

MIDWINTER POWER IN THE SPIRIT 2023

Blessed Are

JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1

OUR SCHEDULE

5:30 PM	Zoom Rooms Open
5:45-6:50	Workshops
6:50-6:55	Announcements
7:00	Evening Prayer

MIDWINTER



When you join the event with the Zoom link, you will select the workshop you would like to attend.
Staff will be available to help get you to the workshop you would like to attend.

ALL OUR SPEAKERS

ABOUT OUR WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS



THE REV. SUZANNE STIERWALT
ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH,
PORTSMOUTH

BLESSED ARE THE CHILDREN

Whitney Houston sang a song with the lyrics "I believe that children are our future..." I disagree. Children are our NOW. How are you expressing this in your worship space? How do we welcome families with Littles, Middles, and Bigs into the community faith? Together, let's explore the whys and the hows of Children in the Worship Space.



THE REV. JOSHUA COPELAND
OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH,
CHRISTIANSBURG

BLESSED ARE THE PURE OF HEART - SYNOD ELECTION PROCESS

Discernment: a process of prayer and looking forward to where God is calling us. If you were not aware, we, as the Virginia Synod, are going to be electing a new Bishop in June 2023. As a part of this process, the Bishop Election Committee, is looking to lead the Synod in discernment conversations as we look forward to where God is calling us as the Virginia Synod. Join other members of the synod and Pastor Joshua Copeland (Our Saviour, Christiansburg) as we dream and listen to God in a fun and exciting workshop. May God be with us all as we listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit!



THE REV. PAUL PINGEL
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH, WAYNESBORO

BLESSED ARE THE RIGHTEOUS - THE ROLE OF RELATIONSHIP IN RACIAL EQUITY AND JUSTICE

We all know the importance of relationships in our lives. We love one another in relationships, we bear with one another in relationships, we identify with one another in relationships, we remember one another when we are in relationship. It should be no surprise that relationship is also at the heart of racial equity and justice. If we are in relationship with someone, we will care about what they care about. Grace, Waynesboro has been involved for the past three years in a developing relationships with Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, a predominantly black congregation in Waynesboro. In addition, my sabbatical involved many conversations with black pastors and lay people, as well as trips to Montgomery and Selma, Alabama, and visits to Civil Rights sites in those places, as well as conversation with Pr. Tiffany Chaney, a black Lutheran pastor in Montgomery. These experiences have underscored how central being in relationship is, to further Racial Equity and Justice in the communities our congregations are a part of.

