



Sunday Forum ~ January 2026

***Progressive Presbyterians:
Working for God's Justice***

***Sundays,
9:45 AM
Shaw Rm.***

A Strong Progressive Theology: Seeking a Pastor

Jan. 4

**Presenters: Nancy Brown, John DeHority,
Cori Wolfgang Rainbeaux, & Mary Rees**

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Five years ago DUPC's Transition Team surveyed the congregation, and discovered many fascinating and a few seemingly contradictory convictions. Now we are again in a search for our next pastor. Prominent in the current job description is the phrase, "the pastor is expected to have a strong progressive theological background." This need was and is core to who we are. Come take part in an interactive conversation as we seek unity & a pastor.

Conveying Progressivism Through Music:

Jan. 11

DUPC's Resonant Ministry

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Presenter: Lee Wright, Director of Music Ministry

Are our values expressed when we change hymns to have inclusive language? Can sacred music be political? Should it be? Resistance to slavery in early America and the liberation theology of Latin American Catholics in the 1960s both expressed their desire for progress in music, and we still sing hymns written by Martin Luther as he worked to transform the church. Lee will share his work to create inspiring and progressive worship experiences.

The Social Gospel and More Light:

Jan. 18

130 Years of Progressivism

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Presenters: Ralph Carter and Ry Foye

Rochester's Third Presbyterian Church was forever changed in the late 1800s by Rev. Paul Moore Strayer, who launched one of the first church social service programs in Western New York. Between 1978 and 2011, as the PC(USA) struggled over ordaining LGBTQ elders and pastors, Third became a More Light church. Our guests, Ralph and Ry, will relate their congregation's journey of discernment across generations and issues.

**From Integrating Water Fountains to Marching on
Washington: One Man's Progressive Spirituality**

Jan. 25

Presenter: Windsor Wade

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In 1952 Windsor's parents, Louis and Katie, fled the Jim Crow South. Ten years later, on a trip South to visit family, Windsor drank from a "Whites Only" fountain. Heeding the Dalai Lama's admonition, "It's not enough to be compassionate, you must act," Windsor became a teacher and has continually worked for progressive justice, including service with two Rochester organizations, Metro Justice and the Gandhi Institute. He is also a long-time member of Veterans for Peace, and a member of its national board.

