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PRACTICES

**Enrich  
your faith**

*Experience the core practices of the Christian faith*

**Join us For A Special Winter Journey Through Faith With Some of  
the Leading Christian Voices of Our Time**

On Sunday Mornings January 14 - February 25, 2018 9:15 am

Classes will be held in the Social Hall Led By Pastor Patrick and are all about how we understand the ways we practice our Christian Faith.

What is prayer? How do we do it best?

What role does food have in Faith?

Why is Worship important?

What's the point of the Sacraments?

Is money a theological thing?

Why and who shall we serve?

Why community is so important in the Church?



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## **SESSIONS**

### **PRAYER | ORIENTED TOWARD GOD | BRIAN MCLAREN**

Brian's take on prayer is less about what prayer does or why we pray. Instead, he focuses on giving us permission to pray in ways that are meaningful, helpful, and life giving.

### **FOOD | EATING, WITH JESUS | SARA MILES**

Sara believes that French fries can be as holy as organic kale when they are offered and shared in acts of love and fellowship. This point can get lost in our conversations about the "right" kind of food.

### **WORSHIP | SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE | MIKE SLAUGHTER**

For many Christians, worship is synonymous with going to church. Mike challenges us to think about worship as a much richer practice, one we can follow on our own and in community.

### **SACRAMENTS | A TAPESTRY OF TRADITIONS | PHYLLIS TICKLE**

For many of us, the sacraments have become just another part of our church routine, like hymns and prayer. But Phyllis asks us to revisit the ancient meaning of these experiences and consider what we are really up to as we take part in these practices.

### **MONEY | THE JOY OF SHARING | SHANE CLAIBORNE**

Shane's message can easily be construed as political, but he asks us to look beyond -isms and -ologies to see financial generosity as a kingdom call, rather than a social position.

### **SERVICE | THE NEEDS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU | ENUMA OKORO**

Enuma is a seasoned traveler, having lived and worked in countries on four continents. But she encourages us to see the needs around us. This local context can give us a new understanding of what service really looks like.

### **COMMUNITY | AN UNEXPECTED FAMILY | DOUG PAGITT**

Doug pushes us to think of community as more than just a nice idea. He invites us to remake our communities by bringing our gifts, our talents, and our ideas with us wherever we go.