

THURSDAY MAIL

May 15, 2025



MISSIONAL, PASTORAL, PROPHETIC

NCP CALENDAR

- May 17 Congregation Led Worship Seminar
- May 20 Town Hall with PCUSA Interim Unified Agency, 3:30p
- Stated Presbytery Meeting, 5:00p (in person)
- June 2 Thursday Mail Deadline
- Aug 23 Church Communications & Marketing Seminar
- begins in Sept Antiracism as a Way of Being

More detailed information about each event, flyers and registration may be found on the [Events page of the website](#)

National Capital Presbytery

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MAY 20TH PRESBYTERY MEETING & TOWN HALL

Our next **stated presbytery meeting** will be Tuesday, May 20th at National Presbyterian Church beginning at 5:00 PM with **Rev. Billy Kluttz** providing music and **Rev. John Molina-Moore** preaching.



Prior to the meeting, from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, **Rev. Denise Anderson and Rev. Ellen Sherby from the PCUSA Interim Unified Agency**, will provide updates on Global Ecumenical Partnerships. Congregations who have regularly and interested in participating in Global Mission Partnerships and PCUSA Mission Co-Workers, this is for you! Learn how the National office changes can inform financial and relational decisions for your congregations. Register for the meeting [HERE](#).



May 15, 2025



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

All Presbyterians of the National Capital Presbytery are cordially invited to a Town Hall meeting.

Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (prior to the 5:00 PM Stated Presbytery Meeting)

Location: National Presbyterian Church, The Parlor (Sanctuary Level)

Purpose: Join us for an in-person presentation and conversation with PC(USA) Interim Unified Agency leaders from Compassion, Peace, and Justice (CPA) and Global Ecumenical Partnerships (CEP).

Presenters: Rev. Denise Anderson and Rev. Ellen Sherby, along with NCP staff.

As you make important decisions regarding relational partnerships and budgets in your roles as Missional, Pastoral, and Prophetic congregations, we want to ensure you are informed about the evolving landscape at the national and international denominational levels.

Recognizing the current fluidity in local and global mission partnerships, this Town Hall offers an opportunity to learn how our denomination is approaching decisions and partnerships in these vital areas. We also welcome your questions and hopes as we collectively discern how to continue and grow as a Missional, Pastoral, and Prophetic church.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe



Congregation Led

WORSHIP

Seminar

Saturday, May 17, 2025

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Arlington Presbyterian Church

918 S. Lincoln Street, #1, Arlington, VA 22204

coffee, tea and snacks provided

led by your NCP staff and other leaders in the presbytery

Presbyterians KNOW how to worship! But will you be ready to lead in worship with or without a Master of Divinity? You bet! As Presbyterians, we are all ministers who can support, lead, and facilitate a time of worship. Learn all the possibilities and resources in how to organize and lead a worship service on those off Sundays to even a series of Sundays! And learn the limits of a congregation led worship. It might surprise you! Register through the website under Events or **[HERE](#)**



CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION POLICY AND IMPACT

Many of us have trained and prepared for how to protect some of our immigrant brothers and sisters and neighbors. Now some are asking questions about the implications about policies we have adopted for our staff in light of the changes in policies and practices currently. On May 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at the Festival Center, we are having a session with several attorneys who specialize in the area. They will be available to address questions we might have. This is for clergy and church leaders. If you have questions about the event, please call Rose Wayland at 202-270-1106. This event is sponsored by concerned NCP clergy.

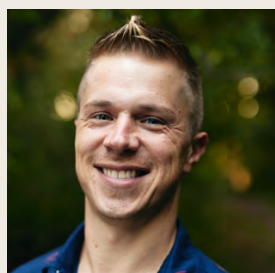
THE 227TH GA NOMINATION PROCESS

Consider serving as a GA Commissioner at the next PCUSA General Assembly – June 23 to July 2, 2026 in Milwaukee, WI. Seeking teaching elders, ruling elders and a young adult advisory delegate. Nomination information may be found on the [NCP website](#).



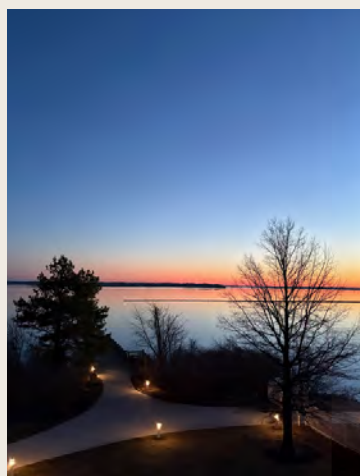
CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING IN 2025 AND BEYOND

Saturday, August 23, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church



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2026 CONTINUING EDUCATION GATHERING & RETREAT



We are pleased to announce that our 2026 Continuing Education Gathering & Retreat will be back at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge Maryland on March 2-4, 2026. We will offer early bird pricing with the fee increasing on December 1! Programming and speaker will be determined at a later date. Register through [NCP Events!](#)



VENDORS WANTED

Hope Presbyterian Church will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, May 17th with a pop-up market and outdoor worship on Sunday May, 18. They are also looking for vendors! If interested, contact Jean Howard at 240-825-0557. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Hope Presbyterian Church

You're cordially invited to celebrate
our 50th Anniversary!

May 17th, 2025
10:00am-2:00pm

**50th Anniversary
Pop-Up Market**

**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY, MUSIC, RAFFLES,
FOOD TRUCKS, GAMES, AND MORE!!**



**50th Anniversary
Outdoor Worship Service**

May 18th, 2025
10:30am-1:30pm

1100 Enterprise Road
Mitchellville, Maryland 20721
www.hopepresbyterianchurch.com
301-249-7774

ORDINATION SERVICE



National Capital Presbytery invites you to a worship service celebrating the ordination of **Rebekah (Givens) Greniven** as a Minister Member of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 1:30 PM at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church.

YOUNG MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery Men of the Mid-Atlantic Synod want to hear about you! We invite you to TELL US WHO YOU ARE!


Send us a picture and/or bio so we can uplift and celebrate the incredible young men that will shape our future!

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Please send us a picture and/or biography so we can uplift and celebrate the incredible Young Men (Young adults, teens, and boys) that will shape our future! We are so excited and can't wait to hear from you!

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Thank You!

The Men's Council of the Presbytery

EARTH CARE NETWORK

Peace and justice are God's plan for all creation. The Earth and all creation belong to God. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this Earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. The NCP Earth Care network comprises Presbytery congregations that have successfully applied to be Earth Care Congregations under the PC(USA) program. The Network gathers representatives from NCP Earth Care Congregations for support, to exchange ideas, to recruit and help new members, and to work together on larger issues affecting the Presbytery. The NCP Earth Care Network administers the Power to Change Grant Program through the Mission Coordination Committee (MCC) whereby congregations can get up to \$1000 in matching funds for energy saving projects. NCP Earth Care Network members are eager to help any congregation interested in becoming certified or applying for a grant. Contact: Elder David Kepley, Kepley.david@gmail.com Attached to the Thursday Mail are two new projects, the first of several in the works, that the ECN hopes will be useful to Presbytery congregations. Visit the [Earth Care Network page](#) of NCP's website for more information.



MASSANETTA SPRINGS



Called Together, July 28-31: Clergy couples are invited to be part of this ecumenical retreat. This ecumenical retreat welcomes clergy couples serving in a variety of ministries for renewal, learning, and growth. If your family includes kids, there's programming for them too! Learn more and register at <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/calledtogether>



Bible & Church Music Conference, July 20-26: Family camp meets continuing education at this conference for all ages of worship leaders. Whether you are ordained or a layperson, staff or volunteer or congregant, there are plenty of opportunities to learn, practice, and worship together. Scholarships are available, and first timers only pay for lodging and meals! More details here: <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/bcmc>

NCP NOMINATIONS FOR 227TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(June 23rd to July 2nd, 2026; Milwaukee, WI)

Dear Members of National Capital Presbytery:

Please read the following for information about the 227th General Assembly (GA) and the NCP nomination process. We hope you will prayerfully consider applying and/or seeking those equipped to serve in this essential function in the larger church.

Our presbytery will be represented by the following distribution of delegates:

- 4 Teaching Elders (including NCP Moderator)
- 4 Ruling Elders (including NCP Vice-Moderator)
- 1 Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)
- 2 Alternates (1 Ruling Elder, 1 Teaching Elder).

Transportation to the General Assembly, and room and board are reimbursed for commissioners and YAADS in accordance with General Assembly policy.

Nomination Process

- **Ruling elders** - Click **HERE** for RE form
 - Nominees must be endorsed by their church's Session and will have preferably: a) been a member of their congregation for at least three years; and b) attended at least two presbytery meetings in a two-year period
 - Nominees must submit their forms to their church's Clerk or Moderator of Session. After the Session has endorsed the nomination, the Clerk or Moderator shall complete and submit the form electronically to nominating@thepresbytery.org **no later than September 24, 2025.**
 - Ruling elders must also provide at least one (and up to three) reference letters, which shall be sent by the person making the recommendation to nominating@thepresbytery.org by **September 24, 2025.**
- **Teaching elders** - Click **HERE** for TE form
 - Potential delegates may self-nominate by completing the form and submitting it in electronic format only to nominating@thepresbytery.org **no later than September 24, 2025.**
 - Nominees must have a minimum of three years of membership in the presbytery, a record of regular attendance (~~at least half~~) of presbytery meetings, and demonstrated service to the presbytery.
 - Letters of reference are welcome but not required.

- Young Adult Advisory Delegates - Click [HERE](#) for YAAD form
 - Nominees must be endorsed by their church's Session and submit their forms to their church's Clerk or Moderator of Session. After the Session has endorsed the nomination, the Clerk or Moderator shall complete and submit the form electronically to nominating@thepresbytery.org **no later than September 24, 2025.**
 - YAADs must also provide at least one (and up to three) reference letters, which shall be sent by the person making the recommendation to nominating@thepresbytery.org **by September 24, 2025.**
- All candidates must provide a picture in electronic format

Timeline Review:

- September 24, 2025: All forms and recommendations due to the NCP Nominating Committee
- October 1, 2025: NCP Nominating Committee approves slate of nominees to be posted on the NCP website by October 10, 2025
- November 4, 2025: Forms due for those seeking to be nominated from the floor of Presbytery during the November 18, 2025 meeting
- November 18, 2025: Delegates approved at Presbytery Meeting

Please see the presbytery web site for additional criteria that the NCP Nominating committee will consider to select nominees that are best positioned to serve and honor the diversity and abundance of gifts in our presbytery. Please hold this committee and our nominees in prayer, and thank you for your faithful consideration.

If you have questions, please contact us at nominating@thepresbytery.org



GROUPS FORMING NOW FOR THE FALL OF 2025

Missional Incubator: National Capital Presbytery

Interested? Contact Brian Clark, Director, to set up an initial conversation.

bclark@thepresbytery.org

***Missional:** Loving people. Engaging community on their terms and their turf.*

***Incubator:** Space to dream. Growing dreams into reality.*

Unless it is the LORD who builds the house, the builders' work is pointless. (Psalm 127:1)

OVERVIEW

Mixed-economy expressions of church have been with us since the beginning of Church. Throughout scripture are the stories of how God used shepherds, vinedressers, farmers, accountants, financial planners, tent makers, owners in the textile industry, fishers, and many others to lead and gather God's people.

The National Capital Presbytery seeks a more proactive, intentional approach to establishing new worshiping communities and new expressions of existing churches that will engage people currently unconnected to church. The decline in church membership, the increasing pace of church closures, and the growing disconnect between current ministries and a postmodern culture demand a different strategy. This strategy will need to incorporate a mixed economy ministry that can provide income streams to the mission while increasing opportunities to engage with those who would not be attracted to a more traditional church. **If your church is ripe for this kind of strategy and with the capacity to take this bold step, now is the time to apply to the Fall or 2025**

MISSIONAL INCUBATOR

The Incubator's goal is to empower your church to develop contextually informed, thoughtfully integrated, mission-hearted new expressions of the one Church. The Incubator will empower your leadership to develop a robust plan for a compelling business or social enterprise of your church that will engage the community and create collisions with people not associated with your church. The Incubator will give key leaders of your church nine to twelve months and resources to:

- Develop mission plans, including business plans that identify funding and investors.
- Draw on outside experts partnered with the Missional Incubator.
- Create a steady source of contacts and introductions in your community.
- Develop funding sources for a new expression of church paired with a compelling business.

WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED OF YOUR CHURCH:

- Identify a lead person with the drive to develop a plan and the capacity to bring that plan into reality. The lead person is usually the pastor or associate pastor who is positioned to implement, or oversee the implantation of, the plan developed.
- The lead person will spend one day a week (10 AM - 3 PM) with 3-5 others in a cohort of the Missional Incubator. The location of these gatherings will rotate among Ridgetop Coffee and Tea, your church, and the churches of the others in the Incubator.

WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED OF YOUR CHURCH (continued):

- The lead person will gather a team of 2-3 people connected with your Church who will meet monthly with the lead as dreamers, conversation partners, discerners, and explorers of this new mission. The team will also:
 - Engage in a regular posture of listening and learning as a missional practice in your local context:
 - Be open to community conversations.
 - Try a few experiments as a process of honing the most viable compelling business plan.
 - Engage in spiritual practices that will support the missional practices.

HOW THE MISSIONAL INCUBATOR WILL SUPPORT YOU IN THIS PROCESS:

- Equipping in the practices and skill sets needed to explore potential business opportunities, including community listening, networking, and market research.
- Coaching and mentorship in developing a business and mission plan.
- Connection to thought leaders and experts to build skills, strategies, and capacities for this work.
- An innovative environment of peers to generate ideas and feedback loops to support one another in the work.
- Dedicated energy and attention to developing a thorough plan, to include a business plan, mission plan, financial plan, and staffing plan.
- A “Cloud” of experts who would be available for consultation, to include builders, architects, accountants, lawyers, county experts, and more.
- Availability to meet with your team, your session, or your congregation at any time that will help bring along the stakeholders in this process.
- A spiritually vibrant environment to support prayerful discernment.
- A commitment to walk alongside your congregation to bring this plan into reality once the plan has been developed.

RESULTS: AT THE END OF NINE MONTHS YOU MIGHT DISCERN AS A CHURCH THAT:

- Now **is** the time for this new mission and you begin to implement the plan.
- Now **is not** the time for this mission:
 - The Incubator time revealed the road map for a business that will take 1-2 years to put the pieces together.
 - The Incubator revealed this is not the right mission for our church.

A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. Acts 16:9-10 (CEB)

Ultimately the Missional Incubator is designed to help your church discover who is God urging you to engage and how can you meet them on their terms and on their turf.

so that our churches can grow 



CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING *in 2025 & beyond*

Saturday, August 23, 2025

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

with lunch (\$10 suggested donation)

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22101

» **REGISTER HERE** «

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Questions? Contact Dina Bickel - dbickel@thepresbytery.org



THE DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM OF NCP INVITE YOU TO

Antiracism as a Way of Being

LED BY **NEXT CHURCH** COACHES



Rev. Christopher J.
Holland II



Chip Low

CLERGY COHORT 6-SESSION ONLINE TRAINING

SCHEDULE

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Tuesday, Sept 9

Thursday, Sept 25

Thursday, Oct 9

Thursday, Oct 23

Thursday, Nov 6

Thursday, Nov 20

**Register [HERE](#)
Space is limited**

**This is for NCP Clergy to
take their antiracism
learning and go deeper.**

**Completing SNS Allyship
Training or equivalent is
a prerequisite.**

**NEXT Church describes
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"Antiracism is not a
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This is for lay people from NCP congregations to take their antiracism learning and go deeper.

Completing SNS Allyship Training or equivalent is a prerequisite.

LAITY COHORT 6-SESSION ONLINE TRAINING

SCHEDULE

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Monday, Sept 8

Wednesday, Sept 24

Monday, Oct 6

Monday, Oct 20

Monday, Nov 3

Monday, Nov 17

**Register [HERE](#)
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BUSH HILL HYMN FESTIVAL

Sound Every Voice!

MAY 16 & 17, 2025

Joe Gabalski, conductor
Melvin Goodwyn, guest conductor
Charles Reardon, guest organist
Chris Erbe, trumpet

Join us for a festive weekend of choral music with church choristers from across the country.

The hymn festival choir will be directed by Joe Gabalski, Director of Music at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church. Our accompanist, Charles Reardon, is a freshman in the BYU organ program.

For more information, go to bushhill.org/hymn-festival

To participate in the choir, please sign up by scanning the QR code or contacting the church office at office@bushhill.org



Broadway Star in Woodbridge, VA!

ROBERT CREIGHTON
Ain't We Got Fun!



In Concert!

MAY 17 7:00 PM | MAY 18 3:30 PM

First United Presbyterian Church
of Dale City
14391 Minnieville Road,
Woodbridge, VA 22193

www.fupcdc.org



GET TICKETS!

Presbyterians with Pride: Join Us at World Pride 2025!

Hello National Capital Presbytery churches!

The Presbyterian World Pride Planning Committee wants to invite you to our World Pride events!

World Pride 2025 is heading to Washington, DC—and Presbyterians with Pride are ready to celebrate, worship, and witness in bold, beautiful community.

Our theme this year is “Stitched Together in Faith and Freedom” a celebration of the rich, diverse fabric that makes up our beloved community. Whether you’re coming with rainbow flags or clergy collars, sequins or stoles, there’s a space for you!

Get Involved Before the Big Weekend:

Donate Hospitality Supplies – Keep our rest stop warm and welcoming (by June 1st). Here’s the wishlist: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/AZESXPVOUUS/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

Volunteer with our Hospitality Team - <https://nyapc.breezechms.com/form/e35e3831>

Volunteer for Pride activities at 15th Street Pres - <https://forms.office.com/r/5DcywHAWx1>

Register to March with us in the Parade! -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezs9j9nmZIYloGBOkNohPZ_Ofyv2CxO47_6-qXm3AQmG58sw/viewform?usp=preview

Pride Week Events:

Throughout May/June | Washington Gay Men’s Chorus Concert

May 31, 12 PM | Interfaith Prayer Breakfast Brunch


June 3, 6:30 PM | WorldPride Interfaith Service

June 6, 5PM | Pride Prep Party – Decorate the parade truck!

June 7, 12 PM | Pre-Parade Block Party at 15th Street Presbyterian Church

June 7, 1 PM | March in the Parade!

June 7, 12:30–6:30 PM | Hospitality Rest Stop at New York Ave Presbyterian Church

 Whether you're joining us to serve, celebrate, or just soak in the joy—come as you are. Let's make this a Pride to remember.

RSVP, Volunteer, & Learn More at:

linktr.ee/presbyterianswithpride

We can't wait to be Stitched Together in Faith and Freedom with you. 

With Pride,
The Presbyterian World Pride Committee



PRESBYTERIANS WITH PRIDE

2025 DC WORLD PRIDE

GET INVOLVED

[Donate Hospitality Supplies](#) | Now - June 1

[Volunteer for Pride Hospitality at New York Ave Pres](#)

[Volunteer for Pride Activities at 15th Street Pres](#)

[Register to March with Us in the Pride Parade](#)

PRESBYTERIAN EVENTS

June 6 at 5 pm | [Prep Party: Help Decorate the Parade Truck at 15th Street Pres](#)

June 7 at 11 am | [Pre-Parade Block Party & Hospitality at 15th Street Pres](#)

June 7 at 1 pm | [March in the Parade starting at 15th Street Pres](#)

June 7 at 12:30 - 6:30 pm | [Parade Hospitality at New York Ave Pres](#)

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LEARN MORE: [LINKTR.EE/PRESBYTERIANSWITHPRIDE](https://linktr.ee/presbyterianswithpride)



June 6 & 7

15th Street Pres Events **WORLD PRIDE 2025**

“AND OVER ALL THESE VIRTUES
PUT ON LOVE, WHICH BINDS
THEM ALL TOGETHER IN
PERFECT UNITY.”
COLOSSIANS 3:14

JUNE 6 > 5-7 PM

PARADE PREP & TRUCK DECORATING

JUNE 7 > 10:30 A.M.

CENTERING & HUMAN PRAYER WALL

JUNE 7 > 11:00 AM

PRE-PARADE BLOCK PARTY & HOSPITALITY

JUNE 7 > 12:30 PM

PARADE LINEUP

More info:

www.15thstreet.org

REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER:

<https://forms.office.com/r/5DcywHAWx1>



LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lewinsville's Refugee Resettlement Team is sponsoring a June Sunday morning Christian education class on the ins-and-outs of refugee resettlement—answering all the questions you have about this ministry! This class is offered both in-person and via zoom.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT: QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERED

SUNDAYS JUNE 1 - JUNE 22
ROOM 102A 9:30AM-10:30AM

JUNE 1:

What is the Biblical foundation for helping the stranger? What messages do both the Old and New Testaments provide for how Christians should respond to help requested by the foreigner? How consistent is this message? Are there conditions on our acceptance and generosity? Pastor Scott will provide a Biblical, theological, Reformed background to this ministry.

JUNE 8:

How does the refugee vetting process work? How do the United Nations and the U.S. State Department handle refugees who seek visas to the U.S.? How has this system historically worked, and how is it working now? How many refugees are typically admitted into the U.S., and from which countries do they come? What are the different kinds of visas granted by the U.S. State Department? How are visa applicants vetted? What financial support does the federal government provide to this resettlement process? The presenter for this session is Don Lu. Don is a member of our congregation and in the Biden Administration was U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia.

JUNE 15:

How are refugees resettled and what happens to them once they have arrived in the U.S.? How is it determined where they are located? What are the non-profit resettlement agencies, and what services do they provide? Where do these agencies receive funding for resettlement? What is the current situation facing these resettlement agencies? Fatimata Gakou from Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area (LSSNCA) will be presenting.

JUNE 22:

What has been the experience of this congregation in settling refugees? How did this ministry begin at Lewinsville? How many families have we supported, and how have we helped them? How much does this program cost, and where do we get our funding? What lessons have we learned along the way? What is our current response to the cessation of federal support for refugee resettlement? A panel of RRT members from this congregation will share their experiences and answer questions.



SERVICE OF GRATITUDE FOR USAID

June 8, 2025

3:00 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Church

5533 16th Street N.

Arlington, VA 22205



**Join us as we thank those who worked for USAID
and for those who carried out the work of
international development and humanitarian
assistance through organizations that carried out
USAID contracts and projects. We are grateful for
the impact of this work and for the people who
have served the greater good of all humanity
through caring for vulnerable people and
communities around the world.**

**Sponsored by Trinity Presbyterian (Arlington), Fairlington
Presbyterian, Clarendon Presbyterian, and Arlington
Presbyterian Churches**

COME & JOIN US FOR

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

● *Rev. David Williams*

for
His Book: *"The Prayer of
Unwanting"*

Join us in June for a book study on the Lord's Prayer based on the book, *The Prayer of Unwanting: How the Lord's Prayer Helps Us Get Over Ourselves--and Why That Might Be a Good Thing* by Rev. Dr. David Williams. Dr. Williams is currently the pastor at Poolesville Presbyterian Church in Maryland.

Thursdays, June 12, 19, 26
7:00 p.m.
Kurtz Friendship Room

For more information, call the office at
703.971.1171 or visit:
www.bushhill.org



Bush Hill Presbyterian Church
4916 Franconia Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22310



BOOK TALK AND SIGNING

MOTHER EMANUEL: TWO CENTURIES OF RACE, RESISTANCE, AND FORGIVENESS IN ONE CHARLESTON CHURCH



Former New York Times Journalist

Kevin Sack

In conversation with
The Rev. William H. Lamar IV
Pastor of Metropolitan AME Church, DC

Location: Fairfax Presbyterian Church
10723 Main Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22030



Friday, June 13, 2025



7:00 –
8:30 PM

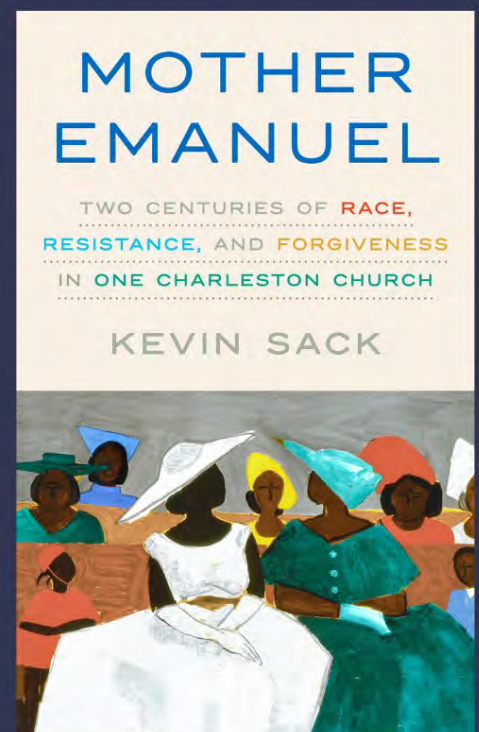


Scan me!

Event is free and open to the public, but EventBrite tickets are required for planning purposes:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc4htew4>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
HENRY G. BRINTON AT
HGBRINTON@GMAIL.COM





Labyrinth Walk

Wednesday, July 2, 7-8 pm

Fairlington Presbyterian Church

3846 King St, Alexandria

Lower Level Common Area

Walking the sacred, ancient path of a labyrinth is a tradition that allows for contemplation, quiet and reflection. Join Veriditas-trained labyrinth facilitator Niala Boodhoo as she facilitates a walk, offering a brief introduction and time of reflection afterward. This is a free community event and all are welcome.

[The Raleigh Ringers](#) will be performing here at The First Presbyterian Church of Annandale on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We are so happy that this “*Internationally-acclaimed and Emmy-Nominated Handbell Group*” will be performing here at the First Presbyterian Church of Annandale during the 11th Season of our FPCA Concert Series. **Online Tickets are on sale for this special event for \$30.00.**

Tickets can be purchased by going to the following website:

<https://fpcava.ticketspice.com/the-raleigh-ringer-handbell-group>. Or, you will find a **LINK** to the site where you may purchase tickets to this wonderful concert on the

First Presbyterian Church of Annandale FACEBOOK site:

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchOfAnnandale>. So, mark your calendars and please get your tickets online, as tickets sold at the door on the day of the concert will be \$35.00.

Thank you so much for your continued support for the mission, ministry, and music program here at the First Presbyterian Church of Annandale



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Paper Tickets at the Door - \$35.00***



***The Raleigh Ringers
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Part-Time (2 consecutive nights and 6 meals)

Double Occupancy -- \$350.00
Single Occupancy -- \$380.00

Part-Time (1 night and 3 meals)

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Single Occupancy -- \$320.00

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Synod of the Mid-Atlantic 2025 Men's Conference

18 – 20 July 2025

Massanetta Springs Conference Center

712 Massanetta Springs Road

Harrisonburg, VA 22801



- Conference & Meals (No Lodging) **\$235 Per Person**
- Conference, Meals & Lodging; Hubler Lodge Double: **\$405 Per Person**
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- Conference, Meals & Lodging; Richardson Double: **\$365 Per Person**
- Conference, Meals & Lodging; Richardson Single: **\$415 Per Person**

Theme:
The Transformation

Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Registration Details to follow - Questions: Point of Contact: Elder Victor H. Samuel, Vicdog880@gmail.com



Presbyterian Men's Conference 2025
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April 8, 2025

"Do not be conformed to this world,[a] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2

My Brothers in Christ, I pray that this message finds you in good health and spirit. I am Elder Reggie Fortune, the Conference Leader for the 2025 Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men's Conference. The conference is scheduled for July 18 - 20, 2025. Our theme this year is, "Doing God's Will - The Transfiguration (based on Romans 12:2)."

I am excited by the program planned for this year and looking forward to our fellowship, learning, and worship experience. Please register early at the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men's website (www.midatlpresmen.org) and bring a friend. In accordance with our theme, we have expanded our outreach effort this year to all of the Presbyteries in the Synod. As a result, we are anticipating a significant increase in participation. So, you don't want to miss this year's event! May God continue to bless and keep you!

Yours in Christ,

Elder Reginald Fortune
2025 Conference Leader
Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church
5109 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave NE
Washington, DC 20019



2025 Schedule

July 18-20, 2025

Fri, July 18

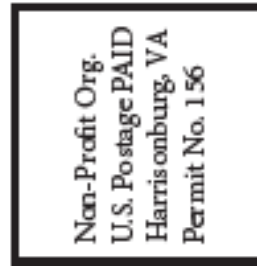
- 3:00 - 7:00 PM Registration
- 5:00 PM First timer orientation
- 5:00 PM Small group leader Instructions
- 6:00 PM Supper
- 7:10 PM Welcome to the conference & music
- 7:10 PM Preview & introductions
- 7:20 PM Sharing the theme - Romans 12:2
- 8:00 PM Small group discussions "What does the theme mean to you."
- 9:00 PM Personal time

Sat, July 19

- 7:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:00 AM Welcome & music
- 8:15 AM Speaker 1 - Pastor ShaDarail Lea
- 9:00 AM Small group discussion
- 9:45 AM Presentation from small groups to whole group
- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:25 AM Group photo
- 10:45 AM Mission update
- 11:00 AM 2026 Conference dates
- 11:10 AM Business meeting
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Speaker 2 - Rev. Brian McCollum
- 1:45 PM Small group discussion
- 2:15 PM Presentation from Small Groups to whole group
- 2:45 PM Free time & activities
- 4:00 PM Watermelon social
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:30 AM Concert by The Sargent Wings of Sargent Memorial PC
- 8:45 PM Ice cream social
- 9:45 PM Personal time

Sun, July 20

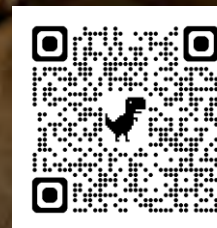
- 7:00 AM Silent communion - Rev. Mark Hinchcliff
- 7:45 AM Breakfast
- 8:00 AM Check-out
- 9:00 AM Welcome & music
- 9:15 AM Speaker 3 - Rev. Jimmie Hawkins
- 10:00 AM Small group discussion
- 11:00 AM Worship - Rev. Mark Hinchcliff
- 12:00 PM Lunch & departure



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"Doing God's Will"
The Transfiguration
Romans 12:2



2025

Conference Speakers and Leaders

Worship Leader

REV Jimmie Hawkins

Director of the Presbyterian Church
(USA) Office of Public Witness,
Washington, DC



Worship Leader

REV BRIAN MCCOLLUM

Pastor at Sargent Memorial
PC, Washington, DC



Worship Leader

PASTOR SHADAROIL LEA

The New Transformation
Uplift Ministries



Silent Communion Leader

REV MARK HINCHCLIFF

Spiritual director for
the Mid-Atlantic Synod
Men's Conference



Music Leader

CLINT DAMUTH

Bayside PC, VA Beach, VA



2025 Conference Leader

ELDER REGINALD FORTUNE

Sargent Memorial PC



In Concert **THE SARGENT WINGS**

Chamber Orchestra
Washington, DC



REGISTRATION FORM

2025 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men's Conference

July 18-20, 2025

Register on-line: www.midatlpresmen.org/ **PayPal Available**

Name _____

Address _____

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Select Conference Package

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☐ Richardson Lodge, Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$415
☐ Conference & Meals Only, 6 meals, conference, \$235
☐ Conference Only, conference, \$135 (No meals or lodging)

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Select Saturday Afternoon Activity

- ☐ Local Winery Tour
☐ Bowling
☐ Lavender Farm Visit
☐ Hiking the Massanetta grounds/free time

Total Cost

\$ _____ Total Conference Package

Make checks payable to "Presbyterian Men's Conference"

Mail Registration Form and Check to:

Presbyterian Men

c/o Paul Willbanks, Treasurer

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Questions? Call 410-829-9161 or Email pmwillbanks@gmail.com

“Be Still My Soul”

**A Sabbath Retreat with Carol
Bechtel: teacher, author, and
musician.**

**June 23-28, 2025 Ghost
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Sabbath's Invitation to Rest, Renewal, and Wonder

Come away for a while and treat yourself to a week-long Sabbath in the spectacular setting of Ghost Ranch. Join other Sabbath-seekers for a gentle week of rest, reflection, and worship filled with ideas for how you can incorporate rhythms of Sabbath rest into your everyday life.

Why Sabbath, Why Now?

“Humans have created such a loud, fast tempo of perfection and production that we often forget--if we ever knew it at all--the rhythms designed for our well-being.”

April Fiet, *The Sacred Pulse*

Sabbath is a gift designed by God to give us rest and renewal in the midst of a frantic world. God knows we need it! Yet Christians have largely lost touch with this important part of our spiritual heritage. We can discover again its potential for re-forming our walk with God, with others, and with all creation.

A Gentle Retreat

During our time together we'll explore what it means to celebrate Sabbath. Through music, meditation, Bible study, and song we will “seek Sabbath” together, leaving ample time for rest and recreation. We will also have time for Baking challah (Sabbath bread); Sabbath-related crafts; Hiking; Swimming; Horse-back riding; Evening prayer; and Sunsets. Some of the questions we will explore include:

- Is Sabbath more than self-care? If so, how/why?
- Is Sabbath selfish, or does it renew us to live and serve?
- How can busy people realistically celebrate Sabbath?... Practical suggestions?
- Why is Sabbath about more like a party with people we love than a list of obligations?
- What are the real-life consequences of rejecting the gift of Sabbath? For us? For others? For the world?



Be Still My Soul will be led by Carol M. Bechtel, a gifted musician, author, and teacher. She has taught at Western Theological Seminary for many years, and she is the author of "Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight," the 2022-2023 national Horizons Bible Study.

REGISTER: <https://www.ghostranch.org/program/g25060404/>

To be housed with others on the retreat, choose “guestroom with private bath” in **Tumbleweed Lodge**. **Scholarships Available.**



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WINGERS Rising 2 nd - 4 th	Spread Your Wings	Spread Your Wings	Spread Your Wings		Spread Your Wings	Spread Your Wings	Spread Your Wings
		Test Your Wings	Test Your Wings	Flap Your Wings		Test Your Wings	Test Your Wings
JUNIORS Rising 5 th & 6 th	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors
MIDDLERS Rising 7 th - 9 th	1-Week Middlers	1-Week Middlers	1-Week Middlers	1-Week Middlers	1-Week Middlers	1-Week Middlers	1-Week Middlers
	2-Week Middlers				2-Week Middlers		
				Middler Night Owls		Middler Night Owls	
SENIORS Rising 9 th - 12 th	1-Week Seniors	Senior Night Owls	1-Week Seniors	Senior Night Owls	1-Week Seniors	Senior Night Owls	1-Week Seniors
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