

## SEMINARY WELCOMES SHOEMAKER DISTINGUISHED PREACHER



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A life-long Presbyterian, Miracle grew up in Dayton, Ohio, and attended Princeton University. Following graduation, a Marshall scholarship sent her to Northern Ireland where she received her master of social sciences in Irish political studies from Queen's University of Belfast. Upon returning to the United States, she earned her master of divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

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