



# It's Showtime! Art, Organizing, and Building Community One Musical at a Time

The Revitalization of Fourth Presbyterian Church, South Boston

A PROGRAM OF THE CARL HOWIE CENTER FOR SCIENCE, ART, AND THEOLOGY

<p><b>Date:</b> October 4, 2018 – 1:30-4:30 p.m. and/or 7:30-9:00 p.m. A complimentary lunch begins at 12:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Burns Stanfield, pastor at Fourth Presbyterian, South Boston</p> <p><b>Event location:</b> Paisley Hall and Lake Chapel in the Early Center, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond campus</p> <p><b>Registration:</b> These events are free and open to all. Lunch will be provided for those attending the afternoon session. Registration is required for lunch.</p> <p><b>For:</b> Clergy and church educators, church members and leaders, seminary students, faculty and staff, members of the local community</p>
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**The Carl Howie Center for Science, Art, and Theology** sponsors presentations through which church leaders (including seminarians) recognize and engage the insights and implications of the interplay of science, art, and theology for theological expression and the practice of ministry. The Center generously provides funding for lectures, seminars, and displays at Union Presbyterian Seminary once or twice a year, featuring artists, scientists, and/or theologians in conversation about a particular topic.

*The evening event will be available for viewing <https://www.youtube.com/user/UPSem> within 72 hours of the presentation for those unable to be with us in Richmond.*



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## Thursday, October 4, 2018      Schedule of Events

12:30 p.m.                      **Complimentary Lunch**                      *Holderness Dining Room in  
(registration only required for lunch)                      Richmond Hall*

1:30 – 4:30 p.m.              **Interactive Seminar & Conversation**                      *Paisley Hall*  
***“The Tools of Practice: Shared Stories, Relationships, and  
Songs”***  
**Rev. Burns Stanfield**

7:30 – 9 p.m.                      **Workshop**                      *Lake Chapel in the Early Center*  
***“Songs and Stories to Share: It's Showtime!”***  
**Rev. Burns Stanfield**

*Reception follows in the Rose Reception Hall, Early Center*

## About the Leader

Leading these workshops is **Burns Stanfield**, who has served Fourth Presbyterian Church, South Boston, as pastor for the last 27 years, and led their afterschool offerings in music, art and children's theater. He is also a musician and an instructor at Harvard Divinity School and Andover Newton Seminary. Stanfield is the current president of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, an IAF-affiliated organization working on health care, affordable housing and criminal justice reform.





## 2018 Howie Event - Description of Events

**This year's Howie Center event** will feature the Rev. Burns Stanfield, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in South Boston, Massachusetts.

**Event Theme: It's Showtime! Art, Organizing, and Building Community One Musical at a Time: The Revitalization of Fourth Presbyterian Church, South Boston**

*Come for a chance to learn from the story of a small Boston congregation which used community organizing, theater programs and relationship building to revitalize a ministry and enliven an urban neighborhood.*

*Fourth Presbyterian Church is a South Boston congregation which was near closing when it embraced a commitment to serve its surrounding low-to-moderate neighborhood with community organizing and a variety of ministries, including a community music and art program. One piece of that program grew into a popular children's musical theater program for the neighborhood, which then fed the congregation's growing use of music, drama and even musical theater in its worship and congregational life.*

Following a complimentary lunch, Rev. Stanfield will offer an interactive seminar and conversation from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., on the topic ***"The Tools of Practice: Shared Stories, Relationships, and Songs."*** The story of Fourth church will be shared, along with music, exercises, and tools used for community organizing and community ministry in their efforts to revitalize the church. This seminar takes place in Paisley Hall, 1204 Palmyra Avenue. A complimentary lunch at 12:30 p.m. is provided in the Holderness Dining Room in Richmond Hall, yet registration for lunch is required.

In the evening, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., Dr. Brown will deliver a workshop entitled, ***"Songs and Stories to Share: It's Showtime!"*** The evening will be filled with song, stories, and a presentation of a liturgical drama, a production created by and through the attendees of the afternoon workshop. The evening event, held in Lake Chapel of the Early Center, is free and open to the public. No event registration is required for either the afternoon or evening event.