

Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord

Psalm 25:4



August 23, 2025

Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Pre-registration Deadline: August 12

Registration Fee: \$25

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MESSAGE FROM

THE S.T.E.P.S. MINISTRY TEAM CO-CHAIRS

Dear Friends,

The Nurture Ministry Team and the S.T.E.P.S. Planning Team of our Charleston Atlantic Presbytery invite you to our annual STEPS event taking place on Saturday, August 23rd at the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. As people of faith, we have good news to share! We develop our faith in many different ways and through many different acts. We hope this event will challenge you to strengthen your faith with the true vine.

Join us and others from the various congregations in our presbytery as we gather for faith forming experiences through learning, worship, and fellowship. See you August 23rd !

In faith,
Evelyn White and Betsy Martin
Co-chairs, 2025 S.T.E.P.S. Planning Team

S.T.E.P.S. EVENT SCHEDULE

8:45 - 9:20 AM:	Check-In/Walk-In Registration
9:30 - 10:30 AM:	Workshop Session A
10:40 - 11:30 AM:	Worship
11:40 - 12:40 PM:	Workshop Session B*
12:45 – 1:30 pm:	Lunch and Workshop C**

*Light snacks will be available in the lobby of the Grace Building after worship.

**Participants may bring lunch or order a boxed lunch from *Honey Baked Ham* for \$12. The preacher for the day, The Rev. Cecelia Armstrong, will lead a workshop on *Lesson Planning for Learners* during lunch.

— What To Bring —

- YOURSELF AND A FRIEND (please carpool)
- a water bottle
- a notebook & pen
- an open mind
- an open heart
- a worshipful spirit
- bag lunch (or order a boxed lunch) for fellowship around the tables
- a desire to grow in faith and love

Who should attend S.T.E.P.S.? **Everyone!**

All Church Members, Parents, Teachers, Youth Leaders, Ruling Elders, Deacons, Teaching Elders, Church Educators, Worship Leaders, Musicians, Youth, Administrators, Mission Leaders, ... **YOU!**

S.T.E.P.S. NEWS

- If you are staying for lunch and plan to order a boxed lunch, don't forget to place your order and include the cost when you pay your registration fee.
- No childcare will be offered at this year's event.
- You may register and pay online at www.capresbytery.org
- You may register and pay by completing the brochure registration form and mailing or bringing it to: CAP 4701 Park Pl, W, North Charleston, SC 29405
- Checks payable to Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
- You will receive an evaluation form by email soon after the S.T.E.P.S. event. Please take a few minutes to respond as the planning team uses your responses to plan future events

WORKSHOP CATEGORY ICON KEY

If you would like suggestions in the selection of workshops, this icon key may help. Many of the workshops fit into several categories so be sure to read the workshop descriptions when determining your selections.



Justice and Peace



Build Community



Develop Leaders



Faith/Nurture Formation

S.T.E.P.S. PREACHER AND WORKSHOP LEADER

CECELIA "CeCe" ARMSTRONG



Rev. Cecelia "CeCe" Armstrong currently serves as the Co-Moderator of the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She was elected in July 2024. She is currently serving St. James Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Charleston, South Carolina as Associate Pastor.

Cecelia is the youngest of five children born and raised in Detroit. She was confirmed at Calvary Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Detroit and has held membership at New Life Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in College Park, Georgia, and Belle-Terrace Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Augusta, Georgia.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia and her Master of Arts in Education for Curriculum and Instruction with emphasis on Secondary Mathematics at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Cecelia went on to receive her Master of Divinity at Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, Georgia. She was ordained as a deacon and elder at Belle-Terrace and a minister of the Word and Sacraments.

Since that time, Cecelia has served in several church leadership positions across Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina. In addition, she has participated in various committees and commissions on ministry and served as co-moderator of the National Association of Presbyterian Clergywomen.

She has been a contributing writer for Presbyterians Today magazine, as well as the Presbyterian Outlook and more.

OUT OF TOWN LEADERS



Emily Key Davis has been the lead science educator at Catawba Science Center, a children's science and naturalist center in Hickory, NC since 2016. She is constantly creating curriculum for all age levels to explore science through experimentation. She has a masters in human biology from MUSC and undergraduate degrees in genetics and biology from NC State University. Emily grew up going to First (Scots) Presbyterian Church in Charleston and is an active member at First Presbyterian Church of Hickory.



The Rev Lynn Miller is pastor of Limestone Presbyterian Church in Gaffney, SC. She holds the MDiv. from Union Presbyterian Seminary and the DMin. from Pittsburg Theological Seminary (in conjunction with the University of Aberdeen). She holds the BFA in graphic design from Mississippi University for Women and the M.A. in Art History from the University of Georgia, where her thesis was titled "A Pure and Legitimate Use: Vestiges of Calvinist Theology in the 19th and 20th-Century Charleston (SC) Artists of Huguenot Descent." Lynn paints in various media, practices calligraphy, and has turned an unused Sunday School classroom at LP Cinton into a stained glass studio.

The Rev Michelle Thomas-Bush is the Associate for Youth and Their Families at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC where she gets to play, laugh, dream, pray and ask big questions with youth. She received her Masters of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. A gifted preacher, Michelle has been the featured preacher at the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators Conference, Presbyterian Youth Triennium, and Montreat Youth Conferences. She is also the creator of Big Ideas in Youth Ministry, a company that creates faith formation products for the church.



The Rev. Jeffery Tribble, Sr., PhD. is Doctor of Ministry Lead Professor and Associate Professor of Ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary. An ordained Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; he has served as a Pastor, Presiding Elder, and Professor of Ministry Leadership. He is a practitioner scholar who bridges his passion for the practice of ministry with his engaged scholarship and teaching of courses in Christian leadership, church administration, qualitative research methodologies, and supervised ministry for DMin students. He has been happily married to Rev. Cherlyn W. Tribble for 42 years. They are the proud parents of one son, Jeffery L. Tribble, Jr. and grandparents of Carter and Camden.



Joel Winchip is the executive director of Campfire Collective and the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association. He also serves on the adjunct faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, Georgia), where he teaches their camp/conference ministry and recreation courses, and he lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, with his wife, Tammy.

Tammy Winchip is the Director of South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church Preschool. She has served three churches as everything from a Director of Christian Education to a Bible and Worship Leader to a Curriculum Consultant. She loves working with young children in the preschool years.



WORKSHOPS BY SESSION

SESSION A: 9:30 – 10:30am









Category	Workshop # & Title	Leader
	A-1: Adaptive Leadership as a Means of Personal and Church Transformation	Jeffery L. Tribble, Sr.
	A-2: Biblical Science- Oxymoron?	Emily Key Davis
	A-3: Confessions of the 20 th Century	Jim Deavor
	A-4: Effective Discipleship Strategies in an Age of Rising Nationalism	Erin Kerr
	A-5: Fun with the Whole Family	Joel Winchip
	A-6: In Whose Image? Human Origins, Incarnation, and the Image of God	Jim Miller
	A-7: Nurturing Mental Health in Youth and Young Adults	Michele Thomas-Bush
	A-8: Write These Words: DIY Translation of Scripture	Lynn Miller

WORSHIP: 10:40 – 11:30am

Worship will take place in the sanctuary.



SESSION B: 11:40– 12:40

Category	Workshop # & Title	Leader
	B-1: The ABCs and 23s of Preschoolers	Tammy Winchip
	B-2: Art and Youth Ministry	Michelle Thomas-Bush
	B-3: Called to be an Elder	Jim Deavor
	B-4: Christianity? Or Discipleship?	Clark Remsburg
	B-5: Creative Worship: An Advent Case Study	Lynn Miller
	B-6: Exploring Jaz as a Metaphor for Ministry Leadership	Jeffery L. Tribble, Sr.
	B-7: The Office of Deacon	Carolyn K. Heyward
	B-8: Sharing Power	Natasha Akery
	B-9: Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord	Pie Mikell

SESSION C: 12:45– 1:30- Lunch and Workshop

Gather in the fellowship hall for lunch and a workshop presentation by The Rev. CeCe Armstrong.

Workshop: *Lesson Planning for Learners*- Usually the classroom teacher has lesson plans that will display what objectives and lessons will be learned during the educational session. This workshop will allow participants to learn how to learn by preparing prior to any educational session. Acknowledgement of learning styles, methods of study, and the creation of a personal study guide will be the ways participants can be sure to enhance their ability to learn in various educational sessions.

Participants may bring a bag lunch or order a boxed lunch from Honey Baked Ham. The cost of the boxed lunch is \$12 and must be ordered when pre-registering for S.T.E.P.S. by August 12 (see registration form)

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Session A- 9:30am – 10:30am

A-1 Adaptive Leadership as a Means of Personal and Church Transformation- Jeffery L. Tribble, Sr.



Leadership is a way of being that, in the words of Ronald Heifetz, “mobilizes people to tackle tough challenges and thrive.” This workshop will introduce the model of adaptive leadership and invite participants to apply its concepts to personal challenges as well as to church challenges for which there are no easy answers. ***See biographical information on the "Out of Town Leaders" page.***

A-2 Biblical Science- Oxymoron?- Emily Key Davis



Join Emily in exploring how to include science in your Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, weekday curricula to bridge the gap between religion and science for your children and youth. ***See biographical information on the "Out of Town Leaders" page.***

A-3 Confessions of the 20th Century- Jim Deavor



Starting with the Church and its Confessions chapter found in the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity in the Book of Order, we will then take brief looks at the 20th Century Confessions in our Book of Order and how they speak to us today: The Theological Declaration of Barmen, the Confession of 1967, The Confession of Belhar, and the Brief Statement of Faith. ***Jim Deavor is the Clerk of Session at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. He has served in numerous capacities for Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, including as a commissioner to the General Assembly and as moderator of the presbytery. He and his wife, Janet, have two adult children.***

A-4 Effective Discipleship Strategies in a Age of Rising Christian Nationalism- Erin Kerr



This workshop aims to examine the core ideologies of the modern Christian Nationalist movement as it functions within American religion and policies today, explore how scripture and the teachings of Jesus bring clarity against these ideologies, and offer guidance for pastors and church leaders who are interested in discipling their congregations to respond to the rise of Christian Nationalism and protect the witness and integrity of the Gospel in communities. ***Erin Kerr is a recent graduate of Dubuque Theological Seminary and completed her master's thesis on the rise of Christian Nationalism in the United States, where she was awarded the Apollo Scholarship. For the past four years she has been the College Campus Ministry Director for the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and the Director of Worship at Parkside Church at Historic St. Barnabas.***

A-5 Fun With the Whole Family- Joel Winchip



A multi-generational event or retreat can be the perfect way to build community with your congregation. We are all aware of the power of recreation and how it can bring together diverse groups in a disarming way. Our time together will focus on “tried and true” activities for your next multi-generational gathering. ***See biographical information on the "Out of Town Leaders" page.***

A-6 In Whose Image? Human Origin, Incarnation, and the Image of God- Jim Miller

This workshop will explore what the expression, "Image of God", might mean in light of what we have come to discover about human origins and the description of the Incarnation as it appears in the Prologue of the Gospel of John. It will consider the variety of ways that the "Image of God" has been understood through out the history of the Christian community as well as its implications for Christian contemporary engagement with efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate disruption. ***Jim Miller** is a retired Teaching Elder with an MDiv from Union Presbyterian Seminary and a Ph.D. from Marquette University. He served as an ecumenical campus minister for 18 years at state and private universities and for nearly ten years as the Senior Program Associate for the Program of Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He is a founding member of the Presbyterian Association of Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith (1992). Jim currently serves as co-chair of the Broader Social Impacts Committee of the Program on Human Origins of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. He was elected a Fellow of the AAAS in 2021.*



A-7 Nurturing Mental Health in Youth and Young Adults- Michelle Thomas-Bush

There is a mental health crisis in our country. The church has a unique opportunity to address these issues, especially for our youth and young adults. Learn how your church might integrate tools and resources for mental health wellness into existing programs. Consider new opportunities to offer healing and hope to those that are hurting. ***See biographical information on the "Out of Town Leaders" page.***



A-8 With These Words: DIY Translation of Scripture- Lynn Miller

Literary translation is more than a word-for-word exchange. Literary translators ask, "What is the writer trying to 'get at'?" Dip your toe (or your pen) into the world of literary translation as we explore resources and helps that guide us through Biblical languages and then practice making our own literary translation of a familiar Bible passage. Literary translation is a rich and engaging practice for everyone. It can deepen personal devotion, sermon prep, teaching a Bible lesson, and more. You do not need any knowledge of Biblical languages to fully participate in this workshop. You will need an internet-abled device(laptop, tablet, smartphone) to access online resources. ***See biographical information on the "Out of Town Leaders" page.***



Session B- 11:40am – 12:40pm

B-1 The ABCs and 123s of Preschoolers- Tammy Winchip

The preschool years are critical years for each form of development. We'll touch base on how those minds work, bodies change, and spirits grow. Understanding these, we'll brainstorm activities that will engage and challenge children in the preschool years. ***See biographical information on the "Out of Town Leaders" page.***



B-2 Art and Youth Ministry- Michelle Thomas-Bush

Get creative in your youth ministry programs. Shift from doing crafts to doing art projects as part of your lessons. Learn art projects that take few supplies that everyone can do from middle school to high school. ***See biographical information on the "Out of Town Leaders" page.***



B-3 Called to be an Elder- Jim Deavor

Leaning on Scriptures, the *Book of Order* and other resources, we will explore the responsibilities, opportunities, and joys of serving as a ruling elder in the PCUSA. ***See biographical information in Workshop A-3.***



B-4 Christianity? Or Discipleship?- Clark Remsburg

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." As residents of "the Bible Belt", we're all "Christians" aren't we? It's worth noting that there is nowhere in Scripture we're told how to be Christians. In fact, you'll only find the word "Christian" used three times: Acts 11:26, Acts 26:28, and I Peter 4:16. In all three of these passages, the use of "Christian" was used derisively. It was not meant to be a complement. Even today, the culture's use of the word "Christian" is often not intended as a compliment. The dilemma: to be a Christian? Or to be a disciple? You see the trap is that we can be a Christian and not be a disciple. However, we cannot be a disciple without being a Christian. To just be a Christian misses the mark, and avoids Jesus' call to self-denial, taking up your cross daily, and following Jesus. Join us as we explore and discuss the adventure of being a disciple of Jesus. ***Clark Remsburg is pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Orangeburg, SC. He previously served churches in Concord, NC and Canton, MS. He holds his Master of Divinity from Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, SC and graduated from the University of South Carolina (a long time ago) with a B.S. in Finance. He spent almost twenty years in the financial services industry in management and as a personal money coach, and before that worked in the transportation industry. Clark says he is proof that God has a sense of humor, because just when he thought he had it all figured out, God called Clark into ministry. He is the son of Clark and Joyce Remsburg who are lifetime members of First Scots Presbyterian Church.***



B-5 Creative Worship: An Advent Case Study- Lynn Miller

Every week we imagine and then create worship. Are we using our imagination and then our creativity to craft worship that best honors our Creator (and creating) God? Are there imaginative and creative ways, means, and methods that could enrich our worship? Things that are visual? Things that are verbal? Things that involve movement? Join this multitasking workshop where we'll survey the creative arts in the context of worship, crowdsource ideas, look at scripture, and plan for the four weeks of Advent (Year A). ***See biographical information on the "Out of Town Leaders" page.***



B-6 Exploring Jazz as a Metaphor for Ministry Leadership- Jeffery L. Tribble, Sr,

According to Presbyterian Pastor, William Carter, who is also a jazz pianist, "Emotional and intellectual, jazz connects the head and the heart, suggesting a



more inclusive way to plumb the depths of the head and heart.” This workshop (which does not require prior musical knowledge or a love of jazz music), is an invitation to explore ministry leadership through the language and lens of jazz improvisation. The premise of this exploration is that, in an uncertain and chaotic world of disruptions and continuity, leadership is an improvisational art. ***See biographical information on the "Out of Town Leaders" page.***

B-7 The Office of Deacon- Carolyn K. Heyward



This workshop will explore the role of deacons in the Presbyterian Church (USA). We will focus on the responsibilities and qualifications as well as the biblical and constitutional foundation for the ministry of deacons. First Timothy 3:8-13, will be the text of choice which outlines the character traits and qualifications of deacons. This workshop will also address the deacons’ roles in serving the congregation as part of the core and care leadership team. ***Carolyn Kurtz Heyward is a graduate of both Albany State University in Albany, GA where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA where she earned a Master of Divinity Degree. She has served the Presbyterian Church at-large on the national, Synod, and Presbytery councils as Commissioner to General Assembly, Moderator, Co-Moderator, Vice President, and member of several ministries and organizations within the Church At-Large. She has also served on several boards and councils within her community. After seventeen years as Associate Pastor and Stated Supply Pastor, she is now a Retired Teaching Elder. Rev. Heyward loves the Lord and proclaims the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by invitation. She is a wife, mother, and grandmother of seven of the world’s greatest grandchildren. To God Be the Glory!***

B-8 Sharing Power- Natasha Akery



What do the writers of the Creation Story want us to know about God’s ways? Participants will be introduced to the literary features and narrative details in Genesis 1 that reveal a God who shares power. Participants will consider what power looks like in their lives, examine when it has been withheld or shared, and determine next steps for embodying ways of a creative and generous God. ***Natasha Akery is an educator and restorative practitioner in North Charleston. She is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where she serves the congregation through teaching, music, and poetry. Her passion lies in exploring biblical narrative and what it reveals about humanity’s relationship with the divine.***

B-9 Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord!- Pie Mikell



Using Psalm 25, we will explore ways that God teaches us God’s ways. We will examine our lives and discover ways that we can continue to grow in our faith formation. ***Pie Mikell is a Certified Christian Educator and served on staff at Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.***

Early Pre-registration Deadline: July 22/ \$20 Pre-registration Deadline: August 12/ \$25

Walk-in Registration: August 23/ \$35 (no lunch option)

REGISTRATION FORM

We encourage you to register before the pre-registration deadline of August 12th. Workshops with less than six people registered by that date will be canceled.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHURCH: _____

____ I would like to order a boxed lunch or salad for an additional \$12

____ Ham Sandwich

____ Turkey Sandwich

____ Vegetarian Salad

PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$_____ (Registration fee **plus** boxed lunch if you ordered one.)

WORKSHOP CHOICES: Please record the workshop number and title here:

Session A _____

Session B _____

Session C I plan to attend Session C- *Lesson Planning for Learners* ____yes ____no

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SPECIAL NEEDS: Accessibility: _____

REGISTRATION DATES: Payment by cash, check (CAP), or online (www.capresbytery.org)

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