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## **After the Storm: Preaching and Trauma**

**May 16–20, 2022 | Denver**

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## Make the most of the festival:

- Use the at-a-glance schedule beginning on page 10.
- Multiple speakers and events occur simultaneously Tuesday through Thursday. Plan ahead so you don't miss your favorite speakers.
- All events are on a first-come, first-served basis. Arrive early to save your seat.

- Place bags and purses under your seat to maximize seating capacity.
- Silence your phone, computer, and other distractions.
- Check with festival staff to use assisted hearing loops.

# Welcome

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## Welcome to the 30th Festival of Homiletics!

Welcome to the 2022 Festival of Homiletics! This year brings new experiences and experiments. We are beyond excited to be able to meet in-person as we finally have the opportunity to worship and learn side by side again. And, after the incredible response we received from our online community, we knew that just going back to the festival as it was before the pandemic was not what God needed us to do at this time. This year's festival will be hybrid in nature. Like many of you are experiencing in your own communities, we will be trying to bring the best of what we learned from our online communities the past two years and join them with the most beloved parts of the site-specific festival. And, also like you, we will undoubtedly learn that some things work better than others. As we move into a new era of what the festival might be to preachers around the world, we continue to trust and be amazed at the way the Holy Spirit binds us together through worship, the word, and preaching that touches our hearts. We pray that whether you are on site with us in Denver, or joining us online from across the ocean, you are able to feel that connection to one another and the promise of the Christ who heals all wounds.

**Dawn M. Alitz**  
Managing Director  
Festival of Homiletics

Welcome, preachers!

Welcome to the 30th Festival of Homiletics! For 30 years, even during a global pandemic, the Festival of Homiletics has gathered preachers from all over the world for renewal and inspiration. If there ever was a year when we needed a rekindling of our collective calling, this anniversary just might be it. In the disruption and disorientation of the last two years, we have questioned the helpfulness and purpose of our witness. Amid our many traumas, we have wondered if the Gospel even makes a difference anymore. Who will listen to and believe in the good news we proclaim? But preachers, this is indeed what we know how to do—give testimony to the incredulous. Because before there were lilies and trumpets, there was an empty tomb; an idle tale. At this year's festival, "After the Storm: Preaching and Trauma," we will gather again to share our "I have seen the Lord!" stories. I can't wait to hear them.

**Karoline M. Lewis**  
Program Director  
Festival of Homiletics

# Welcome

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Festival of Homiletics and to the West if you're visiting this region. Trinity United Methodist Church, a regional church located in the heart of Denver, has a community mission and historic faith tradition dating back to 1859. We strive to offer a welcoming and transforming experience of worship and service, embracing the Christian message of love for all and upholding the value and uniqueness of each person. Our inclusion knows no boundaries or conditions.

We are committed to becoming a more diverse congregation that reflects the composition of our metropolitan community, where members and visitors feel that their presence matters and diversity fosters meaningful and enriching participation.

Your presence with us this week moves us forward with our aspirations to honor the sacred worth of each person. Enjoy your time in the Mile High City. We are grateful to serve the world with you.

Blessings,

**Ken Brown**  
Senior Pastor



Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church!

What a joy it is to welcome you to the Festival of Homiletics in the Mile High City of Denver after the storm of a global pandemic and restrictions that kept us apart. The leadership team and congregation join me in welcoming you. Please don't hesitate to call upon us if we may be of service, and in the meantime, we encourage you to drink plenty of water to counter the effects of being at a high altitude.

When we last hosted this festival in 2015, we had barely begun a major capital renovation project to strengthen the heart of Denver by improving and enhancing this sacred space for the benefit of our mission partners and the vibrant worshipping community at home here. This congregation, the Presbytery of Denver, and the greater Front Range community stepped up to provide funds totaling over \$4 million to address deferred maintenance issues and retrofit this historic building for 21st-century mission and ministries. We installed improved heating and cooling system in New Genesis Transitional Housing; created a new sidewalk-level entrance with an elevator that fully accesses all building levels; renovated a space formerly used as a reception area into a social enterprise coffee shop, operated by a nonprofit recruiting and training at-risk young adults for increased employment potential (plus serving great coffee!); re-configured office and meeting space for Central Visitation Program, uniting families for supervised visits; and installed a bank of first-floor restrooms and narthex lobby concession area. You who have experienced construction on an old building may resonate with the feeling of having come through a storm, but I'm happy that you will benefit from some of these changes (some final aspects of the project will be completed this summer).

In a time of national distress and personal threat, the biblical prophet Elijah was commanded to stand on a mountain as God passed by. The powerful moment is described as a storm: "Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence." 1 Kings 19:11-13. After the storm Elijah heard God's healing and transforming Word. May it be so during this week, for us all.

**Pastor Louise Westfall**







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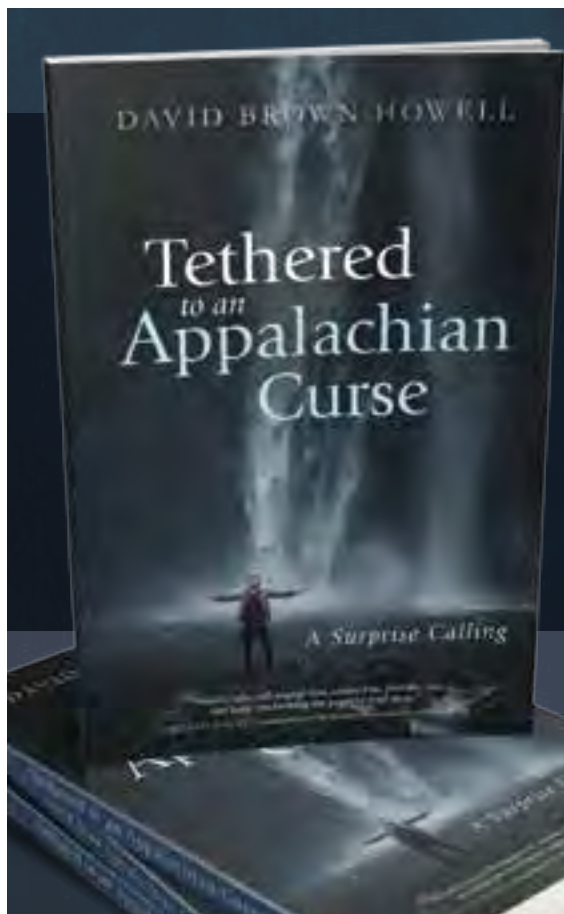
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# Agenda

## Monday, May 16

### Trinity United Methodist Church

- 2–8 p.m. Registration Check-in
- 5:30 p.m. Tips for First-Time Attendees: Dawn Alitz
- 6 p.m. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement from Festival of Homiletics Directors: Dawn Alitz and Karoline Lewis
- 6:30 p.m. Worship and Sermon: Otis Moss III  
Liturgy: Matthew Weber
- 7:30 p.m. Lecture: Robert Wicks, "Riding the Dragon: Preventing Secondary Stress in Ministry"

The **registration table** will be staffed:

- Monday: 2–8 p.m.,  
Trinity United Methodist Church
- Tuesday–Thursday:  
8 a.m.–5 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church and Central Presbyterian Church
- Friday: 8–11 a.m.,  
Trinity United Methodist Church

## Tuesday, May 17

### Trinity United Methodist Church

- 8:30 a.m. Yogadevotion: Cindy Senarighi
- 9:30 a.m. Break: Coffee and snacks provided  
*Sponsored by Pulpit Fiction*
- 10 a.m. Worship and Sermon: Traci Blackmon  
Liturgy: Kelly Sherman-Conroy
- 11 a.m. Lecture: Otis Moss III
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 2 p.m. Lecture: Kimberly R. Wagner, "Out of the Depths: Preaching in the Wake of Mass Trauma"
- 3 p.m. Worship and sermon: Karoline Lewis, "In The Garden Alone," John 20:11-18  
Liturgy: Kelly Sherman-Conroy
- 4 p.m. Yogadevotion: Cindy Senarighi

Your prepaid tickets for boxed lunches are in the back of your nametag lanyard. Pick up your lunch in the courtyard at Trinity United Methodist Church Tuesday through Thursday. No lunch tickets will be sold on-site.

Yogadevotion sessions are located in room 114 at Trinity United Methodist Church. Bring your own mat.

### Central Presbyterian Church

- 9:30 a.m. Break: Coffee and snacks provided  
*Sponsored by Pulpit Fiction*
- 10 a.m. Worship and Sermon: Vashti Murphy McKenzie  
Liturgy: Matthew Weber
- 11 a.m. Lecture: Thema S. Bryant
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 2 p.m. Workshop: Richard Ward
- 3 p.m. Workshop: Traci Blackmon
- 4 p.m. Workshop: Moya Harris, "Making the World What God Intends: Racial equity, inclusion, and belonging...the heart of Sojourners"

## Wednesday, May 18

### Trinity United Methodist Church

- 7:30 a.m. Yogadevotion: Cindy Senarighi
- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Sermon: Anna Carter Florence, "Bread at the Gate," 1 Kings 17: 8-16  
Liturgy: Kelly Sherman-Conroy
- 9:30 a.m. Break: Coffee and snacks provided  
*Sponsored by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*
- 10 a.m. Worship and Sermon: Nadia Bolz-Weber, "On Freedom," Acts 16:16-34  
Liturgy: Kelly Sherman-Conroy
- 11 a.m. Lecture: Frank Thomas, "The Return of High John de Conquer"
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 2 p.m. Lecture: David Lose, "What the World Needs Now" — A Biblical Response to Communal Trauma"
- 3 p.m. Lecture: Deanna Thompson, "Beyond Deep Gladness: Coming to Terms with Vocations We Don't Choose"
- 4 p.m. Yogadevotion: Cindy Senarighi
- 6:30 p.m. Worship and Music: "By the Rivers of Babylon," A Worship Gathering with The Many and Preachers, Ian Gregory Cummins and Clover Reuter Beal

### Central Presbyterian Church

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Sermon: Frank Thomas, "Why Not'?", Hebrews 11:13, 35-40  
Liturgy: Matthew Weber
- 9:30 a.m. Break: Coffee and snacks provided  
*Sponsored by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*
- 10 a.m. Worship and Sermon: David Lose, "The Best — and Worst! — Three Words in the World," Luke 7:36-50  
Liturgy: Matthew Weber
- 11 a.m. Lecture: Anna Carter Florence, "Between the Words"
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 2 p.m. Workshop: Rolf Jacobson
- 3 p.m. Workshop: Eunjoo Mary Kim, "Preaching in a Third Space"
- 4 p.m. Workshop: Thrivent

#### Beer & Hymns Thursday, May 19

Enjoy beer and sing hymns with the Fleshpots of Egypt at the Rock Bottom Brewery on the 16th Street Mall. Featuring musicians Rolf Jacobson, Scott Simmons, Steve Thompson, and Jeff Engholm. This evening is sponsored by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Doctor of Ministry program.

#### Dissolution Ceremony for Mandala Sand Art

Throughout the festival, please pause and enjoy the creation of a sand painting. Artist and pastor Katie Jo Suddaby is one of just a few non-monks in the world who makes Tibetan Buddhist sand mandalas. Delicate and impermanent, sand mandalas are one of the world's oldest forms of art therapy. Tibetan monks and nuns have created sand mandalas for thousands of years, meditating on peace, and helping viewers accept life's impermanence. Pastor Katie Jo uses modern images to teach the same ancient truth. The losses of the pandemic inspire her design for the Festival of Homiletics. All are invited to watch the picture take shape, to ask questions, then to participate in the Dissolution Ceremony where the sand painting is brushed away. This brief, moving ceremony will take place Thursday, May 19 during lunch break in the sanctuary lobby.

## Thursday, May 19

### Trinity United Methodist Church

- 7:30 a.m. Yogadevotion: Cindy Senarighi
- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Sermon: Cláudio Carvalhaes, "Preaching In the Midst of Never Ending Storms," Mark 4:35-41
- 9:30 a.m. Break: Coffee and snacks provided  
*Sponsored by Faith+Lead*
- 10 a.m. Worship and Sermon: Luke Powery, "Outcry," Mark 15:33-39  
Liturgy: Kelly Sherman-Conroy
- 11 a.m. Lecture: Lauren Winner
- 12 p.m. Dissolution Ceremony: Katie Jo Suddaby
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 2 p.m. Lecture: Luke Powery, "The Cost of Healing"
- 3 p.m. Worship and Sermon: Yolanda Pierce  
Liturgy: Kelly Sherman-Conroy
- 4 p.m. Yogadevotion: Cindy Senarighi
- 7 p.m. Beer and Hymns with The Fleshpots of Egypt -  
Rock Bottom Brewery  
*Sponsored by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Doctor of Ministry program*

You'll receive an online evaluation following the festival. We'd love to hear your thoughts to provide an even better experience at next year's Festival of Homiletics.

Luggage storage is available at Trinity United Methodist Church on Friday morning in room 128 located behind the information desk. The Festival of Homiletics and Trinity United Methodist Church are not responsible for the theft or loss of any belongings.

### Central Presbyterian Church

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Sermon: Matthew Skinner, "No One Does This Alone," Acts 7:58-8:4; 9:1-20  
Liturgy: Matthew Weber
- 9:30 a.m. Break: Coffee and snacks provided  
*Sponsored by Faith+Lead*
- 10 a.m. Worship and Sermon: Jacqui Lewis, "Fierce Love: Preaching for Trauma in Hot-Mess Times," Luke 8:43-48  
Liturgy: Matthew Weber
- 11 a.m. Lecture: Nadia Bolz-Weber
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 2 p.m. Workshop: Cláudio Carvalhaes, "We Are Neither Here Nor There: How To Survive In This Liminal Space"
- 3 p.m. Workshop: Lauren Winner
- 4 p.m. Live Sermon Brainwave: Working Preacher's Sermon Brainwave with Rolf Jacobson, Karoline Lewis, Joy J. Moore, and Matthew Skinner

## Friday, May 20

### Trinity United Methodist Church

- 8 a.m. Yogadevotion: Cindy Senarighi
- 9 a.m. Break: Coffee and snacks provided
- 9:30 a.m. Lecture: Joy J. Moore, "Hindsight Preaching When the Future is Uncertain"
- 11 a.m. Worship and Sermon: Robert Wright, "Lamentation and Life Abundance", Ruth 1:3-16  
Liturgy: Matthew Weber



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# At-a-Glance Daily Schedule

Use the full agenda on pages 6–8 to see events scheduled Monday, May 16, and Friday, May 20.

## Tuesday, May 17, 2022

	Trinity United Methodist Church	Central Presbyterian Church
8:30 a.m.	Yogadevotion	
9:30 a.m.	Morning Break <i>Sponsored by Pulpit Fiction</i>	Morning Break <i>Sponsored by Pulpit Fiction</i>
10 a.m.	Worship: Traci Blackmon	Worship: Vashti Murphy McKenzie
11 a.m.	Lecture: Otis Moss III	Lecture: Thema S. Bryant
12 p.m.	Lunch	
2 p.m.	Lecture: Kimberly Wagner	Workshop: Richard Ward
3 p.m.	Worship: Karoline Lewis	Workshop: Traci Blackmon
4 p.m.	Yogadevotion	Workshop: Moya Harris - Sojourners

## Wednesday, May 18, 2022

	Trinity United Methodist Church	Central Presbyterian Church
7:30 a.m.	Yogadevotion	
8:30 a.m.	Worship: Anna Carter Florence	Worship: Frank Thomas
9:30 a.m.	Morning Break <i>Sponsored by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary</i>	Morning Break <i>Sponsored by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary</i>
10 a.m.	Worship: Nadia Bolz-Weber	Worship: David Lose
11 a.m.	Lecture: Frank Thomas	Lecture: Anna Carter Florence
12 p.m.	Lunch	
2 p.m.	Lecture: David Lose	Workshop: Rolf Jacobson
3 p.m.	Lecture: Deanna Thompson	Workshop: Eunjoo Mary Kim
4 p.m.	Yogadevotion	Workshop: Thrivent
6:30 p.m.	Evening Entertainment: The Many with Clover Reuter Beal & Ian Cummins	

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	Trinity United Methodist Church	Central Presbyterian Church
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10 a.m.	Worship: Luke Powery	Worship: Jacqui Lewis
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3 p.m.	Worship: Yolanda Pierce	Workshop: Lauren Winner
4 p.m.	Yogadevotion	Sermon Brainwave: Rolf Jacobson, Karoline Lewis, Joy Moore & Matthew Skinner
7:30–9:30 p.m.	Beer and Hymns <i>Rock Bottom Brewery</i>	

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People will be able to sign up for 20 minute sessions; the sign up will be at the yoga space at Trinity UMC in room 114.



## Luther Seminary Reception

A social hour for alumni, prospective students, and friends

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022 | 5–6:30 p.m.**

*Central Presbyterian Church, Narthex*

Enjoy food and fellowship with Working Preacher's Sermon Brainwave podcasters **Karoline Lewis, Joy Moore, and Rolf Jacobson**, plus others from the Festival of Homiletics lineup who are connected to Luther Seminary. All alumni and those interested in learning more about Luther Seminary and its programs are welcome.

**The presentation begins at 5:15 p.m.**

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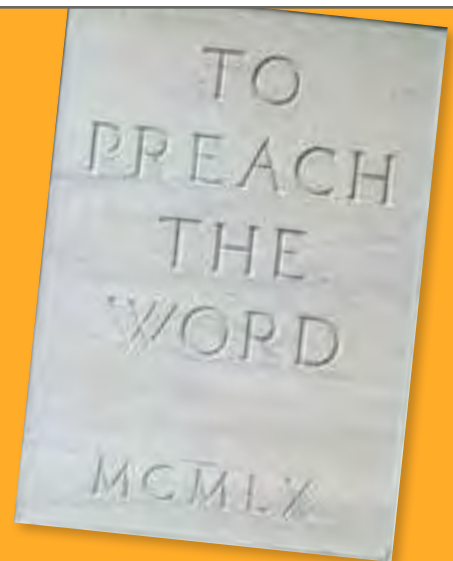
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# Venues

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## Trinity United Methodist Church

The historic Trinity United Methodist Church will be a second venue during the 2015 Festival of Homiletics. The oldest congregation in Denver, Trinity was founded in 1859. With a flood of people moving west, Bishop Levi Scott of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference realized the need for evangelism in the newly established Pikes Peak region. On August 2, 1859, Adriance and Goode reached Denver and established the Auraria and Denver City Methodist Episcopal Mission, known today as Trinity United Methodist Church. After several name changes and a relocation, the church hung in the balance. Things soon changed with the arrival of Reverend Henry Augustus Buchtel in July 1886. In a matter of two months, he was able to rejuvenate the congregation's commitment and harness it with his own inexhaustible energy. The church rallied around a common goal: to build a new home that would breathe life into the city's oldest congregation. On December 23, 1888, a capacity crowd of 2,000 filled Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church's new sanctuary. Trinity United Methodist Church is considered by its architect, Robert S. Roeschlaub, as the crowning achievement of his extensive career. In keeping with the traditions of Gothic cathedral design, the architecture directs a viewer's line of sight skyward, "toward Heaven." The church spire is a prime example; your eyes are led up the stonework, eventually past the highest point, the copper cross. The sanctuary, as well, is built on the second floor, symbolic of the belief that one should walk upward to worship God. In the span of 2 1/2 years, Trinity scraped its way from the brink of bankruptcy and raised \$175,000. They had met their goal; the new building revitalized the congregation and became a symbol of pride for a growing city. This church has faithfully served the community for over 150 years, and the historic sanctuary building marked its 125th year of service in 2013. Blessed with a diverse congregation, strong staff, outstanding facilities, and many and varied ministries and missions, it fulfills its mission of offering a welcoming and transforming experience through the love of Jesus Christ.



## Central Presbyterian Church

The massive renovation project almost completed reflects another chapter of Central's 165-year history: to strengthen the heart of Denver by providing a sanctuary for spiritual nurture, a shelter from life's stormy blasts, and a center for service, outreach, and witness to the inclusive love of God we've come to know in Jesus Christ. From its humble origins on the Colorado Territory's frontier, Central has sought to meet the needs of a growing city and changing landscapes. The congregation led a ministry for railroad workers and welcomed Chinese immigrants with social support and English-language classes. Central was principal founder of Presbyterian Hospital, the first health care facility in Denver with a specific mission to care for the indigent. It maintained financial support for the institution even at the cost of delaying its own building aspirations. When the hospital was sold to a for-profit health company, the Colorado Trust was established with the proceeds and continues to promote health equity for all Coloradans to this day. Central provides dedicated space for New Genesis Transitional Housing Ministry, serving the needs of the working poor; Central Visitation Program, uniting families divided by substance use disorders, incarceration, or domestic violence for supervised visits, parental skill-building, and healing practices; the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra; and the soon-to-be-opened Purple Door Coffee Shop, a social enterprise retail store increasing employment possibilities for at-risk young adults. The Jerusalem cross that hangs in our magnificent sanctuary speaks to our central conviction: to welcome people from every place and human condition into a center of love and acceptance preparing them for joyous and purposeful living in the world.



# Speakers

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## **Dawn Alitz**

*Director of Communities and Coaching,  
Faith+Lead, Luther Seminary*

Dawn Alitz joined the staff of Luther Seminary in 2016, where she designs and coordinates programming and coaching experiences to equip Christian leaders. Alitz earned a Master of Arts degree in lay leadership from Luther Seminary in 2003 and earned a Ph.D. in 2009. Dawn has taught in adjunct positions at the seminary, Augsburg University, and Lexington Theological Seminary. Prior to her work at Luther Seminary, she served in a number of ministry settings, including mission start and established congregations.



## **Anthony Bailey**

*Lead Minister, Parkdale United Church,  
Ottawa, Canada*

Originally from Barbados, Anthony Bailey has lived and served in various parts of Canada, Kenya, and Jamaica. A teacher at heart, Bailey taught at the McGill University joint theological colleges in Montreal and the Theological College of the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. He has lectured at the Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality, Queen's University School of Religion, and North American and Caribbean conferences. His academic degrees focus on social work, theology, philosophy of religion (liturgical language), and ethics and culture. Bailey has been awarded the Dreamkeepers' Martin Luther King Jr. Life Achievement Award for Racial Reconciliation. He wrote the biblical and theological study resource for "Sankofa: The Histories and Heritages of Black Peoples in the United Church of Canada."



## **Traci Blackmon**

*Executive Minister of Justice and Local  
Church Ministries, United Church of  
Christ; Senior Pastor, Christ The King*

Traci Blackmon is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She became the first woman pastor in Christ The King United Church of Christ's 162-year history. Blackmon earned a Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary and has co-authored the White Privilege curriculum for the United Church of Christ with other prominent leaders. Blackmon's communal leadership and work in the aftermath of the killing of Michael Brown Jr. in Ferguson, Missouri, has gained her both national and international recognition and audiences from the White House to the Carter Center to the Vatican. She was appointed to the Ferguson Commission by Governor Jay Nixon and to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships for the White House by President Barack Obama.



## **Nadia Bolz-Weber**

*Founder, The Chapel*

An ordained Lutheran pastor, Nadia Bolz-Weber is the founder of House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver and The Chapel, a private social network for prayer, connection, and conversation. She is also the creator and host of "The Confessional" podcast and the author of three New York Times bestselling memoirs: "Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint," "Shameless: A Sexual Reformation," and "Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People." She writes and speaks about personal failings, recovery, grace, and faith. Read more of her writing at [thecorners.substack.com](http://thecorners.substack.com).



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### **Thema S. Bryant**

*Professor of Psychology, Graduate School of Education and Psychology, Pepperdine University; President-Elect, American Psychological Association*

Thema S. Bryant is a professor of psychology in the Graduate School of Education and Psychology at Pepperdine University, where she directs the Culture and Trauma Research Laboratory. Her clinical and research interests center on interpersonal trauma and the societal trauma of oppression. She is also the incoming president-elect of the American Psychological Association, where she previously served as president of the Society for the Psychology of Women and as the APA representative to the United Nations. Bryant completed her doctorate in clinical psychology at Duke University. She has raised public awareness of mental health by extending the reach of psychology beyond the academy and private therapy office through community programming and media engagement in outlets like Headline News, NPR, and CNN.



### **Anna Carter Florence**

*Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching, Columbia Theological Seminary*

Anna Carter Florence is a professor of preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Yale University and a Master of Divinity and Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. Florence is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and previously served as an associate pastor for youth and young adults at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. She is the author of "Preaching as Testimony," "Inscribing the Word: Sermons and Prayers of Walter Brueggemann," and "Rehearsing Scripture: Discovering God's Word in Community." She has published numerous articles and book chapters, including lectionary text commentaries for Working Preacher. Florence is a frequent lecturer in the United States and abroad, with research focused on testimony, preaching pedagogies, and strategies to engage biblical text.



### **Cláudio Carvalhaes**

*Associate Professor of Worship, Union Theological Seminary*

Cláudio Carvalhaes is a theologian, liturgist, and artist who earned a Ph.D. in liturgy and theology at Union Theological Seminary. He earned a Master of Philosophy in theology, philosophy, and history at the Methodist University of Sao Paulo and a Master of Divinity from Independent Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He previously taught at McCormick Theological Seminary, Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Carvalhaes is an ordained teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church and has edited and authored several books including "Eucharist and Globalization: Redrawing the Borders of Eucharistic Hospitality" and "Liturgy in Postcolonial Perspectives: Only One is Holy."



### **Ian Cummins**

*Co-Pastor at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Denver*

Ian Gregory Cummins is co-pastor of Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, a faith community of 1,500 in Denver. Cummins came to Montview in 2003, drawn to the community's thoughtful and open approach to faith. He received a Master of Divinity degree from the Iliff School of Theology in 1998, was married the same year, and began ministry and marriage by living in a L'Arche community for people with developmental disabilities in Syracuse, New York. During his first sabbatical, he built a 12-ton stone hermitage in his backyard. During his second, he built a feather-light cedar strip canoe. He dreams of spending more time in either.



### **Dawn Hand**

*Central Maryland District  
Superintendent, Baltimore-Washington  
Conference*

Dawn Hand is an ordained elder of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. She was recently named the new superintendent in Central Maryland. She served on the staff of the Western North Carolina Conference and has served on several boards and foundations, including the United Methodist Communications Board of Directors, the Chris Canty Foundation, and the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina. Hand served as executive pastor and chief of staff at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., and associate pastor at Matthews United Methodist Church in Matthews, North Carolina. She earned a Master of Divinity degree from Hood Theological Seminary. Hand has been active in a variety of local and national initiatives including immigration reform, alleviating child poverty, ending chronic homelessness, providing affordable housing, LGBTQIA+ advocacy, and Black Lives Matter.



### **Moya Harris**

*Sojourners Fellowship Program Director*

Moya Harris is an itinerant elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, currently serving at Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, D.C., as the executive minister and minister to women. She is also the director of the Sojourners Fellowship Program, where she oversees program details and provides pastoral support to fellows who live in intentional community and work within the Sojourners magazine organization. She believes that justice and faith are inseparable and is quick to challenge violent theologies that attempt to oppress and marginalize. A registered nurse, Harris earned a B.S. in nursing from Towson State University and an M.Div. from Payne Theological Seminary. She is currently a doctoral student in the African American preaching and sacred rhetoric program at Christian Theological Seminary.



### **David Howell**

*Consultant and Founder, Festival of  
Homiletics*

David Howell is an ordained minister in the PC(USA). He was pastor of several churches before becoming a pastoral counselor (Fellow-American Association of Pastoral Counselors) and a Licensed Pastoral Counselor in Virginia. In 1989, he launched the very successful Lectionary Homiletics and later GoodPreacher.com. In 1992, he organized the first Festival of Homiletics, which became an annual event attended by pastors from all denominations and many countries. Howell now enjoys being a part of the team leadership of Luther Seminary's Festival of Homiletics while adapting to a new lifestyle with his wife, Mary Ann, on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay.



### **Rolf Jacobson**

*Dean of the Faculty, Professor of Old  
Testament, and The Alvin N. Rogness  
Chair of Scripture, Theology, and  
Ministry, Luther Seminary*

Rolf Jacobson joined the Luther Seminary faculty as assistant professor of Old Testament in July 2003. Prior to joining the seminary, he served as associate pastor for Como Park Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, and taught at Augsburg University as an assistant professor of religion. Jacobson earned his bachelor's degree from the University of St. Thomas, a Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. Jacobson served as editor of "Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Theological Terms." His articles have appeared in Word & World, Theology Today, Interpretation, and Teaching Theology and Religion. He has contributed to Bible studies, Augsburg Fortress' "Handbook" series, Working Preacher, and the "Sermon Brainwave" podcast.



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### **Eunjoo Mary Kim**

*Professor of Homiletics and Liturgics, Iliff School of Theology, Denver*

Eunjoo Mary Kim has taught a variety of courses in the areas of preaching, worship, and practical theology, as well as written many books and essays. Her scholarly concern is with the development of the theology and method of preaching and worship, relevant to contemporary ministerial contexts. In her monograph "Preaching in an Age of Globalization," Kim proposes "trans contextual" homiletics as a new paradigm of preaching in our globalized, multicultural context. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Kim has frequently been invited to numerous preaching events as a preacher and keynote speaker.



### **Jacqui Lewis**

*Senior Minister for Public Theology and Transformation; Chief of Staff, Middle Collegiate Church, New York*

Jacqui Lewis has served as senior minister of Middle Collegiate Church in New York City since 2005. She is also executive director of The Middle Project, which hosts "Revolutionary Love" conferences that train leaders to work for a more just society. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Lewis is the first African American and first woman to serve as senior minister in the Collegiate Church, which was founded in 1628. She earned a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Master of Philosophy and a Ph.D. in psychology and religion from Drew University. Lewis has been adjunct faculty at Princeton Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, The Graduate Theological Union, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and Wesley Theological Seminary. She hosted "Just Faith" on MSNBC.com and has been featured on NPR's "Weekend Edition," CNN, Ebony, Forbes, and The New York Times. Her books include "The Pentecost Paradigm: Ten Strategies for Multiracial Churches" (Westminster John Knox, 2018); "The Power of Stories: A Guide for Leaders in Multi-racial, Multi-cultural Congregations" (Abingdon, 2008); and the children's book, "You Are So Wonderful!" (Augsburg Fortress, 2003). She is excited to share her newest book, "Fierce Love: A Bold Path to Ferocious Courage and Rule-Breaking Kindness That Can Heal the World."



### **Karoline Lewis**

*Doctor of Ministry Program Director and Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary*

Karoline Lewis is the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in biblical preaching at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she also directs the D.Min. program. Ordained in the ELCA, she received an M.Div. from Luther Seminary and a Ph.D. in New Testament studies and homiletics from Emory University. Lewis is the author of "A Lay Preacher's Guide: How to Craft a Faithful Sermon," "Embody: Five Steps to Leading With Integrity," "SHE: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry," and "John: Fortress Biblical Preaching Commentaries," as well as numerous articles and book chapters. She leads conferences, workshops, and retreats internationally on the Gospel of John, the New Testament, interpreting the Bible, preaching, leadership, and women in ministry.



### **David Lose**

*Senior Pastor, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis*

David Lose has served as senior pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis since 2017. He was president of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and previously held the Marbury E Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary, where he also served as director of the Center for Biblical Preaching. Lose is the author of "Preaching at the Crossroads: How the World—and Our Preaching—Is Changing" (Fortress Press, 2013), "Making Sense of the Cross" (Augsburg Fortress, 2011), "Making Sense of the Christian Faith" (Augsburg Fortress, 2010), "Making Sense of Scripture" (Augsburg Fortress, 2009), and "Confessing Jesus Christ: Preaching in a Postmodern World" (Eerdmans, 2003). He speaks widely in the United States and abroad on preaching, Christian faith in a postmodern world, and biblical interpretation.





### **Joy J. Moore**

*Professor of Biblical Preaching,  
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Joy Jittaun Moore is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and professor of biblical preaching at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. As an "ecclesial storyteller," she seeks to encourage theologically framed, biblically attentive, and socially compelling interpretations of Christian Scripture in order to understand the critical issues influencing community formation in contemporary culture. Moore received an M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in practical theology from Brunel University/London School of Theology. As a pastor, she has focused on cross-racial ministry in urban, rural, and suburban congregations. She has written for *Sojourners* magazine, the *Christian Century*, *Good News* magazine, and *Working Preacher*.



### **Vashti Murphy McKenzie**

*Bishop of the African Methodist  
Episcopal Church*

Vashti Murphy McKenzie is an electrifying preacher and an anointed woman of God. Serving at the highest level of episcopacy in the African Methodist Episcopal Church since 2000, recently retired, McKenzie is a national voice for women, servant leadership, and social justice. Her ministry, which has seen her supervise more than 600 churches around the world, is diverse from sanctuaries and seminaries to corporate boardrooms and national and international seminars/conferences. President Barack Obama appointed McKenzie to serve on the inaugural President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. In 2015 she was named by *Huffington Post* as one of the 50 most powerful women religious leaders in the world.



### **Otis Moss III**

*Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ,  
Chicago*

Otis Moss III is a preacher, activist, author, and filmmaker who serves as pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. He earned a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Chicago Theological Seminary. Moss is an ordained minister in the Progressive National Baptist Convention and the United Church of Christ. He founded Unashamed Media Group and won a 2016 NAACP Image award for his work, which includes providing biblical context and theological support to groups including the Black Lives Matter and occupy movements. In 2017, he addressed the Congressional Black Caucus during its annual legislative conference prayer breakfast, and his latest book, *"Blue Note Preaching in a Post-Soul World,"* was a bestseller on Amazon among all Christian ministry resources.



### **Luke Powery**

*Dean of Duke University Chapel and  
Associate Professor of Homiletics at the  
Divinity School*

Luke Powery is the dean of Duke University Chapel and associate professor of Homiletics at Duke Divinity School. He was previously assistant professor of homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He received a B.A. in music from Stanford University, a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Theology from Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto. Powery is the author of several books, including *"Rise Up, Shepherd! Advent Reflections on the Spirituals"* (Westminster John Knox, 2017) and *"Ways of the Word: Learning to Preach for Your Time and Place"* (Fortress, 2016). He was ordained by the Progressive National Baptist Convention and served as secretary of the Academy of Homiletics. The African-American Pulpit named him one of 20 outstanding black ministers under the age of 40 who are shaping the future of the church, and he was inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College for his leadership in the academy, church, and broader society. His work focuses on preaching, culture, and the African diaspora.



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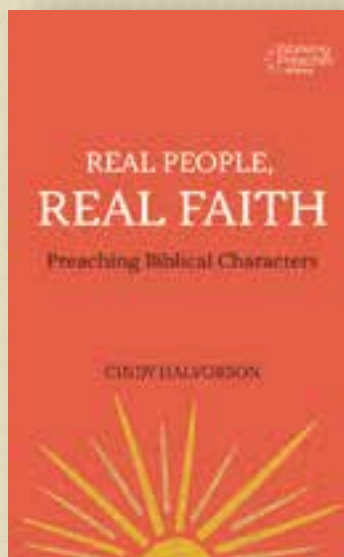
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Clover Reuter Beal is honored to serve as a co-pastor at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Denver. Before coming to Montview, she received an M.Div. from Columbia

Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia; served a Presbyterian congregation in Cleveland Heights, Ohio; and was a campus minister at Case Western Reserve University and Eckerd College. In her free time, she enjoys drinking coffee, watching good TV, reading, hearing people's stories, and laughing really, really hard with funny people. She loves hanging out with her family most of all.



### **Cindy Senarighi**

*Author, speaker, and co-founder/CEO  
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Cindy Senarighi is an ordained pastor in the ELCA, author, speaker, and co-founder/CEO of Yogadevotion LLC., a faith-based yoga company operating in the upper Midwest

since 2000. Senarighi is a second career pastor. Her first call was to be a registered nurse. She graduated from St. Luke's School of Nursing in 1977 and began her career at Regions Medical Center in St. Paul, Minnesota. Most of her 25-year nursing career was spent working on the acute adult psychiatric unit. She was ANCC certified in psychiatry and still holds her license. A transition from a position as a staff nurse to being a parish nurse occurred at the same time as a regular yoga practice developed. It was in that yoga practice that Senarighi felt this overwhelming presence of God, a healing love and light that was new and undeniable. While still a parish nurse, she attended seminary. At the same time, she began Yogadevotion, a faith-based yoga company.



### **Matthew Skinner**

*Professor of New Testament,  
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Matthew Skinner, one of the co-hosts of the popular Sermon Brainwave podcast, has served on the Luther Seminary faculty since 2002. He teaches courses in

the master's degree programs and in the doctor of ministry in biblical preaching program. His research and teaching focus on the Gospels, Acts, and the ways the Bible continues to shape Christian identity among its readers and hearers. His most recent publications include the three-volume work "A Companion to the New Testament" and "Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel: Encountering the Divine in the Book of Acts." An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Skinner has contributed to numerous print and digital resources to help preachers with biblical interpretation. He teaches frequently at workshops and conferences for church leaders.



### **Frank Thomas**

*Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller  
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Frank Thomas serves as the Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Homiletics at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

Thomas is also director of a new Ph.D. program in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric at Christian Theological Seminary. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Communications (Rhetoric) from the University of Memphis, a Doctor of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry degrees from Chicago Theological Seminary and United Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary, and a Master of Arts in African-Caribbean Studies from Northeastern Illinois University. Thomas is the author of several books, including "How to Preach a Dangerous Sermon," "Introduction to the Practice of African American Preaching," and "They Like to Never Quit Praisin' God."





### **Deanna A. Thompson**

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Deanna A. Thompson is the Martin E. Marty Regents Chair in religion and the academy and

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### **Kimberly R. Wagner**

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### **Richard F. Ward**

*Professor Emeritus of Preaching and Practical Theology, Phillips Theological Seminary*

Richard F. Ward is professor emeritus of preaching and practical theology at Phillips Theological Seminary.

Ordained in the UCC, he previously served on the faculties of Iliff School of Theology, Yale Divinity School, and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Ward brings to the study of preaching a rich background in performance studies and practices. He is particularly interested in the arts of storytelling and oral interpretation of Scripture as they inform and enrich the ministry of preaching. He is the author of "Speaking from the Heart: Preaching with Passion," "Speaking of the Holy: The Communicative Art of Preaching," and numerous contributions and articles for the disciplines of homiletics, performance theory, and communication studies. He received an M.F.A. from Trinity University, an M.A.R. from Christian Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University.



### **Robert Wicks**

*Author, psychologist, and speaker*

Robert Wicks has helped people take measure of their lives for more than 30 years. As a faculty member at Loyola University Maryland, as well as a speaker and teacher at other schools of psychology, medicine, nursing, theology, and social work throughout the world, he has guided students and professionals in discovering how to value their strengths, develop a practice of mindfulness, and take charge of their self-care. Wicks' major area of expertise is the prevention of secondary stress, which encompasses the pressures encountered in reaching out to others. He has cultivated this experience through research and clinical practice with psychotherapists, physicians, nurses, educators, relief workers, lawyers, corporate executives and persons in full-time ministry.

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## Robert Wright

*Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta*

Robert Wright has served as bishop in the Diocese of Atlanta, the first African American to become an Episcopal bishop in Georgia. Wright earned a degree at Howard University in Washington, D.C. He worked as a child advocate for two mayors and for the Children's Defense Fund, and he later earned a certificate in biblical studies at Ridley Hall, Cambridge University in England, and a Master of Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary. He received the Harvard Summer Leadership Certificate and the Certificate in Pastoral Leadership from Oxford University, England. He was awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from the Virginia Theological Seminary and from the School of Theology at Sewanee: The University of the South. He was named among the 100 Most Influential Georgians by Georgia Trend magazine.



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### **Katie Jo Suddaby**

*Artist*

Katie Jo Suddaby is an ordained American Baptist pastor and an internationally known sand-mandala artist. She gained her theological training from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and her

artistic training under the generous tutelage of Tibetan Buddhist monks in both America and Nepal. Her art is known for bold political imagery and uncompromising critique of America's immigration policy, police brutality, and obsession with guns. Her live sand-painting performances are also healing experiences for those of many faith traditions. In 2022, she is engaged in a world tour making "Mandalas for Mourning" for those who have lost loved ones during the pandemic.

## Liturgists



### **Matthew Weber, Denver**

**Liturgist**

*Pastor for Strategic Partnerships, Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colorado*

Matthew Weber is the pastor of strategic partnerships at Grace Lutheran Church in Boulder, Colorado. He previously served as the pastor at Holy Love Lutheran Church for 12 years. He attended Trinity University and Illif School of Theology.



### **Kelly Sherman-Conroy,**

**Denver Liturgist**

*Minister of Social Justice & Advocacy for CYF Ministry, Nativity Lutheran Church, St. Anthony, Minnesota*

Kelly Sherman-Conroy, Mato Wašté Winyan (Good Bear Woman), has grounded her life in the Holy Spirit and the deep spiritual practices intertwined between her Lakota identity and Christian beliefs. A member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, she dedicates her time providing ministry around the exploration of intersections of identity, personal narratives, and faith. As a doctoral student at Luther Seminary, she travels and speaks about traditions and values of the Lakota people and the vibrant role culture has within the church experience, integrating spiritual practices from a multicultural experience.

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## Goals of the Festival of Homiletics

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- Bring together a variety of outstanding preachers and professors of homiletics
- Inspire discourse about preaching, worship, and culture
- Engage issues related to church in the 21st century
- Engage theologically the practices of preaching and worship
- Invite individual preachers to consider various styles and methodologies of preaching
- Inspire preachers in their roles of proclaiming the gospel

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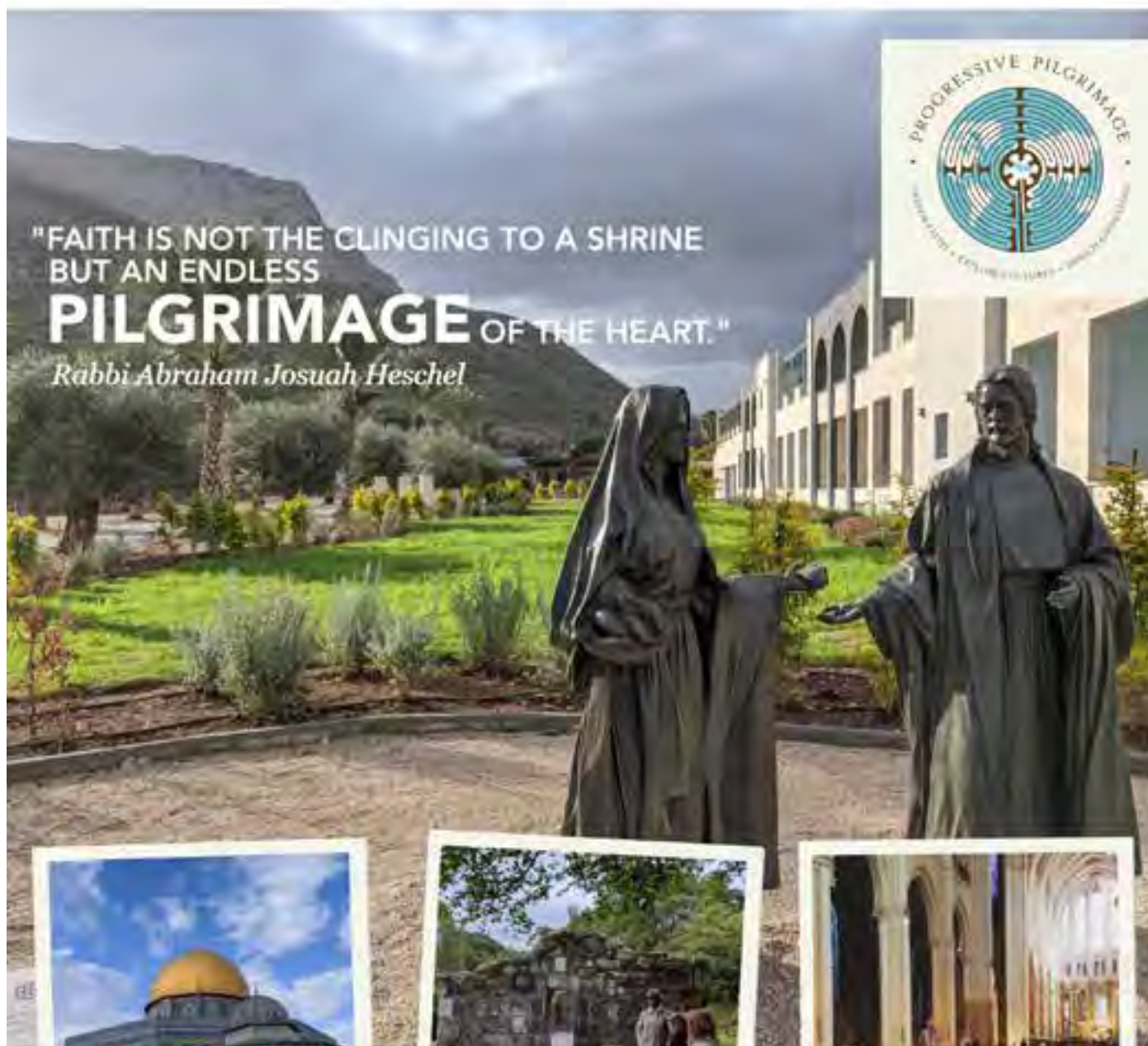
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## Venues

### Central Presbyterian Church

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### Trinity United Methodist Church

1820 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80202

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## Transportation

### Denver International Airport

25 miles/30 minutes from downtown Denver

8500 Peña Blvd.  
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### Denver Airport Train & Light Rail

Stops at Denver Union Station at the end of the 16th Street Mall. The 23-mile ride takes about 37 minutes and costs \$10.50 each way.

### Downtown Denver Taxis

\$56 (Flat-rate charges for one-way fare)

### Uber/Lyft/Rideshare

\$36-\$40 average one-way

## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Participant name \_\_\_\_\_

**After the Storm: Preaching and Trauma**  
**May 16–20, 2022**

**Total contact hours: 28**

**Daily contact hours:**

Monday, May 16	_____ 4 contact hours
Tuesday, May 17	_____ 6 contact hours
Wednesday, May 18	_____ 7 contact hours
Thursday, May 19	_____ 7 contact hours
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# About Festival of Homiletics

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## History of the Festival

The Festival of Homiletics began in 1992 with a gathering of 400 pastors from around the country for the purpose of learning and conversing about preaching in a contemporary context. David Howell, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), created the festival as an extension of his preaching journal *Lectionary Homiletics*.

The festival's ownership, leadership, and planning efforts have resided with Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, since 2012. Howell continues to consult in the festival planning and production process along with a creative team committed to bringing together the finest preaching and the finest cutting-edge thinking about preaching, homiletics, worship, church, and culture.

## About Festival of Homiletics

The Festival of Homiletics is a week-long conference designed to inspire discourse about preaching, worship, and society. Our mission is to provide the opportunity for theological reflection on the practices of preaching and worship, especially as congregations navigate being church in the 21st

century. Between 1,500 and 1,800 preachers, pastors, and lay people from all 50 states and 20+ countries attend the conference each year, around 50% being returning participants. The Festival of Homiletics is a week of refreshment, renewal, and inspiration for all who attend.

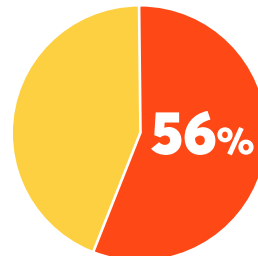
Each year we invite approximately 25 outstanding preachers and professors of homiletics from diverse backgrounds, traditions, and ministry settings to engage the complexities of today's culture through the wideness of God's grace and varied presence as revealed to us through the witness of Scripture and the person of Jesus Christ. When selecting presenters, the Festival of Homiletics is committed to offering a diverse slate of voices depending on the chosen theme, participant evaluations from previous years, financial stewardship, and speaker availability.

Speakers over the years have included William Barber II, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Walter Brueggemann, Barbara Brown Taylor, Diana Butler Bass, Anna Carter Florence, Michael Curry, Yvette Flunder, Otis Moss III, Luke Powery, Will Willimon, and Andrew Young.



## Audience Profile and Demographics:\*

- The Festival of Homiletics is an annual in-person event that averages 1,500 attendees each year and rotates between cities including Atlanta; Denver; Minneapolis; San Antonio; and Washington, D.C.
- In 2021 we held the second virtual conference for free and had more than 6,500 registrations from more than 50 countries and 70 denominations (87% United States, 9% Canada, 1% United Kingdom, 1% Australia and New Zealand, and 2% Other).
- Ecumenical and engaging: 42% are solo pastors, 87% of participants said the virtual festival was worth their time and expense, and 88% said they would definitely recommend the virtual version to others.
- Views of **festivalofhomiletics.com** come from more than 100 countries and territories. This site receives upward of 50,000 visits from more than 31,000 users annually. Twenty percent are returning visitors while 80% are new visitors, and users' average visit duration is 2.35 minutes.



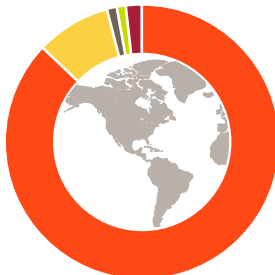
Fifty-six percent were repeat attendees in 2020.

### Why they attended:

1. To improve preaching skills
2. Interested in speakers
3. To hear great preaching
4. Time of refreshment and renewal
5. Continuing education
6. Connect with other preachers
7. No or low cost

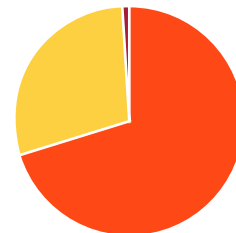
### Virtual attendee locations

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- 2% Other locations

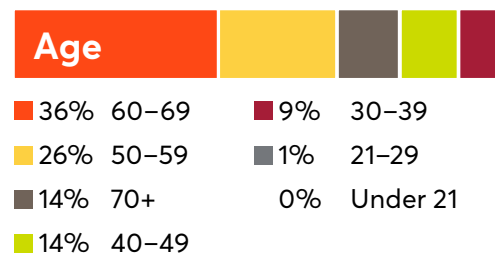
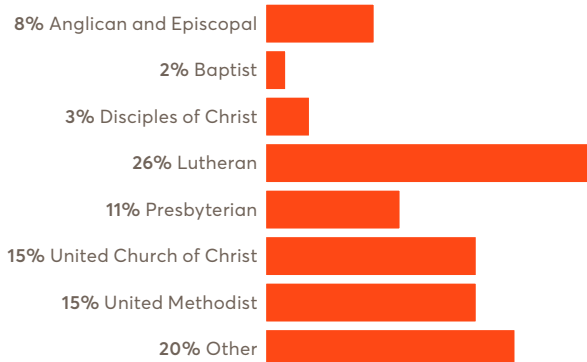


### Gender

- 69% women
  - 30% men
  - 1% nonbinary
- (from 550 survey responses)



### Denomination



\*Statistics from 2021

# Tips for Attendees

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## Welcome to the 30th Annual Festival of Homiletics.

We are excited to bring the festival back to beautiful Denver, Colorado.

**Be sure to drink plenty of water this week.** Denver is called the Mile High City for a reason. Due to its elevation, the air is thinner and dryer. Staying hydrated is the number one way to adjust to higher altitudes and avoid altitude sickness. It also helps to watch your physical activity, as the effects of exercise are more intense here. If you normally run five miles a day at home, you might try three miles in Denver.

**Wear sunscreen and dress in layers.** Over 300 days of sunshine per year and 25% less protection from the sun mean sunscreen is a must. Denver can feel much warmer than the actual temperature during the daytime, but then become very chilly after sundown, particularly in the spring.

**Plan ahead.** The schedules provided online and in your program can help you plan out your week and avoid missing your favorite speaker. Use the At-a-Glance schedules on-site and in the program to orient yourself. The Festival of Homiletics website is also loaded with all sorts of helpful information, including tips on things to do in Denver, restaurants, and maps of the area.

**Wear comfortable shoes.** The venues are located close to one another, but you will do a fair amount of walking during the week.

**Explore lunch options.** A morning break is served buffet style at each location. Lunch is on your own unless you preordered lunches. Boxed lunches will be available each day at the Trinity United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at noon. You may also want to check out the 16th Street Mall, where you'll find restaurants at all price points and a free bus service.

**Prepare to make new friends.** While it may seem like everyone knows someone else, half of the attendees are new to the conference each year.

**Relax and take breaks when you need to.** Festival recordings with bonus materials are available for most of the lectures, sermons, and workshops.

**Questions?** Stop by the information desks at both venues from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and Friday until 11 a.m.

*No food is allowed in the sanctuaries; however, you are able to bring water in.*



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