

## Episcopal Bishops, Clergy to Lead Upcoming J-term Courses

Candler's upcoming week of "J-term" classes in early January will include two courses taught by Episcopalian clergy and open to members of the public to audit for continuing education. 15 contact hours will be awarded to Diocese of Atlanta Clergy toward their continuing education requirements.

### The Three Urgent Tasks of the Prophetic Church

January 2-3, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Course instructor:** The Right Rev. **Robert C. Wright**, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta  
[Register here.](#)

Using Walter Bruggeman's book *Reality, Grief, and Hope: Three Urgent Tasks* (Eerdmans, 2014), the course will examine, distill, and commend concepts and practices that will aid lay and clergy members of the church to diagnose and artfully intervene in the life of the church and the world for the sake of the gospel. The discussion will also draw from the lexicon and framework of *Your Leadership Edge* (Kansas Leadership Center, 2015) by Amanda Cebula and Ed O'Malley. Many churches in America face extinction in the next generation due to the lack of leadership capacity, institutional decline compounded by societal complexity and velocity. In this book, Bruggeman offers a clear-eyed acknowledgement of these forces and an equally clear-eyed and systematic way to address them toward increased opportunities for growth, depth and fidelity to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the local congregation.

Candler and the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta have partnered to offer scholarships to Episcopal lay leaders and clergy who wish to audit the course. Scholarship recipients will pay \$160 for the course rather than the regular auditor tuition of \$310. Those interested in the scholarship should contact The Rev. Canon P. Lang Lowrey, director of Episcopal Studies at Candler, at [pierce.lang.lowrey.iii@emory.edu](mailto:pierce.lang.lowrey.iii@emory.edu).

Current seminary students or others who wish to take the course for academic credit should contact Candler Registrar Shelly Hart at [candlerregistrar@emory.edu](mailto:candlerregistrar@emory.edu) by **December XX** for information on costs and procedures for enrolling.

### Preaching in the Anglican Tradition

January 7-10, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

#### Course Instructors:

- The Rev. Dr. **Stephen Smith**, rector at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Dublin, Ohio
- The Right Rev. **Katharine Jefferts Schori**, former presiding bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church
- The Rev. **Kimberly Jackson O9T**, interim vicar at the Church of the Common Ground in Atlanta
- The Rev. **Nikki Mathis**, rector at St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church in Athens, Georgia
- **Christine Parton-Burkett**, lecturing fellow in speech at Duke Divinity School

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This course will augment and deepen participants' enthusiasm for preaching in the Anglican tradition, and will increase their competence in the methodology of sermon preparation and the art of sermon delivery. Presentations by noted clergy and preaching instructors will be interwoven with small preaching groups that offer participants the opportunity to preach and receive critically constructive feedback from colleagues and faculty.

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