

Narrative Lectionary Fall Worship “Origin Stories”

date	text	Story	preacher	WL(J)	SL(W)	CT(J)	extras	tech	PP	Second Hour
Sept 10	Genesis 2:4b-25	Garden of Eden	AYS	Jeannette Hughes	Bev Lap				Lora	Hymns old and new
Sep 17	Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7	Isaac Born to Sarah	Lora N?	Ally Mast	Mary L Yoder				AYS	Congregational meeting
Sept 24	Genesis 32:[9-13] 22-30	Jacob Wrestles God	Cyneatha Millsaps	Philipp Gollner	Bill Mateer		Peace lamp 2% Tolson Center- Arden Mentor mentee recognition		Karl	Cyneatha Millsaps (Tolson Center)
October 1	Exodus 1:8-14 [1:15—2:10]; 3:1-15	Moses and God's Name	Jim Stump		Jeanne Liechty		World Communion/ Fellowship Meal		Isaiah	Pastor led communion conversation
October 8	Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9	Hear O Israel	Isaiah Freisen		Mary Gilbert		(parent meeting after church)		Scott	Learnings from A's sabbatical
October 15	Ruth 1:1-17 [4:13-17]	Ruth	TBD		Hannah Lehman		Church Retreat		Lora	No second hour

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Goals: Increase biblical literacy, tell the whole Bible story, less frantic worship planning, hear some new texts, try something new

NEXT SERIES

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10/22/23	2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150	David Anointed King					GCS & BCS fall break 10/23-10/27			Age based groups. podcast? book?
10/29/23	1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29	Kingdom Divided	Outside Preacher				All Saints			
11/5/23	1 Kings 18:[17-19] 20-39	Elijah at Mount Carmel		2%			Surprise Luncheons			

11/12/23	Hosea 11:1-9	Hosea								
11/19/23	Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5	Isaiah's Vineyard Song	Outside preacher?				GCS & BCS Thanksgiving 11/22-11/24			
11/26/23	2 Kings 22:1-10 [11-20]; 23:1-3	Josiah's Reform	Lora Nafziger							

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