



## DAVIS & ELKINS COLLEGE

### *Baccalaureate Program*

**MAY 6, 2022**  
**HARPER-MCNEELEY AUDITORIUM,**  
**MYLES CENTER FOR THE ARTS**  
**ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA**

**5 P.M.**  
**NURSING**  
**EDUCATION & SPORT SCIENCE**  
**NATURAL SCIENCE**

**8 P.M.**  
**SOCIAL SCIENCE**  
**BUSINESS**  
**HUMANITIES**  
**CREATIVE ARTS**

## BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER

The Rev. Dr. William C. "Bill" Myers  
Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, WV



The Rev. Dr. William C. "Bill" Myers began his service as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, West Virginia, in August 2021. It is this church that established the Davis & Elkins College Benfield-Vick Chaplain's Chair, currently held by the Rev. Laura Brekke Wagoner.

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Dr. Myers is a graduate of Monmouth College (also a Presbyterian-related college) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in religious studies. He then received his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He has served congregations in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan prior to coming to West Virginia.

Along the way, he discovered his gifts for administration and teaching and that he is a pastor and preacher at heart. He also discovered that he enjoys empowering others in ministry as much as he enjoys serving in ministry. He believes the church is called to recognize the humanity of all who suffer and to respond by ministering to their needs, ending their humiliation, and participating in their lives. In this way, he believes the church is called to witness God's power to restore people and redeem lives.

In his free time, Dr. Myers likes to relax with his wife, Margie, and their dog, Bea. He enjoys sports, going to movies, concerts, plays, growing roses, driving in the country, playing bridge, and hiking in the woods. He's also been known to play the bagpipes and do a little acting.

Through his experiences of ministry, he says, "I have discovered my calling in ministry is to provide and interpret opportunities in which we may experience God's gracious love. Although often expressed in different ways, the message of the gospel as proclaimed to us – young people and adults, feeble in body, mind or soul – is the same: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

### DAVIS & ELKINS COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR

Emma L. Hicks	Emma L. McDougal	Anna M. Ruf
Heather N. Humphrey	Kyia R. McGill	Melody D. Smith
Jennifer L. Lantz	Aliyah Plum	Jessica D. Walton
Lavana E. Lemasters		Emma L. Watson

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White, red, and gold cord: Summa Cum Laude.  
White and red cord: Magna Cum Laude.  
White cord: Cum Laude.

# A BACCALAUREATE SERVICE OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

## CREDO UT INTELLIGAM

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

Prelude: "Sarabande"  
by George Philipp Telemann

\*Processional: "Largo from Xerxes" ..... Ms. Donna Baroudi-Huffman  
by George F. Handel

Welcome ..... President Chris A. Wood

Greetings from the Board of Trustees ..... Chairman Mark Barber '75

Call to Worship ..... Reagan Sharp  
Class of 2022, Exercise Science

One: What does the Lord require of you,  
All: **but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?**

Prayer of Illumination

Call to Confession ..... Rev. Laura Brekke Wagoner  
Benfield-Vick Chaplain

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we are your sons and daughters, descendants of the God most high, yet, we do not behave to honor you and our actions belittle the love you have for us. We do not defend the weak or those without fathers or mothers. We do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not commit to efforts to rescue the weak and the needy; we sometimes deliver them into solitude and neglect. Rise up to judge us, O God. We prefer your merciful justice than living with guilt and fear. Straighten our path, so that we can be guided as a mother or a father guides beloved children. Amen.** (All pray in silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The triune God's unconditional love does not seek appearances or conditions but loves in such a way that we are restored to health and to wholeness. Thanks be to God!  
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Here in This Place" by Marty Haugen

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:6-8 ..... Andrew Shand  
Class of 2022, Sport Management & Accounting and Business

Special Music: "Prayer for Healing" ..... Davis & Elkins College Concert Choir  
by Joseph M. Martin Elizabeth Marshall-MacVean, Director

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37 ..... Eliana A. McCutcheon  
Class of 2022, English and Communication

Baccalaureate Remarks: ..... Rev. Dr. William "Bill" C. Myers  
"When All Else Fails, Show Mercy"

Special Music: "Beautiful Name" ..... Concert Choir  
by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood

Presentation of Academic Hoods and Commemorative Coins

\*Hymn: "My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing)"  
by Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

*Refrain:* No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

\*Benediction ..... Dr. Myers

\*Recessional: "Fanfares" ..... Ms. Baroudi-Huffman  
by Jean-Joseph Mouret