

First Presbyterian Church of Durham

presents

The Sixteenth Annual McPherson Lectureship *“Theological Implications of Transforming Humans through Technology”*

All events will be held at First Presbyterian Church, unless otherwise specified, and are open to the public.



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.

Sunday, February 22

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

“Time for Another Upgrade—Why Technology Can’t Leave You Alone”

11:00 a.m. Worship

“Awakening to Creation”

(Text: Mark 1:9–15)

7:00 p.m. Presentation

at Duke Divinity School, Durham

“Enhancing Ourselves through Technology and Why It Matters for Christians”

Monday, February 23

11:00 a.m. – Seminar w/ lunch (RSVP for lunch)

“Human Enhancement—Transhumanist Dreams and Christian Hopes”

The *McPherson Lectureship* is dedicated to enriching the faith and life of First Presbyterian Church and the Durham community. The Lectureship is made possible through an endowment given by the McPherson family in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S.D. McPherson, Sr., and Dr. S.D. McPherson, Jr.

Soli Deo Gloria

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