

Lay School of Theology
Presbyterian College
April 15 – 17, 2016
Sponsored by the Five Presbyteries of South Carolina

FOR WHOM: Lay persons who wish to

1. Participate in an in-depth study of the Bible, Theology, or Church History.
2. Be trained as a Commissioned Teaching Elder.
3. Better prepare themselves to teach the Bible or Church School.
4. Serve as Directors of Christian Education.
5. Be certified by the Association of Presbyterian Administrators.

PLEASE NOTE: These courses are not for ministers, candidates for the ministry, or those considering changing denominations to the PC (U.S.A.).

SCHEDULE

** CS-Comfort Suites PCC-Presbyterian College Cafeteria HPC-Harrington-Peachtree Center

<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
4:00-?-Check-in @CS**	6:00-8:00-Breakfast @CS	6:00-8:00-Breakfast @CS
4:00-6:00-Check-in with Registrar (PCC)	8:30-8:45-Morning Worship (HPC)	8:30-8:45-Morning Worship (HPC)
5:00-6:00-Dinner at PCC	9:00-12:00-2 nd Class Session	9:00-10:00-5 th Class Session
6:15-7:00-Plenary/Orientation (HPC)	12:00-1:00-Lunch (PCC)	10:15-10:30-Presentation of Certificates/Diplomas/Announcements (HPC)
Check-in with Registrar (HPC)	1:00-1:30-Free Time	
7:15-8:45-1 st Class Session	1:30-4:30-3 rd Class Session	10:30-11:15-Closing Worship
9:00-9:15-Evening Worship	5:00-6:00-Dinner (PCC)	11:15-Noon-Check out @ HI
	6:15-7:45-4 th Class Session	
	8:00-8:15-Evening Worship	

*Ten-minute break on the COURSES OFFERED

ROOM AND BOARD

The cost will be \$120 per person double occupancy or \$200 per person single occupancy at the Comfort Suites located right off Exit 52 of I-26, Clinton. This will include two nights lodging and five meals, breakfast at the Comfort Suites and lunch and dinner at the Presbyterian College Cafeteria. The cost for those commuting will be \$75, which includes three meals at PC and registration fee.

COURSES OFFERED

A. Worship and Sacraments (Core Course)

Participants will look at the theology of worship and sacraments from a reformed perspective; and then examine the basics of worship and liturgy with emphasis on practical methods and available resources.

Class Limit: 20

LEADER: *Walter Taylor* is the Pastor of Oak Island Presbyterian Church, Oak Island, North Carolina.

B. Old Testament Survey (Core Course)

This course will provide an overview of the literature and history of the Old Testament and a survey of the theological themes woven through the history of the people of God. Class Limit: 20

LEADER: *Malcolm Doubles*, is currently Visiting Professor of Religious Studies at St. Andrews University, Laurinburg, NC. He was formerly Professor of Religion at Coker College for many years. Education: Davidson College, Union Theological Seminary, St. Andrews University of Scotland.

C. Presbyterian Polity (Core Course)

The purpose of this course is to provide an understanding of the nature and purpose of Presbyterian polity, to also provide an overview of *The Book or Order* to include how our structure of church government works, and to acquaint the student with the fundamentals of Parliamentary Procedure.

Class Limit: 20

LEADER: *Rev. Dr. Franklin D. Colclough* is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, and McCormick Theological Seminary where he earned a D. Min. degree with a concentration in Stewardship Education. He recently retired from New Harmony Presbytery where he served in various staff positions including Head of Staff and Stated Clerk. He currently serves as moderator of session and preacher for three small churches.

D. Church History (Core Course)

This is a survey of the history of the Christian Church, from the early church and ecumenical councils through the Reformation and into the modern era.

Class Limit: 20

LEADER: *Rev. Dr. Michael Bush* is currently interim pastor at First PC, Athens, AL. He has served as Director of the Office of Presbyterian Ministries at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and taught Worship/Preaching at Erskine Theological Seminary. His academic field of research is history and doctrine, focusing on Reformed Theology in the 18th – 18th centuries. He has pastored churches in Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina.

E. **The Book of Revelation** (Elective Course)

This course explores the literary, historical, and theological dimensions of the Book of Revelation.

LEADER: **Dr. Robert Bryant** is the Kristen Herrington Professor of Bible, Chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, and a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He is the author of *The Risen Crucified Christ in Galatians*, *The Gospel of Matthew: God With Us*, *First Corinthians: One in Christ*, and of numerous articles. He has been a visiting scholar for Duke University, has taught at Union Presbyterian Seminary, and twice has been named a German Academic Exchange Fellow to teach and lecture in Germany. Dr. Bryant has also served churches as pastor and supply pastor in the Synods of the South Atlantic (South Carolina and Georgia) and Mid-Atlantic (North Carolina and Virginia). He and his family live in Clinton, SC.

F. **Ministry to Older Adults** (Elective Course)

"Will you still need? Will you still feed me? When I'm 64?" This question, posed by the Beatles is a question for the Church today as we face an aging congregation. The average age of our membership is 63. For every worshiper between the ages of 15 and 25, there are more than six worshipers over the age of 65. Guiding congregations in how to develop a vibrant and purposeful culture to "feed" our aging congregants and continue to show them how we "need" their experience and wisdom is vital. What can the local congregation do to impact the health and well-being of the homebound while offering opportunities for intergenerational experiences? Join in the conversation as we look for answers as well as new opportunities to minister to our older adults.

LEADER: **Jan Day** is a Christian Educator who served congregations in Charleston Atlantic and Greater Atlantic Presbyteries. She also served for three years as the Program director for Cherokee Retreat Center (Cherokee Presbytery) and has completed her Certificate in Spiritual Formation from Columbia Theological Seminary. Currently she serves as the Unit Director for the Boys & Girls Club in Ellijay, GA, volunteers in her local congregation and a faith-based outreach ministry, and is a facilitator for STEWARDS OF CHILDREN.

G. **Towards Building Healthy Congregations** (Elective Course)

The purpose of this course is to engage participants in approaches to understanding congregations in today's world, and to provide tools for ministry that emphasize developing health in a congregation's life and ministry.

LEADER: **Bruce Ford** is the Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk of New Harmony Presbytery, and a certified trainer for Healthy Congregations. Education: University of Virginia, Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Lay School of Theology



South Carolina Presbyteries
Spring Session
April 17 - 19, 2015
Presbyterian College
Clinton, South Carolina

Books for 2016 Spring Session Lay School of Theology

Worship & Sacraments:

Required Texts:

Old, Hughes Oliphant. *Leading in Prayer*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. 1995.

Old, Hughes Oliphant. *Worship Reformed According to Scripture*, Revised and Expanded Edition. Louisville: WJK. 2002.

One of the following two texts **is required** (you may choose), **though both are recommended**:

Book of Common Worship. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press. 1993.

Book of Common Worship. Philadelphia: Office of the General Assembly. 1946.

This book is recommended:

Thompson, Bard. *Liturgies of the Western Church*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press. 1960.

It is important to have the two books by Old read before Lay School, as they will be the basis for our discussions. The other texts will be used as reference material in class.

Old Testament Survey:

A **USED** copy of: Bernard W. Anderson, *Understanding the Old Testament*, **5th edition**; Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson /Prentiss Hall, 2007. **Make sure you get a USED copy from Amazon.com, as a new copy is very expensive.**

Presbyterian Polity:

Required Text:

The 2015-2017 Book of Order, Part II of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Church History:

Walker, Norris, Lotz & Handy, *A History of the Christian Church*. 4th Edition. New York: Schribner, 1985. ISBN: 0684184176.

The Book of Revelation:

Required:

Walther, James A. *The Book of Revelation: Visions for the Church in Crisis* (Kerygma) <http://kerygma.com/collections/nt/products/revelation>

Recommended:

Koester, Craig *Revelation and the End of All Things* (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2001)

Ministry to Older Adults:

Hanson, Amy *Baby Boomers and Beyond*

Suggested Website: www.poamn.org

Towards Building Healthy Congregations:

Richardson, Ronald W. *Creating a Healthier Church*
Boers, Arthur Paul *Never Call Them Jerks*
Steinke, Peter L. *How Your Church Family Works*

Registration deadline: MARCH 23, 2016 – Full payment due with registration

THE FIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) PRESBYTERIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA
LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY REGISTRATION FORM
PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, CLINTON, SC
April 15 – 17, 2016

Name (please print or type) _____ Telephone _____
Address _____ E-mail address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Church _____ Presbytery _____

A. ENROLLMENT AND TRACK OF STUDY

- ____ **Lay Pastor Track** (LP Track) - 8 core courses required for diploma
Has the Committee on Ministry of your presbytery approved you for this track? ____ Yes ____ No ____ Pending
(LP Track participants-You are required to pay an additional \$20 academic fee for each core course)
If you are a first-time student, check ____ If you are eligible to receive a **diploma**, check. ____
- ____ **Lay Enrichment Track** (LE Track) - 7 core courses required for certificate
If you are a first-time student, check ____ If you are eligible to receive a **certificate**, check. ____
- ____ **Continuing Education** (for graduates of LP and LE tracks – 1 course required per year)

B. COURSES OFFERED (Indicate first and second choices)

- ____ Church History (Core Course) – Michael Bush
____ Old Testament Survey (Core Course) – Malcolm Doubles
____ Worship & Sacraments (Core Course) – Walter Taylor
____ Presbyterian Polity (Core Course) – Frank Colclough
____ The Book of Revelation (Elective Course) – Bob Bryant
____ Ministry to Older Adults (Elective Course) – Jan Day
____ Practical Theology: Healthy Congregations (Elective Course) – Bruce Ford

C. REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS (cost includes registration fee, room, and meals)
Lodging at the Comfort Suites located right off Exit 52, off I-26, Clinton.

- ____ REGISTRATION AND SINGLE ROOM: **\$200** per person (+ **\$20 fee** for LP participant)
(2 nights, 2 breakfasts at CS; 3 meals at PC)
Preference: ____ 2 queen beds ____ 1 King
- ____ REGISTRATION AND DOUBLE ROOM: **\$120 per person** (+ **\$20 fee** for LP participant)
(2 nights, 2 breakfasts at CS; 3 meals at PC)
Roommate: _____
(No roommate will be assigned. If you do not have a roommate, register for a single room.)
Preference: ____ 2 queen beds ____ 1 King
- ____ Handicapped-accessible room
- ____ REGISTRATION AND MEALS ONLY (commuter): **\$75 per person** (+ **\$20 fee** for LP participant)
(3 meals at PC)

D. DEADLINE/CANCELLATION INFORMATION

Deadline for registering is **Wednesday, MARCH 23**. Full refund for cancellation prior to that date.
Confirmation will be e-mailed or mailed by March 31. To make inquiries or to cancel, e-mail Janis
Blocker, registrar, at dajaview @lowcountry.com or call 843-835-2173.

FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THE REGISTRATION. THE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PRE-PAYMENT.

Send registration form with check made payable to
Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
Attn: Barbara Burger
2421 Ashley River Road
Charleston, SC 29414-4601

Remember to bring snacks (salties, sweets, sodas, water, etc.) for the break room.

SOUTH CAROLINA LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY The Two-Track Approach

The S.C. Lay School of Theology offers a two-track approach to receiving either a certificate or a diploma. Ordained or non-ordained students may enroll in the Lay Enrichment (LE) Track. The Lay Pastor Track (LP) is provided for **ruling elders** who want to become Lay Pastor candidates. They must receive endorsement from their Session and from the Committee on Ministry of Presbytery. Once the endorsement is complete, a copy of the form will be sent to the registrar of the school.

LE Track students and LP Track students will enroll in and attend the same classes. Students in the LP Track will be assigned extra reading and will complete an examination or paper to be graded by the Lay School faculty who teach the course. Faculty who teach LP track students will receive extra compensation for the extra responsibilities. This additional cost will be covered by a \$20 academic fee paid by the student for each course taken. A student in the Lay Pastor Track (LP) will have a deadline for submitting work to be graded. If the student does not submit the work by the deadline date, then the professor will report “no work submitted” for the record, and the student will have to re-take the course. **February 15** is the deadline for receipt of work for the fall session; **July 1** is the deadline for receipt of work for the spring session.

Certificate or Diploma graduates of the school will be able to continue taking courses through Continuing Education (CE) coursework. Students who receive a diploma in the Lay Pastor Track will be required to take one refresher course per year in Continuing Education (CE) in order to keep the diploma validated.

Core Courses for the Lay Enrichment Track:

1. Worship and Sacraments (Spring)
2. Old Testament Survey (Spring)
3. New Testament Survey (Fall)
4. Reformed Theology (Fall)
5. Polity (Spring)
6. Church History (Spring)
7. Pastoral Care (Fall)

Core Courses for the Lay Pastor Track:

1. Old Testament Survey (Spring)
2. New Testament Survey (Fall)
3. Reformed Theology (Fall)
4. Polity (Spring)
5. Church History (Spring)
6. Pastoral Care (Fall)
7. Worship and Sacraments (Spring)
8. Preaching (Fall)

In each presbytery, the Committee on Ministry has supervision over Commissioned Ruling Elders. In order to enter the LP track at the Lay School, a student must be a ruling elder, who is endorsed for the LP Track by the Session of the student's church and by the Committee on Ministry of the presbytery. A student may enroll in the LP Track pending endorsement; however, all endorsements must be received by the registrar prior to the next session of Lay School in order for the student to continue in the LP Track. If courses have been taken prior to 2002 (when the two-track system was adopted) in the Lay School, it is up to the Committee to determine whether or not those courses count toward commissioning as a lay pastor.

If a student is enrolled in the Lay School and completes the required core course work (seven courses), then a Lay School of Theology *certificate* in the Lay Enrichment Track will be awarded. If a ruling elder completes the course work (eight courses) with satisfactory grades, then the ruling elder will receive the Lay School of Theology *diploma* in the Lay Pastor Track. Receiving a diploma in the Lay Pastor Track only certifies the ruling elder's **eligibility** for commissioning if a presbytery issues a call. If called, the ruling elder must be examined and approved by presbytery in order to be commissioned for a specific call.



REQUEST FOR ADMISSION TO LAY PASTOR TRACK
SOUTH CAROLINA LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

NAME of Candidate _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Fax _____

_____ E-mail _____

Church _____ Presbytery _____

Service to church, presbytery



ENDORSEMENT of SESSION

NAME of Candidate _____

Church _____ Date of endorsement _____

Signature of Pastor

Signature of Clerk of Session



ENDORSEMENT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

NAME of Candidate _____

Church _____ Presbytery _____

Date of endorsement _____

Signature of COM Moderator

Signature of Executive Presbyter

Upon completion, send a copy to:

Janis K. Blocker, Registrar
Lay School of Theology
20238 Augusta Highway
Round O, SC 29474
Ph: 843-835-2173; Fax: 843-835-2173
E-mail: dajaview@lowcountry.com

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

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West Plaza

W 1	Patrick Center
W 2	Smith Administration Building
W 3	Pharmacy School Offices
W 4	President's House
W 5	Belk Auditorium
W 6	Edmunds Hall
W 7	Bailey Hall
W 8	Callaway Tennis Courts
W 9	Douglas House
W 10	Bookstore Gazebo
W 11	Harrington-Peachtree Center
W 12	Jacobs Hall
W 13	Russell Publications House
W 14	Counseling and Wellness Center
W 15	Moorefield House

G. Edward Campbell Plaza

C 1	Georgia Hall
C 2	Neville Hall
C 3	Smyth Hall
C 4	Godfrey House
C 5	Laurens Hall
C 6	James H. Thomason Library and Russell-Arnold Archives
C 7	Richardson Science Hall
C 8	Lassiter Hall
C 9	Springs Campus Center
C 10	Doyle Hall

East Plaza

E 1	Public Safety
E 2	Harper Center for the Arts
E 3	Reynolds Health Center
E 4	Greenville Dining Hall
E 5	Clinton Hall
E 6	Mary Irwin Belk Hall
E 7	Grotnes Hall
E 8	M&L Brown Commons
E 9	Carol International House
E 10	Barron Hall
E 11	Senior Hall
E 12	CHAMPS House

Blue Hose Athletics Plaza

A 1	Martin Stadium
A 2	Mabry-Smith-Yonce Center
A 3	Templeton Physical Education Center
A 4	Johnson-Callaway Center
A 5	Kemper Lake Sports Medicine Complex
A 6	Templeton Tennis Complex
A 7	Young Intramural Park & PC Softball Field
A 8	Senior Townhouses
A 9	Charlotte Hawkins Brown Center
A 10	Fraternity Court
A 11	PC Baseball Complex
A 12	Maintenance Complex
A 13	Bailey Stadium
A 14	Organic Garden

HOW DO I GET TO PC?

Presbyterian College is located in Clinton, South Carolina, three miles from Exit 52 on I-26. Clinton is located between the cities of Spartanburg and Columbia, SC.

From Atlanta, GA, take I-85 North to Greenville, SC. See directions below from Greenville.

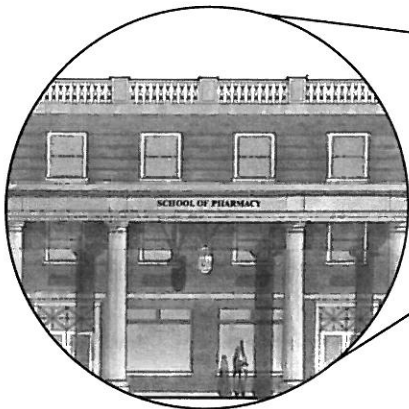
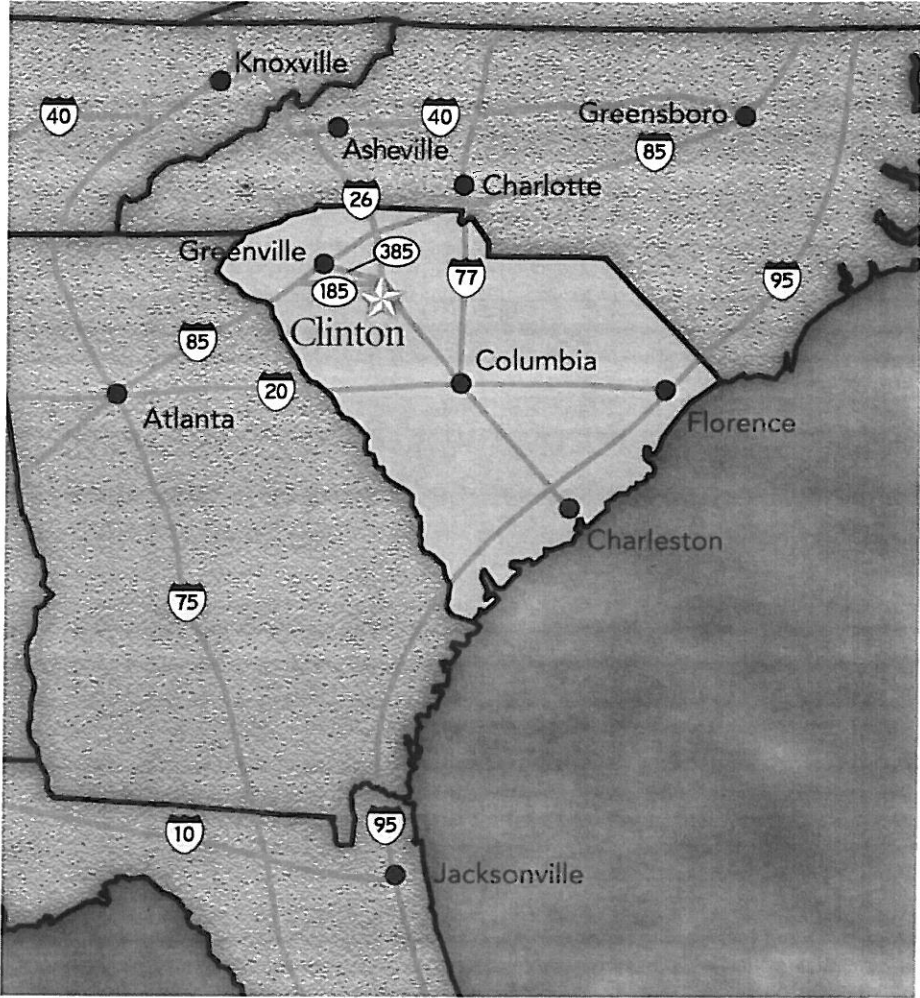
From Greenville, SC, take I-385 South (toward Columbia) to the intersection of of I-385 and I-26. Stay in the right lane which will become Exit 52. Turn right at the exit onto Hwy. 56 and travel approximately two miles to an intersection. Veer right to follow Hwy. 56/72, which becomes Broad Street. Go through downtown Clinton and cross Hwy. 76 at the traffic light (McDonald's will be across the street on the left). On the left, approximately one mile from the intersection, is East Calhoun Street and the Patrick Center of Presbyterian College (where the admissions office is located). Turn left on East Calhoun Street and take an immediate right into the Patrick Center parking lot.

From Asheville, NC, take I-26 East to Spartanburg, SC. See directions below from Spartanburg.

From Spartanburg, SC, take I-26 East (toward Columbia) to Exit 52. Turn right at the exit onto Hwy. 56 and travel approximately two miles to an intersection. Veer right to follow Hwy. 56/72, which becomes Broad Street. Go through downtown Clinton and cross Hwy. 76 at the traffic light (McDonald's will be across the street on the left). On the left, approximately one mile from the intersection, is East Calhoun Street and the Patrick Center of Presbyterian College (where the admissions office is located). Turn left on East Calhoun Street and take an immediate right into the Patrick Center parking lot.

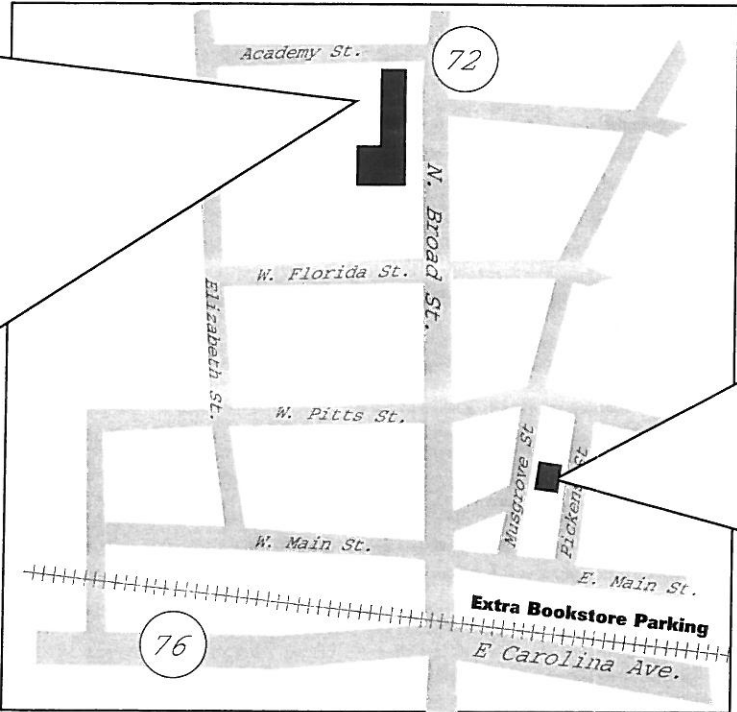
From Charlotte, NC, take I-77 South to Exit 65. Turn right onto Hwy. 9 (toward Chester). Turn left onto Hwy. 72 in Chester and follow it to Clinton. Go through downtown Clinton and cross Hwy. 76 at the traffic light (McDonald's will be across the street on the left). On the left, approximately one mile from the intersection, is East Calhoun Street and the Patrick Center of Presbyterian College (where the admissions office is located). Turn left on East Calhoun Street and take an immediate right into the Patrick Center parking lot.

From Columbia, SC, take I-26 West (toward Spartanburg) to Exit 52. Turn left onto Hwy. 72 (toward Clinton). Go through downtown Clinton and cross Hwy. 76 at the traffic light (McDonald's will be across the street on the left). On the left, approximately one mile from the intersection, is East Calhoun Street and the Patrick Center of Presbyterian College (where the admissions office is located). Turn left on East Calhoun Street and take an immediate right into the Patrick Center parking lot.

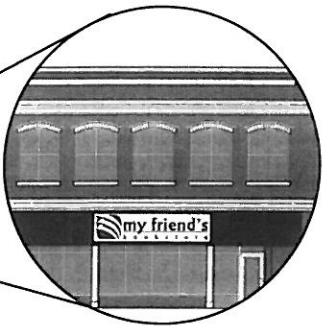


Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy

Located Downtown Clinton on N. Broad Street



Presbyterian College Bookstore



Located Downtown Clinton on Musgrove Street with parking in front and on E. Main Street.



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