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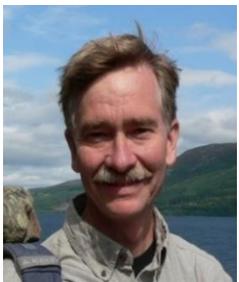
NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY: Participants will delve into the New Testament scriptures and explore the inspiration, authorship, context, and criteria used to determine which books became part of our canon. This course builds on the Introduction to the Bible and Old Testament Survey courses, developing a deeper understanding of NT themes and early Christian theology, and examining how contemporary Christians interpret Old Testament (Hebrew) scriptures through a Christian lens. **Rev. Kaye Nickell, who earned her PhD at Vanderbilt Divinity School, will lead this survey.**

ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP: Course focuses on what constitutes faithful Christian worship and discusses the theological underpinnings of key elements of worship including scripture, confession, prayer, music, sacraments, and sermon. Participants will learn to think critically about each element of worship, will dive into some tenets within Reformed theology, exploring fresh, modern translations for our world in this time and will be encouraged to share their diverse experiences of worship. **Rev. Kate Buckley, who earned her MDiv from Columbia Theological Seminary, will lead this course. Kate is a Parish pastor at St. Simons Presbyterian.**



ELECTIVE COURSE: *Gospel of John* The gospel of John is quite unique in style, language, and content from the synoptic gospels. In this course, participants will discuss John's faith community and context while focusing on personal relationships with Jesus. While special attention will be given the lectionary readings, the class will engage the book as a whole. Pre-course reading includes the entire Gospel of John and Dr. Karoline Lewis' commentary on John's Gospel. **Rev. Cathy Belles earned her MDiv from Union Presbyterian Seminary and a DMin in Biblical Preaching from Luther Seminary in Minneapolis. Rev. Belles is preaching at Richmond Hill Presbyterian.**

JUNE 24-26, 2022



INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE: Participants will survey the literature, history, and faith of the people of Israel as recorded in the Old Testament and the new Israel of God as described in the New Testament. They will examine key elements of the narrative and explore how the church of Jesus Christ has come to view its history and itself. **This course will be led by Dr. Bob Bryant, Professor of Bible at Presbyterian College, and favorite SOL faculty member of many years.**

INTRO TO REFORMED THEOLOGY: This course provides a foundational introduction to Reformed Theology and explores how it shapes and informs the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Presbyterian view of scripture, Attributes of God, Major Doctrines of the Church, The Trinity, incarnation, salvation, justification, sanctification, and predestination. **Rev. Jihyun Oh is currently serving as the Manager of Call Process Support for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Office of the General Assembly. Jihyun is a graduate Columbia Theological Seminary.**



PRACTICAL MINISTRIES: This course is the capstone of the School of the Laity program. Participants will develop an understanding of how to use what they have learned by going out, integrating, and expanding their learning through application in areas such as leading Bible Studies, sharing their faith, organizing retreats, pastoral care visitation and service to the wider church. **Dr. Sam Henderson has served as solo pastor, associate pastor, pastor and head of staff, and interim pastor in various congregations in nine presbyteries before his current service in Flint River Presbytery.**

OCTOBER 1-2, 2022

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY: This course delves deeper into the Old Testament scriptures and explores the inspiration, authorship, context, and criteria used to determine which books became part of our canon. This course builds on the Introduction to the Bible course, developing a deeper understanding of Old Testament themes and early Hebrew theology. **Dr. Brennan Breed is an author, the Associate Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary and Theologian-in-Residence at First Presbyterian Church of Marietta.**



HISTORY, MISSION & POLITY: This course will help participants learn to use Presbyterian polity to address specific issues and practices in church life. Participants will have opportunity to understand the historical and theological foundations of the PC(USA) and how these inform the way Presbyterians “do church.” It will also acquaint participants with the Book of Order and how it helps to further the ministry and mission of the church. **Rev. Joyce Lieberman is the Executive and Stated Clerk of the Synod of South Atlantic of the PC**

*Online & Mail-in Registration Forms are made available at
www.savannahpresbytery.org*

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