

For all Pastors, Ruling Elders, Deacons, CRE/CLPs and other PCUSA Members
2021 – 2022 Classes Held the 2nd weekend of each month

Overview of the Old Testament

August 12-14, 2021

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When: *Thursday and Friday, August 12 and 13 – 7:00 to 9:00 pm*
Saturday, August 14 – 9:00 to 11:30 am; 1:00 to 3:30 pm

Where: *Zoom Class – Register on the links below:*

Thursday [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrcuqqgzwpHdPKc3uT6KLM-0muPPg5BRo5](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcrcuqqgzwpHdPKc3uT6KLM-0muPPg5BRo5)

Friday [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltcuitqjstHdwH2WttZNBuqv_s-w1QPk1D](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZltcuitqjstHdwH2WttZNBuqv_s-w1QPk1D)

Saturday [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtc-qsqT8iH9PzDwwWU6lanZzgXX6buVxq](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZwtc-qsqT8iH9PzDwwWU6lanZzgXX6buVxq)

Cost: *\$100 for credit* for Commissioned Ruling Elder Candidates
\$40 to audit and open to all

Class Description: How is the Old Testament relevant to your faith today and in our larger society? Is the OT a unified story that leads to Jesus? This class is intended to be a high-level introduction to the Old Testament, exploring these questions and more. We will look at the basic structure (comparing differences between the Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic canons), the types of literature that make up the books, talk about the language, history, and theology. We will also talk about the uses that the church has historically made of the books as well as how churches generally use the Old Testament today.

Pre-class Readings:

“The Old Testament: It’s Story and History,” by Jeff S Anderson.

Read Luke 24:13-35 and Hebrews 11.

Questions: Contact Phil Arzino, CRE/CLP Coordinator, pkarzino@comcast.net, 510-828-5596



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Further information for CRE/CLP Students

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Recommended Readings:

"Blue Parakeet," by Scot McKnight

"Doing Right," by David Gill (mostly on the ten commandments)

"A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament," by Bruce C. Birch and Walter Brueggeman.

Pre-course Assignment:

Please write a few paragraphs around your history with the Bible and the Old Testament in particular. You might talk about a few things like:

1. How often do you read the Bible?
2. What does the Bible mean to you?
3. What do you think the Bible is?
4. Is it relevant to our lives today?
5. How do you use the Bible in your ministry?
6. How does your church use the Bible?
7. Do you believe the Bible to be true, and, if so, in what ways?

Think about how the Old Testament in particular has shaped your understanding of the Bible.

Post-course Assignment

Take about two pages to reflect on what the Old Testament is about. In particular, write about how the Old Testament is relevant to your faith today, and in our larger society. Pick some of the topics we discussed and show the relevance. Or, using what we discussed, show how the Old Testament "is a unified story that leads to Jesus."