



PREACHING LAB 2018

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**FINAL
2018
DATE**

**MON
NOV 5**

PREACHING LAB provides experiences that inspire and equip clergy to make change, enhancing the power and impact of their preaching. For pastors wishing to **gain insight, improve preaching skills**, and make an intentional effort to **create community** with their colleagues, **PREACHING LAB** offers a unique **learning opportunity**. *Be ready to complete all assignments in preparation, participate in lab exercises (including presenting some material from your own preaching), participate in lunch, provide encouragement, and offer feedback.*

WHEN • Final 2018 Session: Monday, November 5

WHERE/NOV 5 • Immanuel Presbyterian Church • 3445 Clifton Avenue • **Cincinnati, OH • 45220**

SCHEDULE • Half-day Session from 12 p.m to 4:00 p.m. includes:

- 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Lunch** (provided)
- 12:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. **Preaching Lab Study and Practicum**
- 3:50 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Prayers for Our Common Life**

**COST
\$35**

FOCUS/NOV 5 • Preaching In Conversation with the Book of Revelation

The Book of Revelation is in the air today, along with the wider, popular end-time theology of which it is part. This lab considers why it is important to preach from the Book of Revelation today, giving respectful attention to the “Left Behind” movement and its parent theological family, premillennialism. The lab explores the background of the Book as an expression of first century end-time theology, which makes a searing theological criticism of empire and takes a sober look at manifestations of empire today. Participants will look at a practical method for interpreting passages in the Book of Revelation, and dig into a sample passages as large group. Each house church will brainstorm sermon ideas from a passage. We will consider several possible sermon series on the Book of Revelation.

REQUIRED READING • You will receive an electronic copy of Ron’s forthcoming *I Will Tell You the Mystery: A Commentary on Preaching the Book of Revelation*. Because the Book of Revelation was prepared for the ear, you are asked to listen to the entire book before the lab. A good oral reading (NRSV, \$24.99) can be found at: <http://www.biblebible.com/new-revised-standard/>. A free, straightforward reading (NIV) is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TN-2lt54N9o>

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Ministers of Word
and Sacrament and
Commissioned Ruling
Elders currently serving
congregations of the
Presbytery.*

REGISTRATION FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5 • SUBMIT BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Submission date allows time to do required reading, advance work, and to come prepared, motivated and ready to go! Make checks payable to The Presbytery of Cincinnati. Payment must accompany registration. *Registrations postmarked after October 29, 2018 incur an additional \$10 cost.*

NAME: _____ **PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

FOOD ALLERGIES OR DIETARY NEEDS: _____

MAIL REGISTRATION WITH PAYMENT TO • The Presbytery Office, 1323 Myrtle Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45206