

# Patience... I want it NOW



A Spiritual Practices Retreat  
September 9-11, 2022  
At Camp Gilmont

*Patience - the fruit of the spirit that holds our response to a world that is difficult and challenging, a world full of people and happenings that interrupt and annoy us. With open hearts, we will explore the nature of this gift from our God who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

Rev. Clay Brantley – speaker    John Mark Solomon – worship    Rev. Lil Smith - workshops

*Join us to explore the  
richness of patience  
as a practice,  
as a gift,  
as a prayer*



## Welcome to Spiritual Practices

Join us in September as we explore the practice of Patience. This retreat is centered around going deeper in our faith, practicing those things that cause us to lean into and grow in that space. There is time for rest, reflection, and flexibility in the schedule for you to respond to the call of the Holy Spirit. Our Retreat Guides and the planning team welcome you to come on this journey with us at Camp Gilmont, in the beautiful East Texas piney woods. Here's a bit more about our presenters:

- **Clay Brantley** has studied God in books and earned several advanced degrees from Austin Presbyterian Seminary and SMU. He loves connecting with God in nature and opening the hearts and minds of others to the same. He is a dynamic speaker received with enthusiasm by Synod Youth Workshop and SHYC as well as the national Presbyterian Church Camps and Conference Association. His heart for mission has taken him from Mississippi to Guatemala where he developed a deep understanding of "the Other." His soul has gone listening for God from Ghost Ranch and Iona, Scotland to the Holy Land and the Norman Pettus Bridge. Clay is a director at the Retreat House Spirituality Center, in Richardson, Texas. He and Crysta have been married 35 years and have two grown kids: Drew (28) and Michaela (25).
- **John Mark Solomon** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and provides psychotherapy services for Veterans at the VA in Plano. He is a Texas native, with a BA in Philosophy and Religion from Austin College in Sherman, and a MSW from University of Oklahoma in Norman. John Mark has been involved with youth ministry and music in local churches and conferences for over 30 years. He is a 5th generation Presbyterian PK. John Mark is married to Lynette, a Presbyterian Minister. They have two adult children Luke and Kay.
- **Lil Smith's** passion is noticing and naming Presence in daily life. She had a call-within-a-call during her seminary experience to the art of spiritual direction: taking a long, loving, look at what is real in life, seeking freedom from obstacles, savoring, and celebrating with Holy Presence to discover a deeper meaning in life. She is a cofounder and director of Retreat House Spirituality Center in Richardson, a Teaching Elder in the PCUSA, an adjunct faculty member at Perkins School of Theology teaching spiritual direction, and a trained supervisor through Together in the Mystery. The project Lil completed for her DMIN work at Perkins was "Reclaiming the Role of Pastor as Spiritual Guide in the Reformed Tradition." Lil and Greg have been married for 32 years and have three grown children: Will (27), Ali (25), and Dean (22). She loves spending time in nature, cooking, gardening, and walks with her family and furmily.

For more information and online registration, go to:

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*Price includes 2 overnight stays in the lodge or cabin. Linens are provided in the lodge. Meals include Dinner Friday; Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday; Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday.*

- Lodge Single Occupancy Room: \$250
- Lodge Double Occupancy Room: \$200 (choose your own roommate).
- Cabin: \$175