



# Princeton Presbyterians

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# LETTER FROM THE NEW EXECUTIVE CO-DIRECTORS

Greetings in Christ!

It is a joy and honor to serve as the Presbyterian Chaplains at Princeton University and the Executive Co-Directors of the Westminster Foundation. We want to take a minute to introduce ourselves and share some of Princeton Presbyterians' initiatives we are most excited about this year.

Andrew is in his third year of the PhD program at Princeton Theological Seminary in the homiletics department. He previously served as the Associate Pastor for Youth and Campus Ministry at Davidson College Presbyterian Church in Davidson, NC.

Len recently served as the Minister for Community, Care, and Connection at Arch Street Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA, and was previously the Associate Pastor for Christian Education and Youth at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, NC.

Since August 1st, we have met with the Westminster Foundation Board members individually and as a group. We have started to discern together how we are called to faithfully serve students in Princeton in this new season.

Blessings,

**Revs. Len & Andrew Scales**

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Ro van Wingerden

*Princeton Presbyterians has been a great community to be part of in my first few months at Princeton. We have a weekly small group meeting where we discuss Scripture and anything else we want to talk about. Sometimes we go out for ice cream or just spend an hour coloring and listening to music.*

**WHAT PRINCETON  
PRESBYTERIANS MEANS TO ME**

**MELISSA VERHEY-ZURANSKI**

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY GRAD STUDENT &  
WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION BOARD PRESIDENT

In 2012, I had just moved to Princeton from Paris, and within a week I'd discovered Princeton Presbyterians. Transitioning to Princeton life was not easy: I learned to order baking soda on Amazon, since there was no grocery store in town, and I learned that hi-how-are-ya is a greeting, not a question. A family from church invited me over for Thanksgiving, and I was blessed with a huge feast and a crash course on American politics. I didn't figure everything out that first year, but I intentionally sought to be open to new ideas and experiences, and Princeton Presbyterians provided a relaxed and safe space for exploring big questions. I looked forward to the Tuesday night fellowship with other Princeton students, and it was so refreshing to meet students in theater, science, or the Woodrow Wilson school. We discussed life and theology (which I've always suspected to be the same thing), and our time together made us close. We practiced speaking encouragement to one another, but we also learned to face outward and to practice radical hospitality. At Breaking Bread, we take the first step to a new future: together, we imagine a world in which we walk in the light, welcome others without fear, and meet around the table.

## WHY I GIVE

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As a Westminster Foundation/Princeton Presbyterians board member and Princeton University undergrad ('62, a few years ago!), I can personally attest to the value of the Presbyterian Chaplaincy on campus which provides a welcoming, nurturing, and safe space for students of all backgrounds. The university experience can be complex and overwhelming, especially for incoming freshmen. To address this, the chaplaincy, with the support of the on-campus Nassau Presbyterian Church, offers evening worship, book groups, and bible studies. It also encourages students to attend worship, teach Sunday school, mentor youth, and participate in mission activities locally and in Trenton. Students involved in the chaplaincy have consistently had broadening and fulfilling Princeton experiences.

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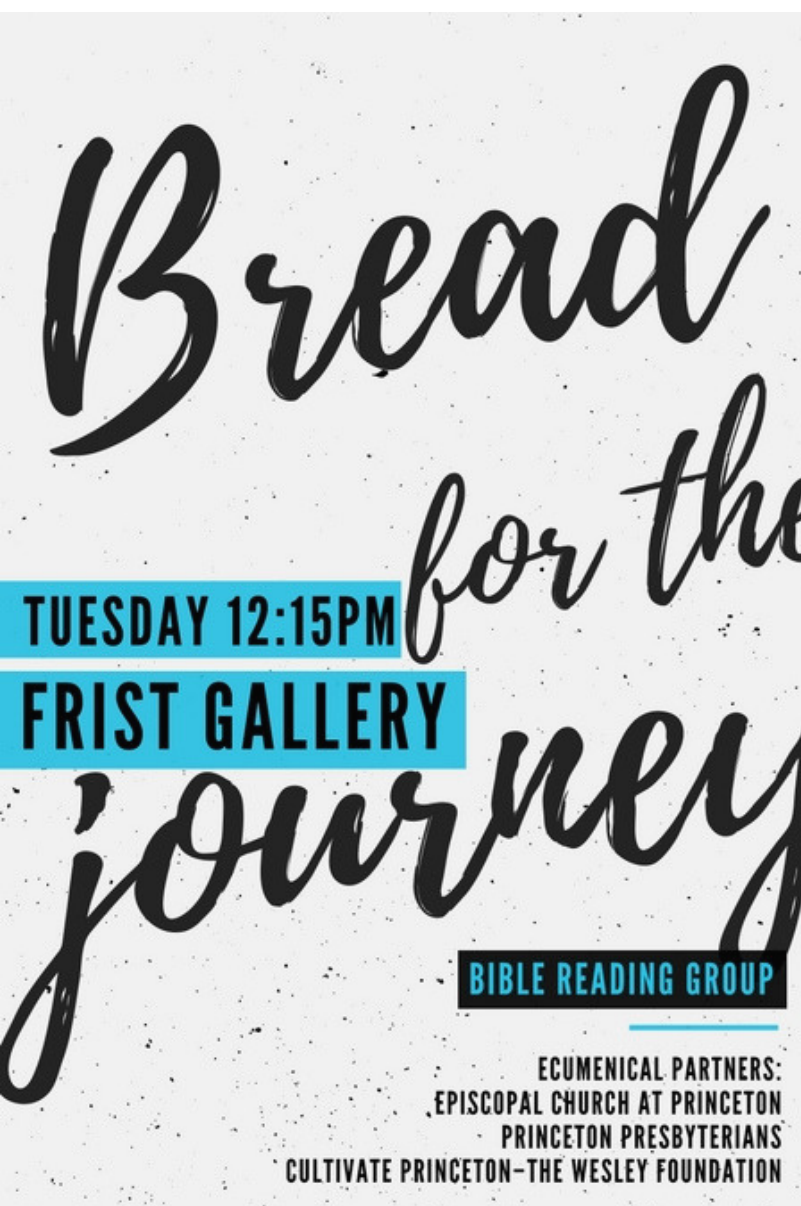
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## BREAKING BREAD, NEW INITIATIVES & NEW PARTNERSHIPS

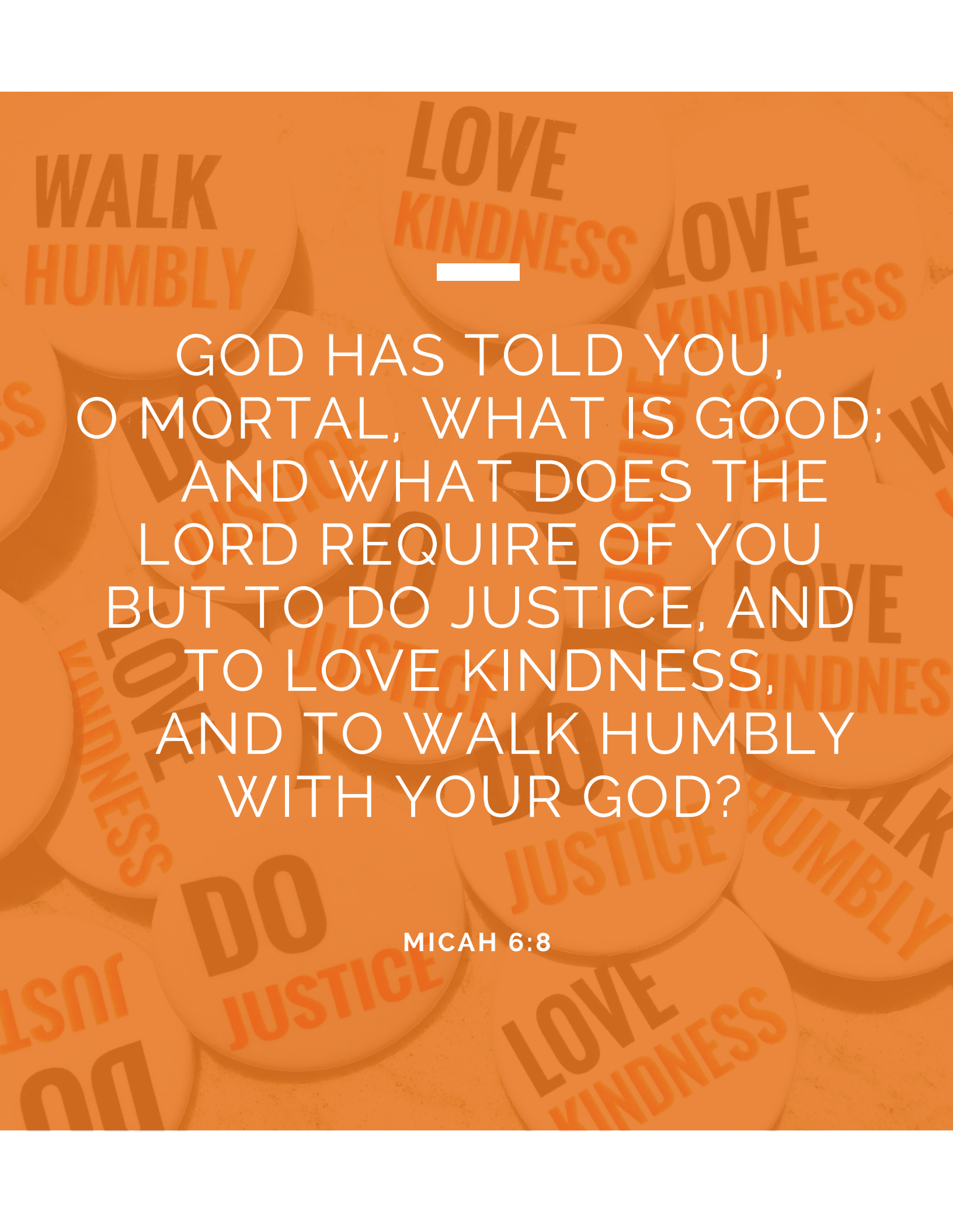


Breaking Bread is in its fourth year! We gather around the Lord's Table weekly in worship with undergraduate and graduate students from Princeton University, Princeton Theological Seminary, Westminster Choir College at Rider University; and members of the larger Princeton community. Whenever you are in the area, you are welcome to join us at 8pm on Sunday evenings in Niles Chapel at Nassau Presbyterian Church.



Some new initiatives this year include a weekly small group and an ecumenical Bible reading group. At small group we gather with undergraduate students to study Scripture, pray, and enjoy a cup of tea and sweet treats in the newly renovated Murray-Dodge on Princeton University's campus.

We are diving into a new partnership this year with the Pre-Med Hospice Volunteer Program. The program organizes cohorts of Pre-Med students from seven colleges and universities in the region to serve as volunteers in hospice facilities. Andrew and Len will meet throughout the year with two cohorts of Princeton University sophomores, juniors, and seniors to reflect on and process their experiences walking with families and loved ones during the sacred season at the end of life.



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GOD HAS TOLD YOU,  
O MORTAL, WHAT IS GOOD;  
AND WHAT DOES THE  
LORD REQUIRE OF YOU  
BUT TO DO JUSTICE, AND  
TO LOVE KINDNESS,  
AND TO WALK HUMBLY  
WITH YOUR GOD?

MICAH 6:8