



# A Day Apart "Wearing God"

with Lauren F. Winner

Saturday, February 22, 2020

St. Andrews UMC ≈ 1201 Maxwell Drive ≈ Raleigh, NC 27603

The Bible overflows with poetic language for God – God appears as a beekeeper, an undertaker, a child at play, a piece of clothing. But most of us have been formed in church communities that have focused on a small cupful of biblical imagery for God, preferring to hymn God as shepherd or friend or Father, and not paying very much attention to God as beekeeper or child at play. In this day apart, we'll explore some of the overlooked imagery, asking what it might kindle or invite in our spiritual lives.

Lauren F. Winner writes and lectures widely on Christian practice, the history of Christianity in America, and Jewish-Christian relations. Her books include *Girl Meets God*, *Mudhouse Sabbath*, a study of household religious practice in 18th-century Virginia, *A Cheerful and Comfortable Faith*, *Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis*, and, most recently, a book on overlooked biblical tropes for God, *Wearing God*. She is completing a book called *Characteristic Damage*, which examines the effects of sin and damage on Christian practice.

Lauren Winner, an Episcopal priest, is Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality at Duke Divinity School and vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Louisburg, N.C.

During this Day Apart, we will enjoy the rhythm of the Academy for Spiritual Formation (based on Benedictine practices), balancing our learning sessions with Prayer, Silence, Plenary sessions, Fellowship/Community Time and the Service of Word and Table.

**Registration: \$35  
per person  
(non-refundable)**

**Bring: Journal or  
Notebook & Pen**

**Time:  
9:15am-4:30pm**

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