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The Seventeenth Annual McPherson Lectureship

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*Craig Family Distinguished Professor of Reformed Theology and Justice
Davidson College*

*“A Welcoming Community
of Grace and Forbearance”*

Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 28, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.



Abstract: “A Welcoming Community of Grace” presses the claim that, as a community that bears the gospel, the church should practice the discipline of welcoming everyone. This points a way forward for PC(USA) congregations that requires the virtue of forbearance. In our own place and time, it will also distinguish the church from many other communities.

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