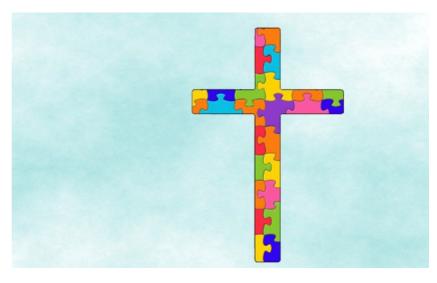


## ALL GOD'S CHILDREN AUTISM WORKSHOP: PROMOTING INCLUSION OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN WITHIN LOCAL CHURCHES

Sat., Jan. 25, 2025, 9:00-3:00 p.m. ET Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Local congregations desire to be welcoming and inviting to all of God's children, and attempt to meet that challenge by creating ministries to meet those needs. Far too often, however, individuals who are on the Autistic spectrum are looked at as being sub-human, as being different, and/or as being unable to grasp the



concept of God. Scripture tells us in Matthew 4:4 "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." American psychologist Abraham Maslow was precise in identifying the basic needs, but man has a basic need for God above all else. Man's self-actualization is becoming like Christ. Autistic children deserve the chance to develop a relationship with God as well, but churches must be willing to become more inviting. This workshop will aid churches in this challenge by giving a basic understanding of the disorder, as well as helpful hints and assistance with designing a framework of a ministry that can reach out to and eventually include these amazing individuals into the life of the church. The event is applicable for children's ministry staff and volunteers, pastors, caring congregants, and anyone desiring a more welcoming and inclusive church for all of God's children.

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