



SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY'S  
J. RICHARD BASS

# School OF THE Laity



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## New Testament Survey

Participants will survey 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. Cathy Belles, pastor at Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church, will lead this survey.**

## Elements of Worship

This 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 and will dive into some tenets within Reformed theology. **Course will be led by Rev. Rick Douylliez, Savannah Presbytery's Director of Pastoral and Ecclesial Care and longtime pastor of First Presbyterian, St. Marys.**



## Elective Course Congregational Care

Through this course, participants will learn to implement appropriate types of care in a variety of settings, to discern and implement appropriate boundaries, and learn to "listen and see" with their whole being. They will have the opportunity to reflect on and practice skills of sensitive caregiving and to recognize the ongoing need for and how to develop a personal plan of

self-care. **Course will be co-led by Rev. Jamil el-Shair, pastor of Altama Presbyterian, and Chaplain Jarda Alexander, a Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor at the Atlanta Veterans Administration**

