Prophets, Scriptures, & Stories

Adult Christian Education
Sunday Classes
2017 Winter / Spring Term

CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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All classes are from 9:30–10:45 a.m.

January 8 - February 12

Embracing the Prophets

Walter Bruggemann, Old Testament scholar, walks us through the poetic prophets of the Hebrew Scripture in his video series, suggesting that there are deep connections between their voices and roles then, and their relevance now.

This course will explore messages of the prophets both then and now, steps we can take to reclaim the prophetic message of distributive justice and nonviolence, as well as our own personal role in bringing forth God's perspective to a world desperate for a word of hope.

Participant books for the class from Amazon are $13 (new), $12 (Kindle) and used (prices vary). Scholarships are available; contact Mary Swierenga at mlvswierenga@gmail.com.

— Led by Jack Barden and Sarah de la Fuente
in Smoot Fellowship Hall

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CPC: Accountable Community of Faith

A discussion class. After reading the appointed Lectionary passages for that Sunday, we will reflect on their meaning and we will consider their implications for Central Presbyterian as a faithful community. Bring your own Bible; extras will be available for use in class.

— Facilitated by Mary Jo Hernandez
 and Sam Riccobene
in the Library (Room 201)

February 26 – April 9

What Wondrous Love:
Holy Week in Word and Art

The stories of Holy Week will be illustrated each week through a brief DVD commentary by some of America's premier biblical scholars from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, illustrated and interpreted by the stunning artwork of John August Swanson. After watching the video each week in Smoot Hall, participants will meet with their group, using the Discussion Guide, which features Swanson's artwork as well as insightful questions for group use

A Discussion Guide will be available for sale for $4.00 each. It is not available in electronic format. Participants are urged to bring their own Bibles.

— *Intro session:* Rev. Mary Swierenga
    Large Group Moderator: Rev. Kim Rogers
    Small Group Facilitators: Members of
      the CPC community
in Smoot Fellowship Hall

There will be no classes on April 16:
Happy Easter!

April 23 – May 28

The Things That Make for Peace

This class will compare and contrast cultural, political and biblical definitions of peace. Participants will also explore ways to deepen their spiritual lives to help sustain them for the demands of peacemaking in their own lives and sphere of influence.

— Led by Austin Young, Jim Furgeson
    and Alice Van Zant,
Room 301

April 23 – May 14
Lectionary Studies

In this four-week class, we will journey together through the Scripture readings prescribed by the Revised Common Lectionary for the second through fifth Sundays of Easter. Featured texts include Acts of the Apostles, 1 Peter, and Psalms, and when possible, we will focus our attention in depth on the texts selected by the CPC preacher for a given Sunday. In addition to introducing those gathered to the worlds behind each text, the class invites members to ask several questions of the text. What assumptions are at play? Where can we identify parallels with contemporary society and church? How might we preach this text? Please join us as we consider God's Word as a community of interpreters!

— Led by Meg Vail
in the Library (Room 201)

May 21 & May 28
Geography of the Bible

Bring a Bible with maps to take a look at the Holy Land. This brief class will explore the physical and human geography of the Old and New Testament, including the culture, the agriculture, and the topography of the ancient Middle East.

— Led by Robin Manning
in the Library (Room 201)

Artwork: from *Peace on Earth*, by Carmen Guedez