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event “Don’t Let Theology SCARE You” Thurs., Oct. 29 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes, Robert Meneilly Professor of Leadership and Ministry and senior pastor at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, will lead the course.

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In addition to the keynote address, Faye D’Ippolito will lead worship and participants will have the choice of one of three afternoon workshops. Options include “Taking the ‘Grr’ Out of Greek” led by Jim Platt, lecturer in Greek and exegesis; “Beware of the Theology in Your Curriculum” led by Alice Fisler, pastor of Bethesda UP Church, Elizabeth Pa. and Sharon Stewart, director of discipling and spiritual growth, Pittsburgh Presbytery; and “Children as Theological Thinkers” led by Mary Lou Ferris, Christian education consultant.

For more information or to register contact the Office of Continuing Education at 412-924-1345, ConEd@pts.edu, or [online](#). Registration is \$25 and does not include lunch (available for purchase).

Before coming to the Seminary Barnes served as the senior pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. He earned his doctorate from the University of Chicago. Barnes is the author of several popular books, including most recently *Searching for Home: Spirituality for Restless Souls* (Brazos Press, 2006), *Sacred Thirst: Finding God in the Desert of our Longings* (Zondervan 2001) and *Hustling God: Why We Work So Hard for What God Wants to Give* (Zondervan 1999). A well-known Presbyterian, he is also the author of numerous published articles and is a popular speaker at Seminary and church events.

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