



STORIED

CRAFTING OUR STORIES FOR WORSHIP AND WITNESS

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"I will open my mouth and tell a story. I will speak about things that were hidden." (Psalm 78:2a) Personal stories have long revealed God's good news. From swineherds healed of demon possession to women encountering Jesus' empty tomb, storytellers have propelled the gospel into a yearning world. *Storied* offers instruction and a community of practice for worship leaders to explore the art of storytelling, a powerful tool for the preacher's toolbox.

Workshop stories to bring your preaching to life in fresh ways, try your hand at biblical storytelling, explore the power of testimony, and practice the art of telling the oft-silenced stories. Story-filled worship, campfires, a StorySLAM (hosted by The Moth), and opportunities for corporate or personal renewal round out the event.

Is this for me?

Storied is designed for preachers (ministers of word and sacrament and commissioned ruling elders) to expand upon their proclamation skills. Participants will work alongside other proclaimers of the word to explore best practices for how to tell a story, and to practice together crafting and telling stories.

Where is Storied?

Lied Lodge (at Arbor Day farm, in Nebraska City) provides the perfect setting for hearing, practicing, and telling stories. Transportation is available from the (Omaha Eppley Airfield) for \$15, each way. Rates are \$136/guest room, plus applicable sales tax. Guest rooms are booked directly with Lied Lodge. Be sure to check-out all the fun opportunities to refresh your body and spirit at arbordayfarm.org.

What is offered?

Storied is designed for respite, experience, and practice.

Respite — Gather in a beautiful, comfortable place, with activities like tree canopy tours, swimming, and wine tastings. Or catch your breath with space to take in beauty and rest. Allow OPSF to care for you with good food, good company, worship you don't have to plan or lead, and purposeful hospitality.

Experience — Worship and keynote each day will provide opportunities to experience carefully crafted storytelling to feed your spirit and spark your imagination. Tuesday evening, The Moth will host a StorySLAM where selected participants from the workshop will share their stories on stage with our audience.

Practice — This is a practical event. Workshops are designed to be hands on, with participants crafting and delivering stories for practice and feedback.

THE MOTH



Personal Storytelling Workshop & StorySLAM with The Moth

The Moth is true stories, told live and without notes. The Moth celebrates the ability of true, personal storytelling to illuminate both the diversity and commonality of human experience. Their work allows people all over the world and from all walks of life — astronauts, students, a dental hygienist, a hotdog eating champion, a mechanic, exonerated prisoners, veterans, Nobel laureates and everyone in between — to share their stories on stage in front of a live audience. Through live and virtual shows, storytelling workshops, a podcast, Peabody Award-winning Radio Hour, and New York Times Best Selling books, The Moth brings the power of personal storytelling to millions of people each year creating community and building empathy around the world.

A team from The Moth will host a storytelling keynote and workshop, nurturing practical storytelling skills, based on key principles of Moth storytelling. Each participant will develop a true, personal story within a small group of practitioners.

In Partnership with Columbia Theological Seminary's Preacher's Studio for Renewal



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How much does it cost?

It is Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation's mission to inspire, equip, and connect congregational leaders in a thirteen state area in Middle America. Reduced rates are provided to worship leaders from OPSF's service area.

Event registration includes worship, keynote, and workshops focused on hands-on storytelling practice, most meals, (Monday dinner, Tuesday-Wednesday breakfast and lunch, Thursday breakfast), and a copy of the book, *How To Tell a Story: The Essential Guide to Memorable Storytelling from The Moth*.

Participants are responsible for lodging, two dinners (Tuesday and Wednesday), entertainment add-ons, and transportation. (Note: *Pastoral Leadership Revitalization* members, alums, and coaches/spiritual directors receive a special housing rate arranged through Tricia Dillon Thomas, at programs@opsf-omaha.org.)

- Are you from OPSF's thirteen-state service area? The cost is \$135/person
- Are you from outside OPSF's thirteen-state service area? The cost is \$185



Lodging

Lodging is reserved separately through Lied Lodge. Participants may choose rooms with one king or two queen beds. The room rate is \$136/night plus tax. [Reserve by phone](#) at (800) 546-5433. Ask for the [Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation](#) block. To reserve online, visit the [Lied Lodge website](#). In the drop down special rate box select Group/Block and use the block code - 2411OMAHAP.

Need a roommate? Indicate on your registration form, and we will do our best to match you. It will be up to you to arrange payment.

Is the cost prohibitive for you? OPSF has reserved a few double-occupancy rooms for those requiring financial support. Travel assistance may also be available for participants who live 250+ miles from the event. To receive financial support, participants must serve a congregation in the OPSF region. To request scholarship assistance, complete the registration form.

What does the schedule look like?

The sample schedule below will give you an idea of what to expect. The schedule may change slightly, but the components of daily worship, keynote, workshops, and restorative time will remain.

Monday, November 11

4-6 PM	Check-In
6 PM	Opening Night Dinner
7 PM	Welcome & Opening Worship
8-10 PM	Social Hours

Tuesday, November 12 (MothWorks) and Wednesday, November 13 (Columbia Seminary Preachers Studio for Renewal)

	Breakfast
9 AM	Worship
10 AM	Keynote
Noon	Lunch
2-5 PM	Storytelling Practice Workshops
	Dinner on Your Own
7:15 PM	Evening Vespers
8-9 PM	Evening Community Options — StorySLAM (Tues), Wine Tasting (Wed), Camp Fires

Thursday, November 14

	Breakfast
9 AM	Affinity Groups
10 AM	Closing Worship with Communion



How do I register?

Register at
omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org/STORIED

Questions?

Contact Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation's President, the Rev. Shelli Latham, at slatham@opsf-omaha.org.



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