

## ANNUAL CONVOCATION

**JANUARY 25, 2020**

National Presbyterian Church,

4101 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC

8:30 Continental Breakfast, 9:00 Program, 11:30 Adjourn

Dr. Cynthia Rigby

W. C. Brown Professor of Theology

at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

### *Christians and Public Life: How Can We Speak to a Frayed Society?*

How can Christians and the Church speak to a frayed civic life? As Reformed Christians, how do we represent the Gospel in spaces, places, and communities that don't speak the same theological language that we speak? Given the antipathy to organized religion and "religious" people, how do we regain trust as dialogue partners with others? And, what is it, exactly, that we have to offer to the brokenness we all share in and are trying to heal?

A number of Reformed themes address this question: Grace, Forgiveness, Restoration, and Irreplaceability. In a world where you can only get what you can pay for, where forgiveness is elusive, where restoration (for example of failed civic leaders) seems impossible, and where everyone believes that "no one is irreplaceable", we worship a God who tells us differently. But how do we get this good news out to the wider church and to society?

The *Dallas Morning News* called Professor Rigby "one of the great theologians of our time." An energetic scholar, Dr. Rigby's recent books include *Holding Faith: A*

*Practical Introduction to Christian Faith* (Abingdon Press, 2018), *The Promotion of Social Righteousness* (Witherspoon Press, 2010) and (co-edited with Beverly Gaventa) *Blessed One: Protestant Perspectives on Mary* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2002). She is currently completing a book on Christian feminist theology.

*Reformed Theology* and the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. Dr. Rigby is actively engaged with congregations, preaching, teaching adult education classes, and leading church conferences on why Christian doctrines matter in real life. An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Professor Rigby serves on the board of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.



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*Dr. Cynthia Rigby Speaking*

Join us for this address and a riveting dialogue about how the Reformed faith speaks to the brokenness of our time and to all people.

No charge, but *you must **RSVP by Jan. 22*** to attend. Continental breakfast included.

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