

2021 Festival of Homiletics

Tips for Attendees – Denver, CO

Welcome to the 29th Annual Festival of Homiletics. We are excited to be headed back west, bringing the festival to Denver, Colorado again!

- Denver is a beautiful city, but located at a high altitude. It is called the mile high city for a reason and as such, the air is thinner and dryer. Before your trip and while you are in Denver be sure to drink plenty of water. Staying hydrated is the number one way to adjust to higher altitudes and avoid altitude sickness.
- Pack for the sun—over 300 days of sunshine and 25% less protection from the sun means sunscreen is a must. It also helps to dress in layers. Because Denver is close to the sun, it can feel much warmer than the actual temperature during the daytime, but then become very chilly after sundown, particularly in the spring and fall.
- Finally, watch your physical activity. The effects of exercise are more intense here. If you normally run 5 miles a day at home, you might try 3 miles in Denver.
- Use the [Festival of Homiletics website](#)—it is loaded with all sorts of helpful information. It has tips on things to do in Denver, restaurants and helpful maps of the area.
- Wear comfortable shoes – the venues are located close to one another, but you will do a fair amount of walking during the week.
- A morning break is served buffet style at each location. There will be plenty of food and beverages for all, however, there can be a bit of a rush as people leave the sanctuary.
- Lunch is on your own unless you preordered your lunches. Boxed lunches will be available each day at Trinity United Methodist Church in their Fellowship Hall at noon. Otherwise check out the 16th Street Mall—it is lined with restaurants at all price points and a free bus service shuttles people up and down the mall all day and night.
- Plan ahead! Use the schedules provided online and in your program to plan out your week. There is a lot going on and it will help you avoid missing your favorite speaker. Use the At-a-Glance schedules on-site and in the program to orient yourself!
- Make new friends! It may seem like everyone knows someone else, however 50% of the group is new to the conference each year. It could be the start to a beautiful friendship.
- Take a break – the week can be overwhelming. Don't feel like you need to do everything. Relax, take an evening off—[Festival recordings](#) are available for most of the lectures and sermons.
- Questions? Get them answered at the information desk located at Central Presbyterian Tuesday thru Friday. It will be staffed from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day, Friday until 11 a.m.
- No food is allowed in the sanctuaries, however you are able to bring water in.
- Relax, take it in and enjoy – that is why you came after all!