

The Word Made Alive! A Weekend of Sacred Storytelling

APRIL 24, 25, 26, Wilmington, NC

Three Wilmington congregations are joining together to host an extraordinary weekend of sacred storytelling with international performers Davide Bardi and Paola Balbi. Through dramatic retellings, conversation, and reflection, we'll explore how story shapes faith and community.

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SCHEDULE

April 24th, Friday, 7 p.m. "A Tale from the Time of Martyrs: To The Catacombs, The Praetorian of Christ"

Saint Andrews Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1416 Market St.

A gripping, historically grounded retelling of the life of Saint Sebastian, Roman soldier turned Christian martyr. Two performers embody multiple characters, bringing imperial Rome's danger, corruption, and spiritual upheaval to life. Commissioned for the 2025 Jubilee, the piece blends research, drama, and immersive storytelling. Q and A session after the performance

April 25th, Saturday, 5 p.m. "Stories and Conversations of the Faith"

Cape Fear Presbyterian Church, 2606 Newkirk Ave

An interactive session featuring the Passion and Resurrection through the eyes of Peter and Mary Magdalene, plus short Christian folktales. The performers weave stories with open conversation about method, early Christian storytelling, and modern faith communities. Relaxed, participatory, and especially engaging for youth and teens. Refreshments provided.

April 26th, Sunday, 5 p.m. "David and Bathsheba"

Bethany Presbyterian Church, 2237 Castle Hayne Road

A passionate, visceral retelling of the biblical story of desire, betrayal, loss, and redemption. Drawing on medieval Italian "Sacra Rappresentazione," the performance blends research with improvised, embodied storytelling. The audience is drawn into the intimate, turbulent world of David and Bathsheba as if witnessing events firsthand. Q and A session after the performance.

A freewill offering will be received at each event to help bring these world-class performances to Wilmington.

