

First Presbyterian Church of Durham
presents

The Sixteenth Annual McPherson Lectureship

Rev. Dr. Ron Cole-Turner

*H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*

“Human Enhancement: Transhumanist Dreams and Christian Hopes”

Clergy Gathering

Monday, February 23, 2015 – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Lunch will be provided; RSVP requested; donations accepted



From athletic performance to cognitive ability to healthy lifespan and even to mystical experience, everything about us seems pliable and open to modification. After a quick review of new and emerging technologies, our discussion will turn to some of the ways in which technology is changing not just our bodies but our minds, including our expectations of ourselves. Living in such a culture, today’s Christians need to rediscover their roots in authentic Christian hope for life transformed by grace in Christ. And then they need to ask: how do we live in this world?

Rev. Dr. Ron Cole-Turner teaches on the faculty of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where he holds the H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics, a position relating theology and ethics to developments in science and technology. He is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, a founding member of the International Society for Science and Religion (currently serving as vice president), and has served on the advisory board of the John Templeton Foundation and the Metanexus Institute. Ron is the author of *The New Genesis: Theology and the Genetic Revolution*, co-author (with Brent Waters) of *Pastoral Genetics: Theology and Care at the Beginning of Life*, and the editor of several books, most recently including *Transhumanism and Transcendence: Christian Hope in an Age of Technological Enhancement*. He is also the author of the popular baptism hymn, “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise.” His wife, Rebecca, is a spiritual director and retreat leader. They have two daughters, Sarah and Rachel.

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