

A note from Rev. Christian Harrison

“I was blessed to have an absolutely delightful career as an attorney for 21 years, both as a prosecutor for 18 years and in private practice for 3 years. There is nothing that will make you feel more alive than the opportunity to stand in a courtroom and speak for a particular vision of justice, in everything from death penalty cases to drug cases, to major bank fraud cases.”

“But, shortly after joining the United States Attorney’s Office in 1980, I began working with Special Agents from the FBI on a series of Public Corruption Cases. Over the next three years I witnessed leaders in communities professing to be Christians on Sunday mornings engaging in some of the most hideous and immoral acts, leaving me feeling cynical about the mission of the church and claims by people of faith.”

“Fortuitously at this time, I was engaged in leading Bible Study at the Westminster Class at First Presbyterian Church in Tyler. Those wonderful people actually read through the Bible word for word, studying the context of books, the conversations with books, and how Jesus interpreted scripture, always asking, “What does this mean to me in my life?”

“I slowly came to discover a Jesus I truly loved - a Jesus who was willing to challenge the values of the world and teach God’s values, where power is displayed in service, where the master washes feet and the least is in fact the greatest. At the end of leading the Bible Study Class with a new understanding and commitment of faith, I visited Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary at the request of Rev. David O’Neal and enrolled in the Seminary several months later.”

“For these reasons, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to return to East Texas to lead this retreat at Gilmont. I look forward to sharing some of the things I have learned about Church history, the Church’s Struggle to define our beliefs, examining what the beliefs that we, in the Reformed Tradition have come to see as essential and binding. “I look forward to sharing stories of faith and the ways we respond to that ancient call of Jesus, “Follow me”.

Accommodations

Gilmont offers adult-friendly lodging with the ability to meet the needs of all of our guests. For those with low mobility, we have ground floor rooms.

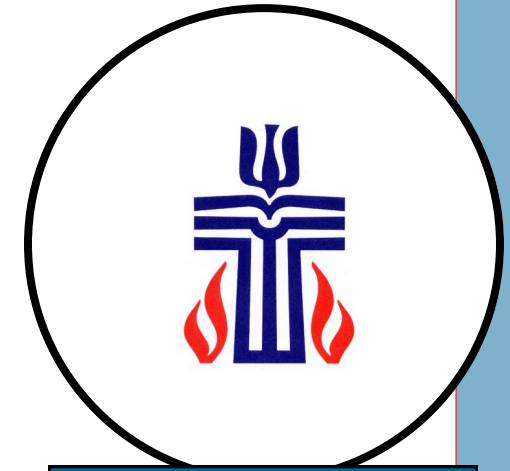


There are a limited number of semi-private lodge rooms with 2 twin beds in the lodge.



Community-type cabins encourage fellowship and comfortably sleep adults as well. Requests will be filled on first-come first-served basis.

Event cost is \$25. The major expenses of this event will be covered by a significant gift from an anonymous donor. Register early, we plan to fill up!



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Rev. Harrison is well qualified to address the contributions of the stalwarts of our heritage like John Calvin, John Knox, Francis Make-mie, Jenny Geddes, and a host of others.

Before being called to the ministry, Rev. Harrison was a lawyer and Federal Prosecutor for twenty five years. He is a graduate of Austin Seminary and is presently pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Giddings. Join us for this wonderfully engaging event!”

- Rev. Bill O’Neal

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