

CHRISTMAS GREENS, FLOWERS and SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC DEDICATIONS

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FORUM HOUR: Sunday, December 22nd 9:15 a.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall

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The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

Christian theology has lacked a tradition resembling Jewish midrash ("inquiring" or "expounding") to explore beyond the literal texts of Scripture.

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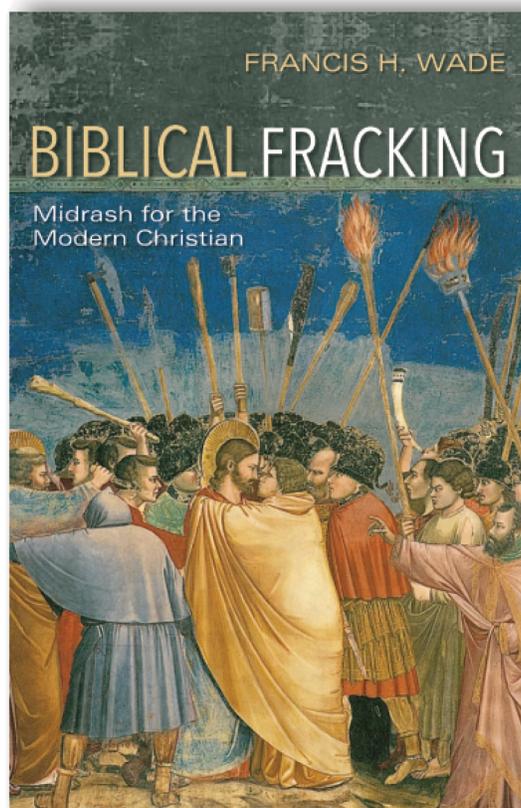
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—JAMES P WIND, retired president of the Alban Institute, and author of *Places of Worship*



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