



**Adult Christian Education
Sunday Classes
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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All classes are from 9:30–10:45 a.m.

September 6–November 22

**Slow Church: Cultivating Community in
the Patient Way of Jesus**

This class will provide a way of looking at our church life with an emphasis on the slow process of cultivating community by deepening our understanding of God's call and our commitment and ties to one another. This is an opportunity for us to examine our shared practices for intentionally nurturing the life of our congregation. The class is based on the book of the same name by C. Christopher Smith and John Pattison (copies available for \$12).

Led by Martha Collins and Patrick Van Haren
Room 301

September 13–November 22

Living Our Faith

Have you ever wondered why someone chose a particular career, or how someone's faith has sustained them or grown because of a particular career? Come hear from CPC members and friends of CPC about how their faith has affected them in their careers and their everyday lives. This will be a thought-provoking class, encouraging us to examine our own lives and what it means to live our faith every day in a secular world.

Led by Kathi Thomas and many guests
Library

September 6–October 11

Discovering the Christ within Us

This class will walk the path of discovery to see that Christ dwells within each of us. We will look at the steps of transformation that take place when we live a Christ-centered life instead of a self-centered life. Major class resources will be the book *Immortal Diamond* by Richard Rohr and the Biblical text. Owning Rohr's book is not required but will be helpful.

Led by Barbara Miller and Rev. Kent Miller
Room 103

October 18–November 22

The Christian Church Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

If we no longer take the Bible literally, where does Christian authority lie? The class will grapple with this question guided by videos from Phyllis Tickle, a noted expert on religion in America. She believes we are in a predictable cycle that occurs every 500 years, and the church is holding a giant rummage sale. Join us to find out what she means and to discuss where the church is going.

Led by Rev. Carol Johnson

Room 103

November 29–December 20

Raising Hallelujahs!

Advent is the first season of the Church's yearly cycle. In it, we hear God's great promises of comfort, guidance, light in the darkness, and hope through the voices of the prophets and the gospels. Aided by the inspired work of George Frideric Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," we will study the blueprint of God's saving grace, so that we may raise our own Hallelujahs as we journey toward Bethlehem.

We are called forth to walk humbly.

We are called forth to be light.

Open hearts to comfort sorrows

In the Spirit's name and might.

Shall we raise our Hallelujahs?

Free the captives? Lift the poor?

Share our love with wings of mercy?

Bring them all to Heaven's door?

Led by Rev. Kathy Treviño

Smoot Hall

There will be no class December 27.



Long-term Thursday Bible Study

September 3, 2015–May 19, 2016

6:30–8:30 p.m. Thursdays

Kerygma, The Bible in Depth

The class will meet at:

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
100 E. 27th Street
McCord Building, Room 203
(Parking is available on campus.)

“Kerygma” is a Greek word meaning “proclamation,” as in proclaiming the good news. This two-semester, 34-session course explores ten Biblical themes that run throughout both the Old and New Testaments. Newcomers to faith as well as longtime believers will gain a big picture perspective of the Bible’s message. Come and discover what the Bible has to teach us about our lives today. Participants will need a Bible and a Kerygma Resource Book, which is used as both a guide and a journal. The book is available from Rev. Mary Swierenga for \$32 (scholarship assistance is available).

Led by Rev. Mary Swierenga and others

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