



# KAIROS

The Voice of Austin  
Presbyterian Theological  
Seminary Students and  
Community



## Walk In The Light

Our Theme for this issue is *Walk in the Light*. This will be a recurring theme. What does it mean to walk in the light? So many things, but this Spring, we say so long to our graduating seniors, wishing them well, as they embark on their callings and go into this world...*walking in the light* & being the spark of hope, love and justice for humanity.

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RH: How does it feel to be graduating?

FV: Honestly, I didn't think it would get here this fast. I'm just taking everything in as closure starts to happen...classes ending, senior sermon, community dinner, last student meetings & I am beginning to turn in my last finals.

RH: What will you miss most about APTS?

FV: Community, beautiful natural creation all around, creek, bridge & wild life.

RH: What are your plans after graduation?

FV: Two year hospital residency in San Antonio, Pulpit Supply & possibly coming back to the Austin area to do a 2-year church residency.

RH: How would you like to be remembered at APTS?

FV: As a person who is always there to listen & be a friend.

**CONGRATS TO YOU FRANK!!  
FOR A JOB WELL DONE &  
BEST WISHES FOR YOUR FUTURE :)**



# **Interview with Graduating Senior**



## **Ms. Megan Koeneman**

**RH: How does it feel to be graduating?**

**MK: Excited, a relief, but definitely surreal.**

**RH: What will you miss most about APTS?**

**MK: 1. Living in a small community 2. The beautiful campus 3. Having access to such smart, interesting people. It's so cool to be in conversation with so many different, smart people, faculty and students.**

**RH: What are your plans after graduation? I hope to get a job in the field of Social Work & getting my clinical license. I am a PC-USA inquirer, so I will be discerning my call to ministry & what that might look like. I will be sleeping more & picking up a new hobby.**

**CONGRATS TO YOU MEGAN  
FOR A JOB WELL DONE! &  
Best Wishes for your future :)**



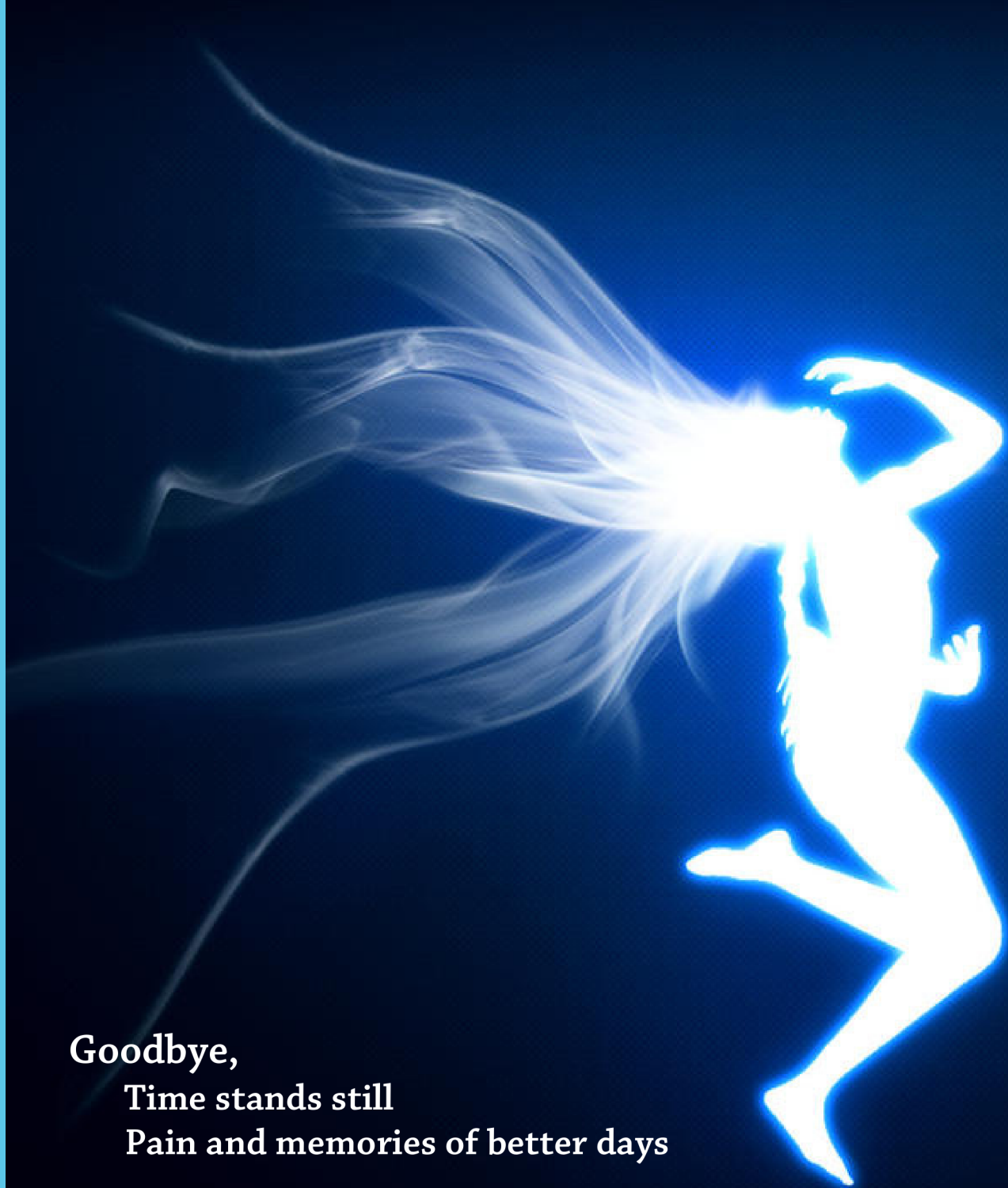




O God  
through the image of a woman  
crucified on the cross  
I understand at last.

and how we spend our dash.





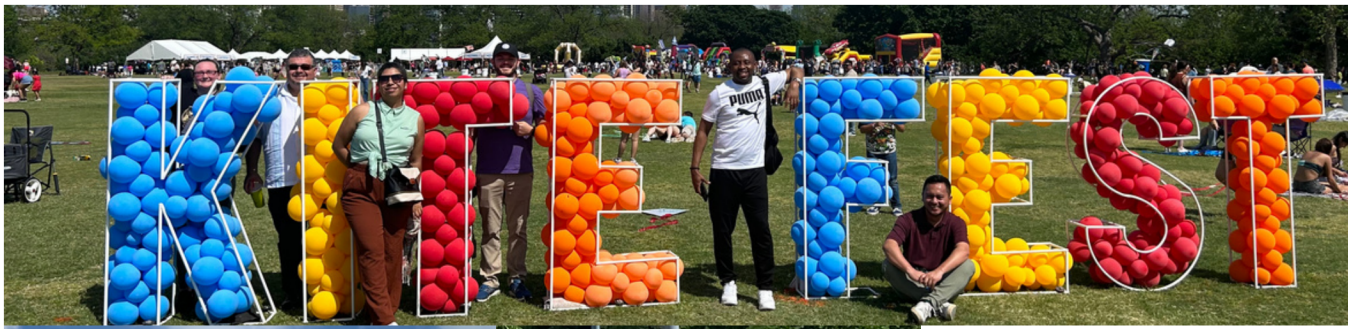
Goodbye,  
Time stands still  
Pain and memories of better days

Goodbye,  
I've said it more than once  
Today,  
Forever

Things are no longer  
frozen  
healing.....  
I dance at home now

Submitted by Janet Brehm Taylor, Junior





Photos submitted by Frank Vasquez, Senior



Happenings Around APTS....Queer Prom, photos submitted by Christopher Daomar, Senior





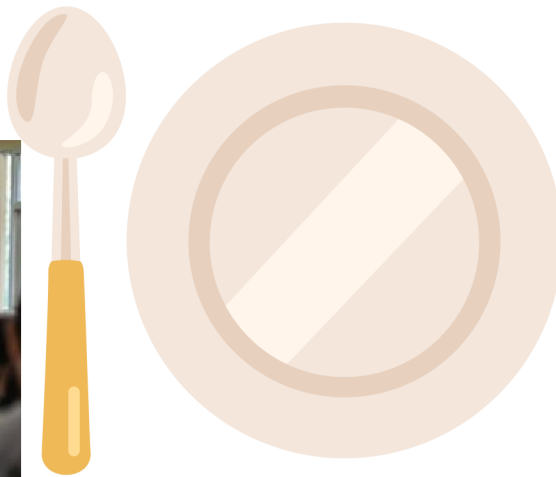
**SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024**  
**Photos submitted by Ryan Obray,**  
**Junior**



**Happenings Around APTS....We had messy church, Y'all - photos submitted by Frank Vasquez, Senior**







## APTS Last Community Dinner & Open Mic for Spring 2024



Photos Submitted by  
Frank Vasquez, Senior &  
Fellowship Senator





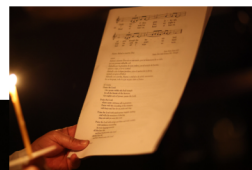
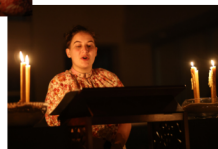


## Taize Prayer Service, Spring 2024





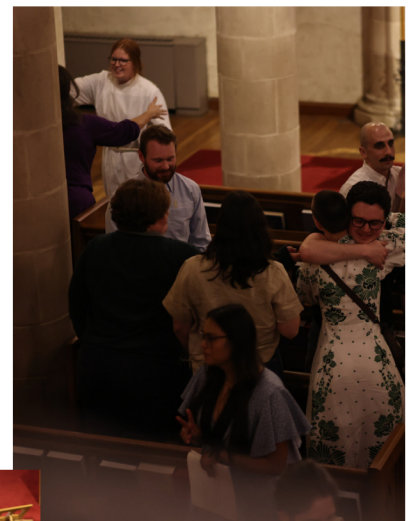
Triduum: The Three Days Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday/ The Great Vigil of Easter





# TRIDUUM: THE THREE DAYS

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Great Vigil of Easter  
March 28,29,20, 2024

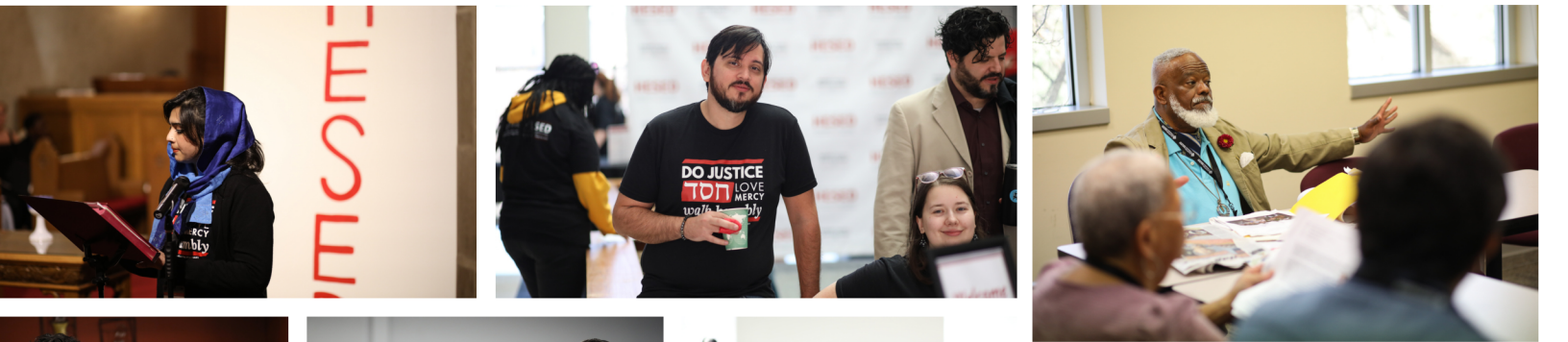




...love, mercy, peace, justice, food, learning & God!









# Juniors survived New Testament class with Professor, Dr. Rodney Caruthers II





# **Congratulations to our 2024 International Graduates!**

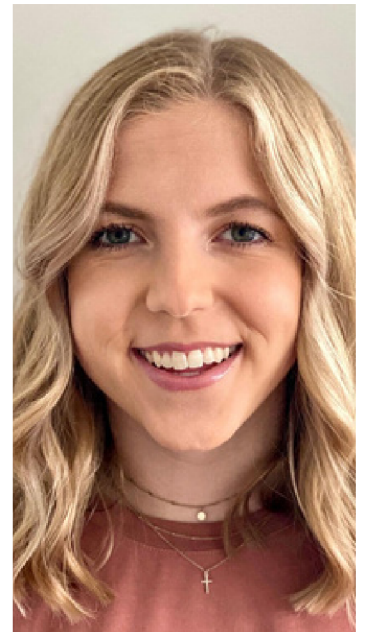
**Enala Chavula**  
**Malawi, Africa**



**Christopher Daomar**  
**Cagayan de Oro City, Phillipines**



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**Best Wishes  
to You All!**



**Professors Moving On...You will be missed, we wish you well!!**

**Don't forget you're always a part of the APTS family :)**



**Dr. Asante Todd**

**Associate Professor of Christian Ethics**



**Rev. Bobbi Kaye Jones**

**Professor in the Louis H. and Katherine S. Zbinden  
Distinguished Chair of Pastoral Ministry and  
Leadership**



**Rev. Dr. Timothy Lincoln**

**Assistant Dean for Institutional  
Effectiveness, Director of the Library,  
Research Professor in Theological Education**



# Excellence in Theological Education Award



**Our very own Professor, Dr. Cynthia L. Rigby  
Congratulations!**

Professor Cynthia Rigby joined the faculty of APTS in 1995. She is known for making the “so what?” of Christian doctrine clear and accessible to all. In 1998, Dr. Rigby received her PhD in systematic theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. An ordained minister in the PC(USA), Professor Rigby served on the board of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation from 2014 to 2022 and served as an author of the Sarasota Statement for NEXT Church 2017. In 2010, Dr. Rigby became the first faculty member elected to Austin Seminary’s Board of Trustees.

**Congratulations on  
Your Anniversary!  
Austin Seminary  
President  
Rev. Dr. Jose R. Irizarry**







### **Gratitude & The Light**

I find that the more grateful we are, the more light & joy that comes into our lives. Sure, there are tough times too & really hard ones. Ponder John 8:12 “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”(NRSV) May we all have a summer filled with light. -Rochelle



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**Kairos is a publication for all members of the APTS community to share their visual art, photographs, poems, opinion pieces, and creative writing with each other.**

**Submissions for Kairos are accepted ongoing throughout Fall & Spring semester only. Themes will be posted periodically. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss ideas.**

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