



Presbyterian  
Community Church  
of the Rockies

## July 2022 Newsletter

Estes Park's historic mainline Protestant congregation founded in 1907.

Core Value: The Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies is a Sacred Community formed around Jesus the Christ where we experience God's presence in our lives and service together.

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# SUMMER PICNIC

**Sunday, July 10, 2022**

**11:00 a.m.**

***(immediately following worship service)***

***Lake Estes Marina Shelter***

You are invited to our All-Church summer picnic!

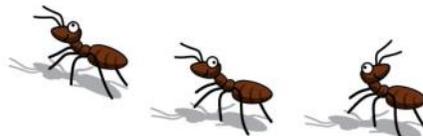
The Membership and Hospitality Committee will provide hotdogs, buns, condiments, paper goods, lemonade, and water.

Committee members will serve the potluck dishes, cafeteria-style.

Bring a potluck dish to share using the suggested list below:

- A through H Salads
- I through N Baked beans or other vegetable dishes
- O through S Desserts
- T through Z Miscellaneous (chips, etc.)

***Join us for fun, food,  
and fellowship!***





## PCCR Directory

**Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; closed Fridays

**Office Phone:** 970-586-4404

**Church Website:** [pccrusa.org](http://pccrusa.org)

### Church Staff

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Chris Davis, 414-690-4488, [pastor@pccrusa.org](mailto:pastor@pccrusa.org)

**Handbell Director:** Patti Dolezal, [music@pccrusa.org](mailto:music@pccrusa.org)

**Choir Director:** Rich Dixon

**Organist:** Larry Gillum

**Financial Manager:** Carolyn Hull, [finance@pccrusa.org](mailto:finance@pccrusa.org)

**Office Administrator:** Terry Brigham, [office@pccrusa.org](mailto:office@pccrusa.org)

## Worship Schedule



**Worship in the Sanctuary:**

**July 3** — 10:00 am, Communion, Rev. Bruce Brackman

**July 10** — 10:00 am

**July 17** — 10:00 am

**July 24** — 10:00 am

**July 31** — 10:00 am

**The Rev. Chris Davis, pastor**

**Larry Gillum, organist**

**View through Livestream service on our website:**

Open the website, <https://pccrusa.org> on the Home page. The livestream player is to the right, below the opening pictures. The player will automatically start when the service begins.

**Sunday Bulletin:** The current worship bulletin appears directly below the livestream and video recordings box. Simply click on "View Bulletin".



Paper copies of the newsletter are available in the narthex.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue of the newsletter—whether it be your service in this church or providing a written article or photo. We appreciate your input!

The August Newsletter deadline is **Tuesday, July 19**. Please send your pictures and stories to Terry Brigham at: [office@pccrusa.org](mailto:office@pccrusa.org)  
Thanks!

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## Grace and Grub Cookout



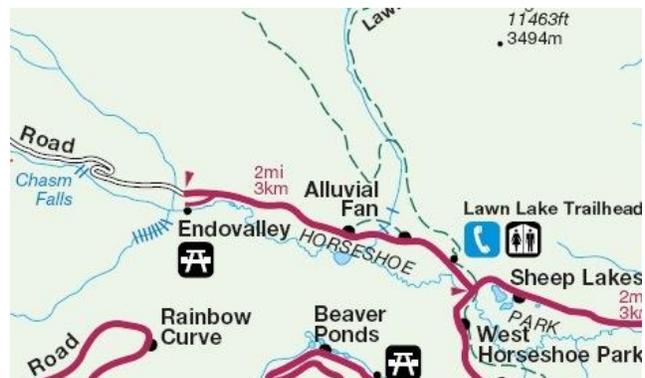
Join us for our *Grace and Grub* picnic at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 25 at the Endovalley picnic area.

**All are welcome!** Hotdogs, buns, condiments, and tableware will be provided. The rest of the meal is potluck. Bring a side dish to share, your own drinks, and lawn chairs.



We will meet at the Endovalley picnic area located along the Fall River. Turn off Hwy 34 at the Old Fall River Road entrance, past Alluvial Fan at the west end of Horseshoe Park.

Contact Joy Holcomb, [joyholcomb11@gmail.com](mailto:joyholcomb11@gmail.com) or 970-586-9600 for more information or to sign up.  
**Hope you can join the fun!**



July 2022

## Message from Pastor Chris Davis . . .

I was recently asked the question, “What makes a Presbyterian, Presbyterian?” Before I could answer, a second follow-up question was asked, “How is your Church different from other denominations?” It was not the first time I had been asked these questions. How would you answer? Would you explain the doctrine of Predestination? Would you share your knowledge of John Calvin? Perhaps you would talk about our Church polity and how a person becomes an elder or deacon. If you were really brave you might expound on the Great Ends of the Church found in our denomination’s Book of Order.



The answer I often share speaks to one of our greatest strengths as a denomination: we are a connected church. No one Presbyterian Church does ministry from inside a bubble. We are united by the same set of rules and we are guided by the same principles and confessions that have led our Church for centuries.

One of the ways this is most evident is our Church’s General Assembly (GA). The General Assembly is a national gathering of Presbyterians held bi-annually for the purpose of worship, fellowship and maintaining our Church’s work and mission in the world. This year it is being held in Louisville, KY, June 18 – July 9.

As you can imagine, a wide range of topics are discussed, debated, and voted on. If you would like to learn more about our Church’s General Assembly and what makes a Presbyterian, Presbyterian I invite you to check out the website dedicated to the General Assembly, [General Assembly 2022](#).

One of the news articles that caught my attention was on building partnerships with international denominations, especially the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana. I’ve attached it below, and I encourage you to explore the GA’s website and discover what makes us Presbyterian in 2022. The author is Rich Copley, General Assembly News.

The [Ecumenical and Interfaith Engagement Committee](#) started its final day of work at the [225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#) with two related overtures to consider. But parliamentary procedure wasn’t going to let the committee get away easy.

The items of business at hand were [ECU-02](#), which called on several entities of the PC(USA) to explore a global covenant agreement to use as a formula for establishing relationships with other denominations, and [ECU-03](#), which called for the PC(USA) to establish a memorandum of understanding with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana.

Even before committee members gathered in Louisville, there was discussion about the possibility of answering the Ghanaian overture with the formula for relationships item, though it wasn’t as easy as it sounded.

Both overtures were referrals from the pandemic-shortened 224th General Assembly in 2020 and were the results of discussions that had been going on for years.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Foltz-Morrison of the [Presbytery of New York City](#) presented the Ghanaian overture, which the presbytery sponsored. He said ECU-03 was the result of decades of relationships between Presbyterian congregations and presbyteries in the United States and Ghana through the Ghana Mission Network. Conversations came to fruition at the Big Tent gathering in Baltimore in 2019 with the proposal to bring the issue of a memorandum of understanding to General Assembly.

Foltz-Morrison said the structure was needed because of a quickly growing Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana community in the United States across eight states that finds homes away from home in PC(USA) church buildings and congregations.

And they are not alone.

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The other overture, ECU-02, was the result of discussions about creating a covenant relationship with the Gereja Masehi Injili di Minahasa (the Christian Evangelical Church in Minahasa), founded in the Indonesian province of North Sulawesi, and recognition that similar conversations are happening all over the PC(USA).

“This is a reflection of the world we live in, where churches, like many other things, are increasingly globalized,” said the Rev. Philip Woods, associate director for strategy, program and recruitment for Presbyterian World Mission and a resource person for both overtures. Woods said World Mission was supportive of the Ghanaian overture but did feel it could be answered by the broader overture.

The committee concluded its time together with a worship service that ended with each member of the committee receiving a cross. Standing in a circle, they blessed their crosses and passed them to the person to their right and repeated that until everyone had a cross that had been blessed by every other person on the committee.

*In Christ's Faithful Service,  
Pastor Chris*

## Merry Christmas!

**Mission and Outreach Committee wants to be the first to wish you a very Merry Christmas in July!** We hope anticipating the season brings you great joy — perhaps even the joy of giving. (You knew that was coming, didn't you?)

As we have for several years, the Mission Committee is offering you the opportunity to provide comfort and joy to the extreme poor of northern Malawi. These people live in an area close to the Zambian border, which can be reached only with great difficulty. They are subsistence farmers living in mud brick homes without electricity or running water and are largely under-educated. Mr. Leman Kayira grew up in the region and managed to get an education which took him away from the village and into a professional life. He has never forgotten his roots and returns often to bring some things to help these impoverished lives. His work is focused on the elderly, disabled, widows, and orphans.

Each year, Mr. Kayira approaches us for help funding a blanket drive, so these people will have something to keep them warm during the cold months of June, July, and August. He and his wife, Fanny, also try to give a Christmas dinner to celebrate our Lord's birth. The dinner includes gospel messages, music, and prayer in addition to the meal. This meal of chicken, rice, greens, and a Coke is the one really good meal the people get during the year. If we can raise enough funds, each person will also be given a gift - a bar of soap. Riches beyond belief!! In 2021, thanks to financial help from PCCR, 200 people enjoyed the meal. The Kayiras also went to some homes and gave them packets of rice, sugar and milk.

We invite you to be part of this event by making a gift in any amount — every penny counts. Gifts can be directed to the church office via a check (PLEASE mark "Blanket Fund" on the memo line) or cash (ditto to make a note for the Blanket Fund) or you may go to the Church website where you will find a donation button designated for this project. Because of a 25% devaluation of the Kwacha recently, blankets this year are \$12.81 each; the dinner is about \$6.00/person. Any funds in excess of cost of blankets and dinner will be sent to help with Mr. Kayira's Early Childhood Education Project in the area.

If you have questions, please talk with Carol Nussbaumer.



**Photos are from a maize distribution that Jim and Carol Nussbaumer were part of in 2015. Very typical of the people and the poverty.**

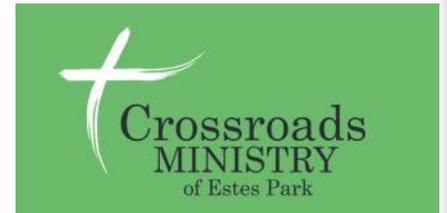


## Supporting the Crossroads Food Pantry

There is hunger in the Estes Valley. Families who do not have enough nutritious food are not “poor” or “lazy.” Situations such as a medical issue, low wages, loss of a job, high and rising housing costs, constant increases in food prices, and the soaring cost of gas have compounded the problems created by the pandemic and the difficulties that existed before its start in March of 2020.

One of the agencies we assist, and where we make a difference both through financial donations and contributions in kind, is **Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park**. As stated in its mission, Crossroads is here “to practice Christian love by providing basic human services to Estes Valley residents in need.” Crossroads does this through these services and programs for the Estes Valley:

- Groceries through its food pantry.
- Disaster relief assistance for victims of local floods, fires, and other disasters.
- Meals on wheels for those unable to prepare food on their own.
- Rent assistance to prevent eviction or for temporary emergency lodging.
- Utilities assistance to prevent shut-off of essential services.
- Medical, dental, vision, mental health and prescription medication assistance.
- Gasoline assistance to help those in need obtain basic safety net services.
- Clothing vouchers for use at Village Thrift.
- Distribution of vouchers from the Salvation Army for safety net services.
- Referral to community agencies for additional resources.



Crossroads is slowly but surely recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic and is making changes to address the needs of its clients. During the first year of the pandemic, Crossroads’ food pantry saw a 40% increase in need. At the same time, food banks in Larimer County had diminished supplies. One of Crossroads’ major benefactors, the YMCA, had to change how it prepared meals. Brian Schaffer, the Crossroads Executive Director, recently put it this way:

“We are slowly, but surely recovering and adjusting from the global pandemic. It’s been a learning experience for all of us and we’ve grown in creative ways as a result. One of the wonderful partnerships that we thoroughly enjoyed prior to COVID was with the YMCA of the Rockies. For the past decade we had been picking up trays of food that had been prepared but never put on the serving line, and then repackaging them in a certified area at Crossroads. The food items were clearly marked and dated before being placed in our freezer so that our clients could choose what they would like to take home and enjoy with their family. Each week we would receive a variety of proteins and other foods that we would make available. But, in the month of March 2020, everything came to a halt and the YMCA had to begin preparing boxed meals which limited the amount of extra food, so we went without until this last week. I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again, we don’t quite appreciate what we have until we don’t have it anymore. We definitely have grown in our appreciation for the Y’s generosity in feeding hungry neighbors through their food donation to us.”

While our church cannot match the level of contribution made by the YMCA, we still can make a difference. On Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, PCCR members donated three grocery carts of food and paper goods. When delivered and weighed at Crossroads on Monday, this came to 158 pounds. As noted on a sign at the Crossroads receiving dock, 104,787 pounds of food items had been donated in their most recent tracking period, which converted to 87,070 meals for clients. Using that formula, our contribution on one Sunday yielded 132 more meals that Crossroads could distribute.

Debra Avezanno, who manages the Crossroads food pantry, said that Crossroads feeds anybody who asks. And there are many in our valley who do. Crossroads purchases much of the food and items such as soap and paper towels from the Larimer County Food Bank in Loveland. We help with cash donations funded through annual pledges and special offerings. But the food bank does not have many of the things that those in need want, such as cans of low-salt hearty soups, jars of chunky pasta sauces, good crackers, and better-quality paper goods, for example. We help here through our grocery cart collection of canned and packaged food and paper products that provide Crossroads with items not obtainable through the food bank. That’s why we provide a “shopping list” of items that would otherwise not be on the shelves at the Crossroads food pantry. We want to supplement with the type of food items that we would hope to have on our tables, and to give those in need something to boost morale. **We plan to continue this effort on a monthly schedule (planned for the third Sunday of each month) as we assist Crossroads in its emergence from the pandemic.** Look for updated lists of desired items in the bulletins for Sunday worship services and on our website. ***And on behalf of Crossroads and those who depend on the Crossroads food pantry, thanks for those 132 meals.***



**Worship Service ~ Sunday, June 26**

**Pastor Chris Davis**

**Dave Thomas, Liturgist**

**Isaac Johnson, Guest Organist**

**Rich Dixon, Choir Director**



**Worship Service**

**Sunday, July 3**

**Rev. Bruce Brackman, Guest Pastor**



**Larry Gillum played the duo organ and piano arrangement of “Battle Hymn of the Republic” using the organ’s Syndyne MIDI Profiler, which allowed him to play both instruments simultaneously.**

## Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering – 2022



Presbyterian Women would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of the 2022 Birthday Offering on May 8. A total of \$881.00 was received. The two projects supported this year are the Mission at the Eastward (MATE), part of the McCleary House Transitional Housing in Farmington, Maine, and Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand in Lares, Puerto Rico.

The transitional house in Maine will provide a safe, warm and healthy place to live for 3-4 families or 6-8 individuals over the course of the year. Most guests stay just a few months after receiving psycho-social, educational, and vocational work needed to move forward with their lives.

The project in Puerto Rico will help update the church's kitchen so they can service their mountain community of 28,000 people with uninterrupted electricity and clean water. This area experienced Hurricane Maria in 2017 and the more recent and devastating earthquakes.

## Celebrating Sabbath

### The 2022-23 PW Horizons Bible Study

The new PW Bible study books, titled *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*, have arrived in the church office. This year's study will remind us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives. The nine lessons will include scriptures from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts.

We will start this study in September, but we encourage you to pick up one of the study books on the back counter in the church office sometime this summer. The cost is \$10 per book. There will be a spreadsheet on the counter, like the one we used last year, so you can mark when you picked up the book and check when you paid. Please put your \$10 payment in an envelope (also provided), marked PW Study Book and include your name. Place the payment in Carolyn Hull's mailbox on the wall just outside her office. I have added extra lines on the spreadsheet so if you don't see your name listed, just add it to the spreadsheet.

We welcome all women who would like to join in this Bible study. It is our hope that we will be meeting in person in September. ~ Karen Daugherty

### Ruling Elders

#### Class of 2022:

Randy Brigham, Bob Holcomb, Stan Osborne,  
Mike Warren

#### Class of 2023:

Jan Boatman, Dot Rohrbaugh, Sue Yowell

#### Class of 2024:

Jim Nussbaumer, Bill Solms, Pat Waltermire

**Clerk of Session:** Barb Cole

### Deacons

#### Class of 2022:

Joan Buhlmann, Verlene Thorp

#### Class of 2023:

Sharyn Gartner, Carol Pearson, Tami Scace,  
Robert Sherrod

#### Class of 2024:

Bill Almond, Mimi Hardendorf, Diane Palmer,  
Bonnie Vanderveen



# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:30am-Adult Bible Study 10:00am-Worship	4 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 	5 2:00pm-Summer Residents Association-Board of Directors	6 5:00pm-EVICS Mama's 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	7 5:00pm-EVICS Mama's 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	8 9:00am-Card Making Group	9
10 8:30am-Adult Bible Study 8:30am-Journeys Class 10:00am- Worship <b>11:00am-All Church Picnic</b> 	11 10:00am-Building and Grounds Committee 12:30pm-Personnel Com. 4:30pm-Stephen Ministers 7:00pm-Deacons	12	13	14 8:30am-EPNRC Board 9:00am-Mission Comm. 1:00pm-Foundation 5:00pm-EVICS Mama's 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	15	16
17 8:30am-Adult Bible Study 8:30am-Journeys Class 10:00am- Worship <b>2:30pm-Organ Recital, Isaac Johnson</b>	18 6:30pm-Session	19 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 2:00pm-Summer Residents Association-Board of Directors	20 10:00am-Staff Meeting 3:00pm-Columbarium Committee 5:00pm-EVICS Mama's 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	21 9:30am-Merry Marthas 2:30pm-Wedding Rehearsal, Outdoor Chapel	22 2:00pm-Wedding, Outdoor Chapel	23
24 8:30am-Adult Bible Study 8:30am-Journeys Class 10:00am- Worship	25 9:00am-Membership and Hospitality Committee <b>4:30pm-Grace and Grub Picnic at Endovalley</b>	26	27 5:00pm-EVICS Mama's 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	28	29	30
31 8:30am-Adult Bible Study 8:30am-Journeys Class 10:00am- Worship						



**Note: Calendar events subject to change**

## Session Highlights ~ June 2022

- ◇ Noted that the Presbytery Committee on Ministry did not meet in June, so our Mission Study will not be approved until July.
- ◇ Voted to approve allowing the Oak Bridge UMC youth group to spend the night in the church on July 1.
- ◇ Heard a report that Covid cases are rising in Larimer County again, but took no action to change our health protocols at the church.
- ◇ Discussed the budget deficit that we are on line to experience this year.
- ◇ Reminded members that the All Church Picnic is set for July 10 following worship service.
- ◇ Approved a motion to conduct the Blankets for Malawi project again this year.
- ◇ Discussed the possibility of a Blessing of the Animals service.



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## Deacon Highlights ~ June 2022

- ◇ The Deacons meeting was canceled for June.
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The **Adult Bible Study group** is presently studying the **Book of Revelation** (from a Jewish context taught by a Jesus-believing Jew). This study will continue until early September.

As always, each session stands alone and anyone is welcome to come to one "just to see" what it is about. Join us in the lounge at 8:30 each Sunday morning or drop in when you can. We finish in time for bell ringers and choir singers to go to rehearsal. For more information, contact Carol Nussbaumer 586-2437 or [carol@nussbaumers.net](mailto:carol@nussbaumers.net)

## Sanctuary Flowers for Worship



**If you would like to provide flowers** for Sunday worship in honor or in memory of someone special, or to commemorate a special event or occasion, **you may do so by calling Terry at the church office, or emailing [office@pccrusa.org](mailto:office@pccrusa.org).**

Sign up for the Sunday(s) you would like, specify the wording for the bulletin announcement, and notify the church office at least a week before.

Flowers may be ordered and purchased from **The Enchanted Florist**, 176 S. St. Vrain Avenue, by calling 586-2663. They will deliver your flowers to the sanctuary on the Friday before the service. Or you may bring your own flowers the morning of worship.

## Financial Information May 2022

	May	Year to Date	Year to Date—Budget
Total Revenues	\$29,197	\$134,032	\$152,534
Total Expenses	\$33,882	\$159,352	\$177,140
Net Total	-\$4,685	-\$25,320	-\$24,606



An excellent opportunity awaits someone to live in beautiful Estes Park, CO and provide in-home health care for two wonderful and gracious elderly residents, **PCCR members Ford and Merry Nielsen**. Light assistance is needed to stay in their comfortable home that has an outstanding view of the Continental Divide. Hourly salary to include 4-5 hours a day of hands-on, plus a night wage for on-site. The work schedule could allow for other part-time employment. There will be two days and two nights off, plus private bedroom/bath and living space.

Duties include assistance with activities of daily living, social and recreational activities. Family support and participation is available and present. Applicant must have some type of training or certification in the field of health care. Red Cross online training available. Certified Nurse Assistant preferred.

Call for details or email: [CynthiaNielsenLmt@gmail.com](mailto:CynthiaNielsenLmt@gmail.com)

719.298.0360

Cynn Nielsen

## Journeys

Journeys meets each Sunday morning via Zoom. All are welcome.

During July, one program will look at the rising tide of Christian nationalism in the US. Topics will also be explored relating spirituality and the environment of our planet. One Sunday will examine Creation Spirituality as developed by Matthew Fox. The second week will look at the climate change challenges that we all face, presented by Gordon MacAlpine, a local advocate for action to moderate the impacts of climate change.

Journeys will end the month with one of our most popular programs. Two class members will share their personal faith journeys with us.

Journeys will not meet during the month of August.

The schedule is:

July 3	No class
July 10	Christian nationalism
July 17	Creation Spirituality
July 24	Climate Change Challenges
July 31	Personal Faith Journeys

You can use the link below to join the meeting. The Zoom session opens at 8:15 each Sunday, with the program starting promptly at 8:30. We adjourn at 9:45.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8457412756?pwd=UG5OWk5yV1R2b1ICVmtENnUxTCtIU09>

Meeting ID: 845 741 2756 and Passcode: 80517 (only if necessary)

# Estes Park Walk for the Hungry

Sunday, July 17, 2022

The Estes Park Walk for the Hungry will be Sunday, July 17, and go around Lake Estes. It will start from the Estes Park Visitors Center at 1:00 p.m., gathering at the southeast corner of the Visitors Center.

The need for food aid around the world today is greater than any time since World War II. The director of the World Food Bank of the United Nations has said, "We are having to take food from the hungry to give it to the starving."

The situation in Ukraine is just the most recent manifestation of the problem, but probably the most publicized in the news.

We hope you will mark your calendars for the Estes Park Walk for the Hungry on July 17. Sponsor sheets will be available soon for walkers to sign up sponsors.

For more information, contact Pete Vanderveen, 970-586-0578.



*"For the past 35+ years, caring ministry has been a hallmark of our Christian faith community. It is at the heart of all we do. Let us know if we can be of help." ~ Your PCCR Stephen Ministers*



**You are invited to attend an Organ Recital by Isaac Johnson at Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies on Sunday, July 17 at 2:30 p.m.**



Isaac Johnson studies Musicology at the University of Colorado-Boulder, where his primary research interest is Gregorian chant in North America, with the study of 20th-century French organ music as one of his secondary interests. He holds previous degrees from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and Samford University and is a published scholar and season presenter in the fields of liturgy, sacred music, religious studies, and philosophy. He has given organ recitals in cathedrals and churches across the United States and in Canada, most recently at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs and the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City.