's money, the Ministry Team requests that the churches reimburse the Presbytery for any unused rooms reserved at Epworth for the Leadership Development Conference.

## SCHEDULE

### Friday, February 16

- 4:00 p.m. Conference Registration Begins in Pitts Lobby
- 4:30 p.m. **Display of Historic First Edition Bibles for All Participants**  
(available Friday afternoon and during Workshop 2A only)
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Registration Ends at Front Desk
- 7:00 p.m. **Opening Conference Worship\* – Dr. Christine Roy Yoder Preaching**
- 8:00 p.m. Session A Workshops\*
- 9:15 p.m. Conference Social Gathering

### Saturday, February 17

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Session B Workshops\*
- 9:30 a.m. **Keynote Speaker – Dr. Christine Roy Yoder**
- 10:45 a.m. Check out
- 11:00 a.m. **Keynote Continues**
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch – Main Dining Room (dining room closes at 1:00 p.m.)
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch & Learn about School of the Laity – Jinks Dining Room – Pre-Registration Required!**
- 1:15 p.m. Session C Workshops\*
- 2:30 p.m. Conference Ends

\* New this year! All workshops are one hour and fifteen minutes in length.



### KIDS CAMP

We are pleased to offer special activities for the children aged six months through fifth grade who accompany a registered adult. The sessions will coincide with the times of the adult sessions and workshops. **The children will eat with you during meals.** We will have crafts, games, Bible stories, and loads of fun!!

The Kids Camp Fee covers only the program and meals, and not accommodations. Children stay for free at LDC **when they accompany a registered adult**, and pay only for meals and programs. Room rates apply to the numbers of ADULTS in each room; the Kids Camp Fee is additional for each child participating.

### SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY NEEDS YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

In giving to the Savannah Presbytery, member churches support each other in the opportunity to attend the Leadership Development Conference at an affordable rate. **The presbytery supplements a portion of the cost of the conference.** So that we can be good stewards of your money, we ask our churches to continue to do two very important things:

- 1) Adhere to the rules and deadlines on fees, hotel costs, and cancellation policies and
- 2) Give generously each year to the Budget of Savannah Presbytery

Thank you for your support!

## 2018 Leadership Development Conference Workshop Information

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Session A: Fri. 8 PM; Session B: Sat. 8:00 AM; Session C: Sat. 1:15 PM

Workshop Leader	Affiliation	Workshop Title
Rev. Eric Beene	Pastor, White Bluff, Savannah	<b>5A</b> The Christian Family Tree: Early Branches of Protestantism
Rev. Mary Beene	<i>Openings: Let the Spirit In</i>	<b>10B</b> What's Your Why? Spiritual Autobiography for Resilience
Rev. Rebecca Blackwell	Interim Pastor, FPC Statesboro	<b>1A</b> Spirituality: Falling More Deeply into the Love of God <b>14B</b> Body Unity: The Ties that Bind Us Together
Rev. Bob Brearley	Co-Pastor, St. Simons	<b>Lunch &amp; Learn</b> – So You (or some of your Congregants) are Interested in School of the Laity
Rev. Proctor Chambless	Interim in NE GA Presbytery, FPC Cornelia	<b>9B</b> New Solutions for the Same Old Problems, an Introduction to Appreciative Inquiry
Rev. Don Dilley	Interim Pastor, First Douglas	<b>6A</b> Questions that Linger from the Golden Calf
Rev. Michael Erwin	Director of the Presbyterian-Related Church Campaign Services	<b>7A</b> New Wineskins: Reframing Money Talk in the Church <b>21C</b> An Abundant & Cheerful Faith
Rev. Mark George	Pastor, Henry Memorial, Dublin	<b>19C</b> Small Church Ministry: Better Does Not Have to Be Bigger!
Rev. Ray Jones	Associate Director, Evangelism, PCUSA	<b>8A&amp;B</b> Do You Love Me? Becoming Intercultural Allies for Justice (co-led with Sterling Morse)  <b>16C</b> Missional Discipleship: Following Jesus into the Lives of Our Neighbors
Rev. Steve Lindsley	NEXT Church, Senior Minister at Trinity Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, NC	<b>3A &amp; 12B</b> What's Next? The Challenge - and Promise - of Being Church in the 21st Century
Dr. Anne McNair	Director of Music, FPC Savannah	<b>4A</b> Anthem Planning for the Small Church Choir
Rev. Sterling Morse	Coordinator, African American Intercultural Congregational Support	<b>8A&amp;B</b> Do You Love Me? Becoming Intercultural Allies for Justice (co-led with Ray Jones)
Michael Morgan	Long time musician at Columbia Theological Seminary	<b>2A</b> The First Generation of the English Bible, 1380-1611
Rev. Chris Noyes	Pastor, FPC Brunswick	<b>17C</b> The Beatitudes: Kingdom Announcement and The Upside-Down World
Emily Crawford Sanders	Director of Music, Grant Chapel	<b>11B</b> So you do not have a Musician? ... There are alternatives!
Rev. Will Shelburne	Assoc. Pastor, FPC Savannah	<b>20C</b> Locked in a Box: Rediscovering our Humanity in Immigration Detention
Betsy Stowe	Candidate, Columbia Theological Seminary	<b>15C</b> Creative Contemplative Worship
Marty Susie	Director of Christian Education, Wilmington Island	<b>18C</b> "Why WoRM?" Workshop Rotation Model Sunday School Could Be Right for Your Church!
Rev. Stephen Williams	Senior Pastor, FPC Savannah	<b>13B</b> Presbyterian Worship: A Meeting with God

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### 1A

#### **Spirituality:**

#### **Falling More Deeply into the Love of God**

Rebecca Blackwell

As children of the Reformation, Presbyterians are really good at “cognitive” spirituality (knowing about God through Bible study, theology, etc.). But we haven’t spent much time learning about or practicing the ancient ways of “affective” spirituality (knowing God through experience and non-verbal prayer). Many of us are re-discovering the added depth that experiential knowing of God brings to our faith journey. Join us in this workshop to share, explore and experience ways of encountering the Living Christ.

*Rebecca Blackwell is an honorably retired teaching elder member of the Cherokee Presbytery in Northwest Georgia. She is currently serving as Interim Pastor for FPC Statesboro.*

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### 2A

#### **The First Generation of the English Bible, 1380-1611**

Michael Morgan

“The First Generation of the English Bible, 1380-1611” will feature a fascinating history of those Scriptures, primarily from the Reformation, which have shaped our faith for 500 years. The story will be illustrated with original editions of these Bibles (Tyndale, Coverdale, the Great and Geneva Bibles, and a first printing of the King James Version) from the collection of Michael Morgan.

*Michael Morgan is a long-time Musician at Columbia Theological Seminary and collector of Bible Volumes. Dr. Morgan holds degrees from Florida State University, Atlanta University, and King University, and is the author of the Psalter for Christian Worship.*

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### 3A

#### **What’s Next? The Challenge - and Promise - of Being Church in the 21st Century**

Steve Lindsley

We live in interesting times. More than ever, the world needs to hear the good news of the gospel. And yet, churches in North America are shrinking. Why is this? What is the future of the church? Rather than see this as something to be afraid of, Steve views this as God in action and, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, God “doing a new thing in our midst.” Through a longview look at the trajectory of the church over the past 2000 years, Steve will present a message of hope for the church in challenging times.

*Steve Lindsley is the Senior Minister at Trinity Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, NC. He is a long-time member of the Advisory Board for NEXT Church, a national organization that believes the church of the future will be more relational, more diverse, more collaborative, more hopeful and more agile.*

*This workshop will be offered twice. Sign up for the A or B time slot, but not both.*

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### 4A

#### **Anthem Planning for the Small Church Choir**

Dr. Anne McNair

This workshop will be a survey of anthems that are flexible for varying sizes of church choirs. We will sing through a packet of anthems that you may take home to your choir director for their consideration. Unison, 2-part, 3-part, and easy 4-part anthems will be shared. Selections include anthems that can be modified for use with whoever shows up on a given Sunday! These will also be anthems suitable for a summer choir, with limited rehearsal time.

*Dr. Anne McNair is the Director of Music, First Savannah.*

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### 5A

#### **The Christian Family Tree: Early Branches of Protestantism**

Eric Beene

Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther was in the argument of his life. In the decades after he sent his 95 Theses to his superiors, arguing that it is the grace of God alone, given to us as the free gift of faith, which saves us, things kept changing. New branches of the Protestant movement formed around theological and cultural differences. Join us to learn about some of the differences and similarities between the various branches of Christ's Church and where we, as Presbyterians, fit among them.

*Eric Beene is the Pastor at White Bluff in Savannah.*

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### 6A

#### **Questions That Linger from the Golden Calf**

Don Dilley

Moses is upon the mountain negotiating with God. His congregation plans on the plain to replace God with gods more advantageous to them. Sound familiar? This course will focus on this first pastor/congregation divide. What can we bring back from this theophany to our congregations and our lives? How do we listen to our people and God's will at the same time? Where can we get the inspiration to continue on the way to the holy land?

*Don Dilley is the Interim Minister at First Douglas.*

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### 7A

#### **New Wineskins: Reframing Money Talk in the Church**

Michael Erwin

The American church has long depended on the generosity of its members to support its ministries. As it turns out, generosity and faith are closely linked together. This workshop will examine ways the church can encourage generous givers.

*Rev. Michael Erwin is an ordained minister and director of the Presbyterian-related Church Campaign Services. Since 1950, CCS has helped thousands of PC(USA) congregations raise billions of dollars for mission and ministry.*

### 8A & 8B

#### **Do You Love Me? Becoming Intercultural Allies for Justice**

Sterling Morse, Ray Jones

This two-part workshop (Friday night and Saturday morning) reflects on John 21:15-17. Participants will explore the ways and means of becoming allies with those in the struggle for justice and equality. Becoming allies requires the power of the Holy Spirit working in a community of intentional spiritual formation. It is here with our allies that we are able to hear this haunting question and risk our lives in saying, "Yes, Lord, I love you; send me."

*Sterling Morse is the Coordinator of the African American Intercultural Congregational Support*

*Ray Jones is the Associate Director of Evangelism, PCUSA*

*This is a two-part workshop, please sign up for both 8A and 8B.*

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### 9B

#### **New Solutions for the Same Old Problems, an Introduction to Appreciative Inquiry**

Proctor Chambless

Is your church about to start a search for a new pastor? Has your current pastor and the session sensed a need for new direction? Are you tired of brainstorming solutions for the same old problems? Appreciative Inquiry has been around in the business world since the last century and is now finding its way into the world of the church. The church is not a problem to be solved but a gift to be fully utilized. This workshop will not only introduce the process, but will allow you to experience the process in your current setting.

*Proctor Chambless is a member-at-large of Savannah Presbytery currently serving as Interim Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Cornelia, Northeast Georgia Presbytery.*

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### 10B

#### What's Your Why?

##### Spiritual Autobiography for Resilience

Mary Beene

Is your church perfect? Does everything always go exactly right? If so, you might not need this workshop. For everyone else, when the Church's work gets hard, you need to know why you started, why it is greater than you, and why you are uniquely called to keep going. Using spiritual autobiography as a tool, we'll go behind the whys, inspiring you through the inevitable setbacks and victories of our common work. How can you reignite your passion and give hope to others through spirit and story?

*Mary Beene is a spiritual director and retreat and workshop leader with Openings: Let the Spirit In.*

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### 11B

#### So you do not have a Musician?

##### ... There are alternatives!

Emily Crawford Sanders

This workshop will introduce churches that do not have a musician (or a musician substitute) to alternative ways to have music in the church. Attendees will be able to plan a worship service that should enhance, stir and release a creative spirit through music. Upon completion of the workshop, each church in attendance will be given a CD of songs that can be used as a part of their order of service. Workshop participants will be able to offer alternative methods of music in their worship service.

*Emily Sanders is the Music Director, Grant Chapel in Darien.*

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### 12B

#### What's Next? The Challenge - and Promise - of Being Church in the 21st Century

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### 13B

#### Presbyterian Worship: A Meeting with God

Stephen Williams

John Calvin spoke of worship as a "meeting with God" where we hear the Gospel and offer our praise and prayer. The Book of Order declares: "Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God's presence in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed..." Just why do we worship the way we do? What are the elements of Reformed worship? How does the order of service inform and shape the Christian life?

*Stephen Williams is the Pastor at First Savannah.*

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### 14B

#### **Body Unity: The Ties that Bind Us Together**

Rebecca Blackwell

Christ prayed for unity among his disciples, but even in the early church, that was not an easy task (see many of Paul's letters to the churches). Christian unity continues to be a challenge today. In this workshop we will review some of the things that build up or tear down the Body of Christ, and we will learn and practice skills to help keep us on a constructive track.

*Rebecca Blackwell is an honorably retired teaching elder member of the Cherokee Presbytery in Northwest Georgia. She is currently serving as Interim Pastor for FPC Statesboro.*

### **Special Lunch Event!**

#### **Lunch & Learn (open to 30 guests)**

**So You (or some of your Congregants) are Interested in School of the Laity**

Bob Brearley, Graduates and Current Students of the School of the Laity

Register! Join us for lunch in the Jinks Dining Room and learn about the School of the Laity from faculty and students. The intent of the School of the Laity is to prepare lay people for their Christian witness to the world. The Church exists for the sake of the world to do the will of God as revealed in Jesus Christ (John 3:16). As you hear from the panel, you will discover the impact this program has on the lives of the participants, their churches and the Presbytery! The next group of students will begin June 8<sup>th</sup>!

### 15C

#### **Creative Contemplative Worship**

Betsy Stowe

Are you interested in Contemplative Worship? Whether you're part of a planning group or "going it alone," come and join a discussion about different styles (such as Taizé, labyrinth, centering prayer, lectio divina), the logistics of planning a service or a series of services, some helpful resources, including musical elements in your worship time, and integrating responses to current events into contemplative worship. We'll be listening to some music and exploring different activities to get our creative juices flowing.

*Betsy Stowe is a Candidate under the care of the Savannah Presbytery Committee for Preparation for Ministry and a student at Columbia Theological Seminary.*

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### 16C

#### **Missional Discipleship: Following Jesus into the Lives of Our Neighbors**

Ray Jones

Transforming discipleship leads to mission. Jesus invested in his early followers so they would go where he intended to go. Their lives were transformed by his life, and they were sent out to bear witness to this new life in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, they joined Jesus' ministry of healing the sick, welcoming the stranger, and walking with the marginalized. In North America, discipleship is often understood as receiving information that will improve one's spiritual life. Many North American Christians understand discipleship as their "church" experience, which is separate from and has little influence on the rest of their lives. Therefore, discipleship is disconnected from mission. Luke 10:1-10 will be used as a platform to discover how discipleship is connected to mission in the community through a Neighborhood Exegesis.

*Ray Jones is the Associate Director, Evangelism, PCUSA.*

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**17C**

### **The Beatitudes: Kingdom Announcement and the Upside-Down World**

Chris Noyes

This seminar will be an overview of Matthew 5:1-12. The Beatitudes introduce Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In this workshop, we will examine how these blessings open us to God's rule right now and help us see God's world in a better light.

*Chris Noyes is the Pastor at FPC Brunswick.*

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**18C**

### **"Why WoRM?" Workshop Rotation Model Sunday School Could Be Right for Your Church!**

Marty Susie

Rotation Model Sunday School is based on two principles: (1) Creative teaching methods and rooms ("workshops") help students learn and leaves them excited to return for the next session. (2) Speeding through a new Bible story each week can create Biblically illiterate kids and teachers who are burned-out from constant preparation. Learn how to incorporate the Rotation Model into your congregation's children's program. This model utilizes familiar, creative, teaching techniques, and is re-organized and slowed down to benefit both teachers and children.

*Marty Susie is the Director of Christian Education, Wilmington Island in Savannah.*

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**19C**

### **Small Church Ministry: Better Does Not Have To Be Bigger!**

Mark George

Our time together will be spent on how the Smaller Member Congregations can engage in ministry even with the reality of scarce resources and limited members. The workshop will study possibilities for ministry and uncover resources that are available.

*Mark George is the Pastor at Henry Memorial in Dublin.*

**20C**

### **Locked in a Box: Rediscovering our Humanity in Immigration Detention**

Will Shelburne

In Leviticus 19:34, God tells the Israelites that "the alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt." This workshop, which will include a 25-minute video that portrays the experience of people detained in the U.S. Immigration prison system and of those ministering to them, will explore how we, as followers of Christ, are called to care for immigrants, both those who are detained and those living among us. We will wrestle with what it means for us to "love the alien as yourself" and explore ways that our churches might reach out in love and compassion.

*Will Shelburne is the Assoc. Pastor, First Savannah.*

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**21C**

### **An Abundant & Cheerful Faith**

Michael Erwin

If our wallets and retirement accounts are not converted to Christ, our lives will not be converted to him either. But can our giving be a source of personal joy? Together we will explore the dynamic relationship between spiritual values and cheerful giving.

*Rev. Michael Erwin is an ordained minister and director of the Presbyterian-related Church Campaign Services. Since 1950, CCS has helped thousands of PC(USA) congregations raise billions of dollars for mission and ministry.*