

Come to the Waters

*San Francisco Theological Seminary Seminars
Exploring our Faith ~ Expanding our Understanding*

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## *Practices of Hope, Beauty, and Compassion for the End of the World*

**Dates:** October 29 - 31

**Location:** Glacier Presbyterian Center (the camp!)

**Professor:** Wendy Farley

**Description:** *As we think about the destructiveness of climate change and the threat of nuclear war, it may be helpful to remember that much of the Bible was written in the aftermath of destruction that ended the world as the people at the time knew it. Except for the authentic letters of Paul, all of the New Testament was written after the world Jesus and his followers knew had been destroyed by war. This is the world to which the good news comes, into which the Divine chose to dwell, toward which our practices of compassion and hope are directed.*

### **Who should attend?**

- **EVERYONE!**
- Pastors & CREs
- Those who may consider a CRE ministry
- Ruling Elders, Session members, Deacons

### **Cost:**

Commuters (includes Sunday Dinner, Lunch on Monday and Tuesday) ..... \$55/person  
 Single Room (all meals included) ..... \$160/person  
 Double Room (all meals included)..... \$97/person

*The Camp is located south of Lakeside on Highway 93 near mile marker 93.*



**Wendy Farley**, is Professor of Christian Spirituality and Director of spiritual direction and spiritual formation programs at SFTS. She spent 28 years at Emory University, where she was professor of religion and ethics and chair of theological studies before coming to SFTS. She has led a number of retreats. She has studied

Christian and Buddhist meditation practices as well as yoga, chant, and using beauty as a contemplative practice. She is interested in ways spiritual practice and theology contribute to resilience and compassion in dark times. She has written extensively in the areas of theology and spirituality, including *The Wounding and Healing of Desire*, *The Thirst of God*, and *Gathering Those Driven Away*.

### **Class Schedule Overview:**

- Session 1: Biblical Endings: Good News for Holy Saturday
- Session 2: Practices of Beauty
- Session 3: Compassion Practice: be the change you want to see
- Session 4: Compassion Practice: a good heart toward the outcast, stranger, and enemy
- Session 5: The Good News for Today: newspapers, Bible, and Prayer

*Oct. 29:*  
 4:00 – 5:30 Check in  
 6:00 Dinner  
 7:00 Session 1

*Oct. 30:*  
 8:00 Breakfast  
 9:00 Session 2  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 Session 3  
 4:00 Session 4  
 6:00 Dinner

*Oct. 31:*  
 8:00 Breakfast  
 9:00 Session 5  
 12:00 Sack lunch

*To Register:*  
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