

What to bring? Pack comfortable clothes and shoes, toiletries, a Bible, pens, and a journal.

Registration (Complete and return)

Includes Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Registration fees are not refundable unless approved by the Guesthouse

- ♦ \$305 per person, study book included.
- ♦ \$290 each for those who wish to purchase the book in advance.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

NOTE: Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the monastery.

My spouse and I wish to share a room _____

Online registration is now available. Visit the First Presbyterian Church website, click on the Current Events page and go to Fall Prayer Retreat.

Checks should be made out to "First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown." In the memo line write: Holy Cross Prayer Retreat. **Registration forms and fees are due to the First Presbyterian Church Office by Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022.**

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Holy Cross Monastery

Located about an hour north of New York City and set high on the western bluffs of the Hudson River, Holy Cross Monastery is a Benedictine place of prayer of the Episcopal Church. The monks graciously welcome all who come. The monastery is a lovely setting with comfortable private rooms and simple yet exquisite meals. We join the monks in their five offices of prayer throughout the day. In the evening, starting at 9:00 p.m., we are invited to participate in the Greater Silence, a time for quiet that continues until the Eucharist.

For information on the monastery:

www.holycrossmonastery.com

For specific information about the experience of retreat at the monastery:

[www.holycrossmonastery.com/
guest-house/our-vision](http://www.holycrossmonastery.com/guest-house/our-vision)

*First Presbyterian Church
of Moorestown*

Fall Prayer Retreat 2022

October 18 - 21, 2022



Holy Cross Monastery

1615 Route 9W (or Broadway)
West Park, New York 12493

www.holycrossmonastery.com

Invitation to Retreat

*Where God Happens:
Discovering Christ in One Another*



HOLY CROSS MONASTERY

An Anglican Benedictine Community



Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another

The place "where God happens," according to Rowan Williams's striking reading of the Desert Fathers and Mothers, is between each other. It's a truth that we of the twenty-first century most urgently need to learn in order to heal the experience of isolation that has become endemic to our age, and these odd and appealing ancient figures, surprisingly, hold keys to this healing.

Join a group of friends from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery, an Episcopal Benedictine monastery for time away from the rush and crushing pace of life. This three-night, four day retreat affords the time to step away from the regular demands of our lives and to enjoy a place of rest and welcome. *Our retreat begins on Tuesday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m.*

and concludes on Friday, October 21 following the noon meal.

Pastor Stuart Spencer leads a study of spiritual practices inspired by the Desert Mothers and Fathers. Our retreat group meets together for sessions on the mornings and evenings of each day. Within those gatherings we learn, share, and pray together. The days of the Prayer Retreat offer the gift of time for personal prayer, meditation, conversations, reflection, exploring the bookstore, hiking, silence and rest.

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Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another by Rowan Williams

The fourth-century Christian hermits of Egypt, Syria, and Palestine understood the truth of Christian community profoundly, and their lives demonstrate it vividly—even though they often lived in solitude and isolation.

The author breaks through our preconceived ideas of the Desert Fathers to reveal them in a new light: as true and worthy role models—even for us in our modern lives—who have much

to teach us about dealing with the anxieties, uncertainties, and sense of isolation that have become hallmarks of modern life. They especially embody valuable insights about community, about how to live together in an intimate and meaningful way. Williams makes these radical figures, who clearly have a special place in his heart, come to life in a new way for everyone.

