

Festival of Faith Speakers

- 1999** **New Paths** - Beverly Bailey, Suzi Gifford, and John Horman - a trio of artists based in metropolitan DC, who lead retreats and workshops focusing upon self-expression through art, music, movement, and sound. Theme = "Why, Lord? Why? - A Lenten Weekend of Learning and Worship for All the Senses"
- 2000** **Paul T. Eckel** - PCUSA pastor - full time work as a speaker with Renewal Ministries Foundation. Theme = "A Time of Refreshing: A Weekend of Bible Study, Worship, and Renewal." Preached on Matthew 5:1-9, "The Call of Christ's Spirit."
- 2001** **Elizabeth (Lib) F. Caldwell** - Professor of Educational Ministries at McCormick Theo. Seminary, Chicago. Theme = "Making a Home for Faith." Preached on Psalm 78 & Philippians 2:1-13, "Teach Your Children Well."
- 2002** **James M. (Micky) Efird** - PCUSA pastor and Professor of Biblical Interpretation, Duke University, Durham, NC. Theme = "Bearing Fruit That Will Last: The Farewell Discourses in the Gospel of John." Preached on John 13, "The Nature of Fellowship."
- 2003** **Everett L. Worthington** = Professor of Psychology at VCU, Richmond - Theme = "Five Steps to Forgiveness." Preached on Luke 15:11-32, "Not in My Own Strength."
- 2004** **Kerry Pidcock-Lester & Carter Lester** - co-pastors of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Pottstown, PA. Theme = "Deep and Wide: Celtic Patters for the Christian Life." Preached on Luke 24:13-35, "Across the Threshold."
- 2005** **William R. Klein** - Pastor Emeritus, 2nd Presbyterian, Roanoke, VA. Theme = "The Coming of Global Christianity." Preached on Acts 21:1-14, "Dare We Believe in the Holy Catholic Church?"
- 2006** **M. Thomas Thangaraj** - Associate Professor of World Christianity, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta. Theme = "Many Faces of Christ." Preached on Luke 2:41-52, "Faith as a Festival."
- 2007** none
- 2008** **Mark I. Wallace** - Department of Religion, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA. Theme = "The New Green Christianity: Why the Church

is Vital to Saving the Planet." Preached on Matthew 3:11-17, "Pagan Christianity? God Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us."

2009 none

2010 **Bernard K. Bangley** - retired PCUSA pastor, living in Rockbridge Baths. Theme = "Knowing the Unknowable: Deepening Our Private Devotional Life." Preached on Mark 14:53-72, "Saintliness."

2011 none

2012 **Marcus J. Borg** - Canon theologian at Trinity Episcopal, Portland, OR. Theme of the two lectures = "Speaking Christian: The Problem and A Way Forward" & "Mercy or Compassion? Righteousness or Justice"? Preached Sunday morning on Mark 8:31-34, "Lent: Following Jesus to Jerusalem."

2014 **Rev. Dr. Richard N. Boyce** - Associate Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Leadership, Union Presbyterian Seminary (UPSem) Charlotte Campus, Charlotte, NC. Theme = "Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly with Thy God." Preached on Micah 6:8.

2016 **Dr. Beverlyly Gaventa** - President of the Society of Biblical Literature and Distinguished Professor of New Testament, Baylor University, Waco, TX. Theme = "When in Rome: An Invitation to Linger with the Gospel According to Paul."

2018 **Rev. Dr. Roger Gench** - Senior Pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church (NYAPC), Washington, D.C. Theme = "A Cross Examination of Racism." He explored the theology and spirituality of the cross as a key resource for exposing, resisting, and transforming racism into the reality of the Beloved Community.