

# *Embodying God's Story and Our Stories: Storytelling | Art | Worship*

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

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*All events are free and open to the public; please register for the events you'd like to attend*

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**Led by Rev. Shawna Bowman and Rev. Nanette Sawyer**

✚ Wednesday **Chapel** – 11:45 a.m. – Lake Chapel in the Early Center

*Sound, Color, Texture, Silence: Enacted worship and embodied creativity. This contemplative worship service will include body prayer, chant, poetry, and interactive art. Surrounded by visually inspiring large scale human silhouettes representing the movement from Simplicity (Spring), through Complexity (Summer) and Perplexity (Autumn), we wind our way toward Harmony (Winter) with God.*

*The art, entitled **Seasons of the Spirit: Cycles of Light and Shadow**, will remain on display in Lake Chapel until Thursday morning. The Seasons of the Spirit series was created by Chicago artist Monica J. Brown and Rev. Nanette Sawyer, and was inspired by *Naked Spirituality: Life with God in 12 Simple Words*, by Brian McLaren.*

✚ Wednesday **Lunch** 1:00 pm. – Richmond Hall

*Join us for a delicious lunch in our newly renovated student center in Richmond Hall*

✚ Wednesday 2:30 – 4 p.m. - **Storytelling Workshop** – Early Center

*As people of faith, we believe stories have power. Our sacred stories, the stories of our communities and our own stories bear witness to what we know of God. This kind of storytelling is a spiritual practice; rather than a performance, it's a way of life. It takes practice. Come practice the art of storytelling.*

✚ Wednesday 7:30 – 9 p.m. - **Storytelling Event** – Lake Chapel

*Join us for an evening of community storytelling! Come to listen, come to share and come to embody the story God has written on our hearts. Each story will be visually interpreted by an artist during the event. If you would like to volunteer to make art please contact Shawna Bowman at [shawnabowman@gmail.com](mailto:shawnabowman@gmail.com) .*

*Followed by a Q and A with Shawna and Nanette.*

✚ Thursday 10 a.m. - **Public Art Project** – Lake Chapel

*As theologians and people of faith we have the opportunity to make meaning, to stretch our community's imagination and to speak prophetically through the arts. In this culminating workshop we will explore the role of street art, guerrilla art, graffiti and other forms of public art in cultivating our collective theological imagination.*

✚ Thursday 11:45 a.m. - **Closing worship** at the labyrinth