



CAMP: A Planning Retreat for Church Leaders

August 10-14, 2026, Red Cliffs Lodge, Moab, Utah

Is this for me?

If you are a key worship leader for your worshipping community, we hope you'll join us for a nurtured retreat. Step aside for private or collaborative planning, along with moments to have your soul tended and minds sparked by a team of worship and music guides.

Worship takes center stage each day, serving as a launching point for a guided fire-up workshop and individual and corporate planning. A team of music, worship, art, and theological guides will curate space to get the creative juices flowing. Join in as feeds your ministry.

There is a lot of freedom for digging-deep in your personal planning or for resting, playing, and catching your breath. If you're looking for a content-packed conference experience one of our other retreats or gatherings may serve you better. If you thrive in space where you set your pace amongst a community of shared learning and nurture, this is for you!

Where is CAMP?

Red Cliffs Lodge is nestled on the banks of the Colorado River and embraced by the towering red cliffs of Moab, about thirty minutes from Arches National Park. The Lodge offers a unique blend of rustic charm and modern comfort, with cozy amenities and easy access to Moab's adventure-filled landscape.

Check out more about Red Cliffs Lodge at redcliffslodge.com/moab.

What is offered?

At this CAMP, you choose what fuels your ministry, whether that is solitude or collaboration, or something in between. OPSF will provide the following:

- ▲ **Morning worship and evening prayers** to bookend your day
- ▲ **Workshop** – Kickstart your day with a workshop or two to get your juices flowing for your daily planning
- ▲ **Meals** – Daily lunch and dinner (except Wednesday night), and Friday breakfast
- ▲ **Daily Activity** – Each afternoon, OPSF will host one free-choice activity. Join in water-play, hiking, a craft, dinner cruise, etc.*
- ▲ **Airport Shuttle** from Canyonland Field or Grand Junction Regional Airports*
- ▲ **Free Time** – Participants set their own agendas and may build in time to hike, swim, nap, horseback ride, explore Arches National Park, etc.
- ▲ **Add-on National Park Trips to Zion and Bryce**

*Activities and shuttle may have additional fees.

LEADERSHIP



O. Wesley Allen
Cultivating Worship

O. Wesley Allen, Jr. is the Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Dr. Allen has served in a range of academic and ministerial settings having taught preaching and worship at both the seminary and undergraduate level. An ordained United Methodist, he has served in both pastoral and campus ministry roles. Dr. Allen specializes in the Synoptic Gospels and Acts. He has special interest in a cumulative approach to preaching, across weeks, and a conversational approach to preaching.

Content Preview: Explore strategies for preaching cumulatively, that is preaching week in and week out across weeks, liturgical seasons, and years. Sessions will explore sermon preparation as a spiritual discipline, connectivity from Sunday to Sunday, and theological and existential breadth across one's preaching.



Shawna Bowman
Creative Practice

The Rev. Shawna Bowman is an artist, organizer and pastor. They are the first called and installed pastor of Friendship Presbyterian Church, in Chicago. Shawna

also serves as Executive Director of Friendship Community Place, a nonprofit founded by the church, which serves as neighborhood hub and resource rich space on the far Northwest Side of Chicago. Shawna is a trained educator and artist and has served as Affiliate Faculty at McCormick Theological Seminary. Their art-making includes mural work, art installations, liturgy, ritual and engaging in art as resistance.

Content Preview: Shawna's workshops will offer insight and stir creative imagination around ways of integrating visual and creative arts in worship, including: art-making as liturgy and ritual, visual art as sacred storytelling, and art as prophetic word.



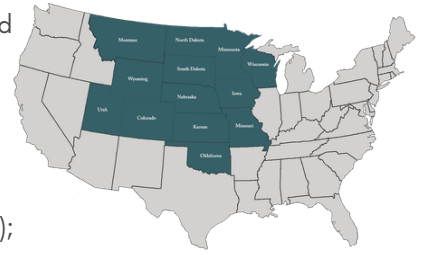
Steve Lindsley
Music

The Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley is a Senior Ministry Strategist with Horizons Stewardship and serves as half-time Executive Presbyter for Providence Presbytery. An ordained PC(USA) minister,

Steve has previously served three congregations, most recently as Senior Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, before answering a call to serving the larger church. Outside of ministry, he's a singer-songwriter and musician who has released five albums available on all major streaming platforms.

How much does it cost?

It is Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation's mission to inspire, equip, and connect congregational leaders in a thirteen state area in Middle America. Reduced rates are provided to worship leaders from OPSF's service area.



Event registration includes lodging at Red Cliffs Lodge, nurture and guidance from gifted theologians and worship leaders, most meals (Monday dinner - Friday breakfast, excluding Wednesday dinner). Some activities, shuttle, and field trips are not included in the registration rate.

- Are you from OPSF's thirteen-state service area? \$550 (double room*), \$950 (single room); *Micro-church** pastoral leaders* from OPSF Region – \$250 (double room), \$650 (single room)
- Are you a leader from outside OPSF's thirteen-state service area or church outside the PC(USA)? \$700 (double room), \$1100 (single room)

* Double Room applies to two CAMPers rooming together. OPSF is happy to help you make a roommate connection. If you are bringing a guest (partner, child, friend), please select Single Room.

** OPSF defines a Micro-church pastoral leader as a minister of word and sacrament or commissioned ruling elder/commissioned pastor who is employed by a congregation of <25 members, in a less than full time position.

What does the schedule look like?

The sample schedule below will give you an idea of what to expect. The schedule may change slightly. Participants may choose the components that best feed their souls and provide the nourishment to prepare worship for the coming year.

National Park Add-on – Saturday-Monday, August 8-10	
CAMP – Monday-Friday, August 10-14	
Monday, August 10	
3-6 PM	Check-in
6 PM	Dinner
7 PM	Opening Worship & Introductions
8 PM	Welcome Reception (cash bar)
Tuesday-Thursday, August 11-13 – Typical Flow	
7:45-8:45 AM	Breakfast
9 AM	Worship & Prep for the Day
10:15-11:15 AM	Workshop
11:15 AM	Coffee Break & Morning Snack
11:45-12:45 PM	Collaborative Planning Groups
1 PM	Lunch
2-6 PM	Choose Your Own Adventure - plan, rest, play
6 PM	Dinner (Wednesday - on your own, or Dinner Cruise)
7:30 PM	Cruise)
8-10 PM	Evening Vespers Social Hours
Friday, August 14	
	Pack up
8:00 AM	Breakfast, Final Planning & Shuttle Departures
10 AM	Goodbye! See you next year!
National Park Add-on – Friday-Sunday, August 14-16	

Scholarships

Scholarships may be available to defray the cost of lodging, travel, or both. Scholarships are determined based upon continuing education budget, congregation size, and geographical location. Participants may receive up to \$300 in lodging credit and/or up to \$400 travel reimbursement.

- Scholarship eligibility:*
- Reside or serve a congregation within the OPSF service region
 - Have not received a scholarship for an OPSF event in the past three years

Those requesting scholarship assistance are encouraged to *to apply, at tinyurl.com/OPSFeventsscholarships* prior to registering for CAMP.

Can I see any National Parks?

We will offer day trips to Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. No add-ons will be offered in 2026. Interested in organizing your own trip to Zion, Bryce, or Capitol Reef? We have scouted these parks and are happy to provide guidance. Contact Ashley-Anne Masters at engagement@opsf-omaha.org.

How do I register?

Register at campplanningevent.rsvpify.com

Questions?

Contact Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation's President, the Rev. Shelli Latham, at slatham@opsf-omaha.org.

