



PREACHING AS A SACRED CONVERSATION

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With Internet technology at the Seminary, participants at three locations will receive live feed of the broadcast from PTS. Satellite locations include Vance Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, W.Va.; First Presbyterian Church, Bakerstown, Pa.; and Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers, Fla.

Just as it is hard work writing sermons, so it is hard work to listen to them well. These classes will be focused on both sides of the sacred conversation that occurs in preaching. Presentations will be made not only by a preacher, but also by veteran pew sitters who have become skilled at hearing the Word.

Session topics include “Conversational Preaching”, “Constructing the Conversational Sermon”, and “Listening for God’s Word.”

Registration fee is \$45 on campus and \$30 off campus. Continuing Education units are available and certificates upon request. Congregation members of the hosting churches should register at the church. All others should register with the Office of Continuing Education at PTS by calling 412-924-1345 or e-mailing ConEd@pts.edu. **Series Brochure.**

Barnes came to the Seminary in 2002. In addition to this teaching ministry at PTS, he currently serves as senior pastor at Shadyside Presbyterian Church. Previously, he served as the senior pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. Barnes earned his doctorate from the University of Chicago. He 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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