Hearing from All Corners of our Community



Sundays, 9:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room, unless otherwise noted

We are blessed to live in a global community filled with faithful scholars and individuals doing excellent work near and far. Come meet new faces, hear current voices, and expand your world this Fall.

Sep 11

Faith and Epidemics in South Africa

Sanyua Mojola

Join us to examine how societies produce health and illness, especially how gender, race/ethnicity, aging and the life course and socio-economic status shape health outcomes. South Africa is currently battling the worst HIV epidemic in the world. It is also experiencing a severe chronic disease epidemic. Come learn the causes and consequences of the HIV epidemic among middle aged and older adults, as well as the impact of the growing chronic disease epidemic on experiences of aging in rural post-apartheid South Africa.



Sanyu Mojola is Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs and the Director of the Office of Population Research at Princeton University. She holds degrees from Durham University, UK, and the University of Chicago. Her first book, *Love, Money and HIV: Becoming a Modern African Woman in the Age of AIDS* won multiple awards. She is working on her second book, which investigates the production of racial health inequality in the US, using the case of the HIV epidemic in Washington D.C.

Sep 18 Reception, Resistance, and Transformation: African American Readings of Paul

Lisa Bowens

How have African Americans interpreted Paul and the Pauline epistles from the 1700s to the mid-twentieth century? Come learn about African American Pauline hermeneutics, or in layperson's terms, black interpretation and how Pauline scripture, language, and tradition, is used to resist oppression and dehumanization.

Lisa Bowens is an Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. She holds degrees from the University of North Carolina, Duke University and Princeton Theological Seminary. She is currently working on two commentary projects, one on 2 Corinthians and one on 1-2 Thessalonians.



Sep 25 A Congo-Nassau Roof for Hope, Health, and Joy

Elise McKee

Did you know that one expression of your Matthew 25 work this year was to provide a roof for women and girls at risk in Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo? Come hear Elsie McKee tell about some of the poorest of the poor whom you have helped to save and serve. Your roof now covers the Women's Center of FEBA (*Femme Berceau de l'Abondance*). This Center provides space for women and girls to find hope through fellowship and education, health through counseling and medical assistance for victims of violence and food support for destitute widows, and joy in being heard and welcomed. Elsie will be standing in for Maman Monique, the president of FEBA, telling stories and showing pictures of the new 'Nassau' roof!

Elsie Tshimunyi McKee was born and reared in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in central Africa. She was the Archibald Alexander Professor of Reformation Studies and the History of Worship at Princeton Theological Seminary for 29 years and continues to be a member of Witherspoon St. Presbyterian Church. Since retiring, she has worked with *Woman, Cradle of Abundance, Inc.,* the non-profit organization she and PTS friends established in 2013.



Oct 2 When Returning Home Isn't an Option: Starting Over in NJ

The Hashimi Family

When Taliban forces captured Afghanistan's capital city in August 2021, Soraya Hashimi and her children fled the country in search of safety and freedom. The Hashimis are now our friends and neighbors in Princeton, settled here with sponsorship from Nassau Presbyterian Church and support from many volunteers. But nothing about their flight from Kabul or new life in New Jersey has been simple. According to the United Nations, over 100 million individuals worldwide are now displaced from their homes because of persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations. What is it like to build a new life from scratch? How do families face the challenges of long-term separation and immigration uncertainty? Join us to meet the Hashimi family and learn from their experience.

Soraya Hashimi and her two sons and four daughters were airlifted from Kabul in August 2021 as part of the "Operation Allies Welcome" program. After an extended stay in a resettlement camp in Texas, they arrived in Princeton in January 2022. Because Soraya's husband was traveling when the crisis in Kabul escalated, he was separated from the rest of the family and is still waiting to be allowed to rejoin them here in New Jersey. Members of the family are working, attending school, polishing their English, and facing all the challenges of building a new life far from what once was home. The Mission and Outreach Committee and the many volunteers from Nassau Presbyterian Church and beyond are happy to welcome them as they have welcomed many previous refugee families to our community.



Oct 9

God Calls Christians to Declare Justice and Peace in Indonesia

Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta

Being a PC(USA) mission co-worker in Indonesia is a blessing. Indonesia is the largest Muslim country in the world but also contains a significant Christian population. In Indonesia, the church and Muslims work together to reveal God's love to the world. Come and learn how Christians in Indonesia strive to be salt and light and living witnesses in a Muslim-majority Indonesia.



Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta is a mission co-worker from PC(USA) who serves at Duta Wacana Christian University (DWCU). She holds a degrees in religion, theology and a PhD in anthropology. Currently, Farsijana is one of the visiting scholars at the Overseas Mission Study Center (OMSC) at Princeton Theological Seminary and is excited to visit Presbyterian churches during her 9-month stay in the US sharing about her work and ministry in a multi-faith setting. When not traveling, Nassau Presbyterian Church will be her home church during her stay in Princeton.

Oct 16

A Journey to the Arts

Everlyn Nicodemus

Come meet this year's Artist-in-Residence at the Overseas Mission Study Center of Princeton. Nicodemus will share how her life has been marked by movement and how that movement is reflected in her art. She grew up on the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, moving across Europe – to Sweden, France and Belgium - before finally settling in the U.K. Her experience of racism and cultural trauma has prompted the creation of a unique body of work that uses unusual materials to explore human experience, from metal nettings and sisal to textiles and found objects.



Everlyn Nicodemus is one of the strongest feminist voices to emerge from Eastern Africa in the past 30 years and is an artist, writer and curator. Her research and curatorial interests focus on the history of Modern African Art. A Lutheran, Nicodemus has been worshiping at Nassau Prebyterian during her time in Princeton.

Adult Education
October 23 - November 20, 2022

The End of the (Main)Line?

The Surprising Past & Uncertain Future of an American Protestant Powerhouse

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Heath Carter, Associate Professor of American Christianity at Princeton Theological Seminary, will talk through the wider societal context and continuing impact of the selected readings. Carter specializes in the intersection of Christianity and American public life in the 20th century. Pastor Dave Davis will address these same themes and challenges in his Sunday sermon adding stories of the early church from the Book of Acts as reference and inspiration.

October 23: Surveying the Landscape (Acts 9:33-43)
October 30: A Surprisingly Big Tent (Acts 5:12-42)
November 6: The Perils & Promise of a Big Tent, Part I: the Civil Rights era (Acts 13:42-52)
November 13: The Perils & Promise of a Big Tent, Part II: after the 1960s (Acts 15:1-11)
November 20: Listening for God's Call at the End of the (Main)Line? (Acts 2:42-47)

Weekly small groups will read Martin Luther King, Jr. *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, Henry Emerson Fosdicks' *Shall The Fundamentalists Win?* as well as recent articles and studies highlighting pivotal moments, remarkable leaders and upcoming challenges of our Protestant tradition.

Sign-ups will begin on Sunday, September 25.

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