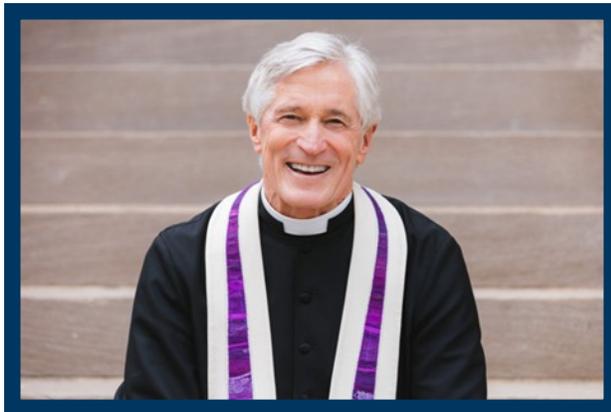


# The 2022 Dawe Lecture

## *Cruciform Mindfulness*

Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.

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**Presenter:**

**Dr. Roger Gench**

*Theologian in Residence*

*Second Presbyterian Church*

*Richmond, Virginia*

Dr. Roger Gench will explore the connection between the Buddhist notion of mindfulness and Christian theology and spirituality of the cross. He will articulate a foundation for the Christian life in which activism and spirituality are integrally related, part of the same footprint, rather than disconnected or addenda to each other.

**Roger Gench** retired in 2019 from seventeen years of service as the senior pastor of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. He has also served as the pastor of Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

He has spent the last thirty years connecting the contemplative arts and theological reflection to the practice of community organizing. He currently serves as Theologian in Residence at Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia. He is an alum of Union Presbyterian Seminary, where he completed a Ph.D. in Theological Ethics.

This event is free and open to the public. The lecture will be presented on the Richmond campus and livestreamed as well.

**The Dawe Lecture** series is funded through the Donald and Nancy Dawe Fund for Emotional and Ethical Growth. The Fund was established thanks to a generous gift from Dr. Coleman Longan honoring Donald and Nancy Dawe. Dr. Dawe was professor emeritus of Union Presbyterian Seminary until his death in 2012.

The lecture series, which is held annually at Union Presbyterian Seminary, pays tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Dawe and promotes ethical and religious understanding. Because of Professor Dawe's long-standing interest and commitments in the area of multi-religious and multi-cultural understanding and interfaith dialogue, this lecture series seeks to contribute a deepened awareness and insight in these areas of intellectual and especially practical religious concerns.

**Location:** Watts Chapel of Union Presbyterian Seminary  
3401 Brook Road, Richmond, Virginia, 23227

