

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

## **Overview of the New Testament**

**December 9-11, 2021**



### *Pastor Phillip Grebe, CRE/CLP*

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Phil is the Pastor of Education at First Presbyterian Church, Hayward, where he has been a youth and adult education teacher for 40 years. As a retired High school math teacher of 38 years, Phil has a passion for giving students logical and critical thinking skills. In teaching in the church, his goal is to lead people to living out the gospel in the places where we live.

**When:**    *Thursday and Friday, December 9 and 10 – 7:00 to 9:00 pm*  
              *Saturday, December 11 – 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/tZ0qdOCppj4jHdzAjdto5fdXe6woCfdoXJky](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdOCppj4jHdzAjdto5fdXe6woCfdoXJky)

Friday     [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvd--oqT0jH93PHv0U95DdbTt38gcMCAkB](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvd--oqT0jH93PHv0U95DdbTt38gcMCAkB)

Saturday [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scuirrDliHN0M3J5YH3TiR9n7XEQZULJR](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scuirrDliHN0M3J5YH3TiR9n7XEQZULJR)

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

**Class Description:** How is the New Testament relevant to your faith today and in our larger society? In this course, we will look at the New Testament - the cultural context of the writings, the style of the books, the authors, and the background history. We will also explore ways to study and present the books of the New Testament to our churches, and will look at controversies particularly in the works of Paul.

**Pre-class Assignment:** Read through Mark and Galatians and Jude. Read as much of each of these books as possible before class. Note words, phrases, and images that are not clear to you as you read. Come with questions!

**Questions:** Contact Phil Arzino, CRE/CLP Coordinator, [pkarzino@comcast.net](mailto:pkarzino@comcast.net), 510-828-5596

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### Further information for CRE/CLP Students

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**Post class assignment:** Reflect on what we talked about. Come up with at least two new insights into how the New testament was formed, how to use the New Testament in your work, and how it relates to the Old Testament.

#### **Bibliography:**

The following books have been helpful to me in understanding the New Testament:

Sections of the New Testament:

The Gospels:

1. Introduction to the Gospels, Mark Allan Powell (Minneapolis: Augsburg Press, 1998)
2. The Four Witnesses: The Rebel, the Rabbi, the Chronicler, and the Mystic, Robin Griffith-Jones (San Francisco: HarperSan Francisco, 2000)
3. Short Stories by Jesus, Amy-Jill Levine (New York: HarperOne, 2014)

**The Letters of Paul:**

4. Reading Paul, Michael J. Gorman (Eugene: Cascade Books, 2008)
5. Romans Disarmed, Sylvia C. Keesmaat, Bryan J. Walsh (Brazos Press, 2019)

**The General Epistles and Revelation:**

6. From Hebrews to Revelation: A Theological Introduction, Lewis R. Donelson (Louisville, Westminister John Knox Press, 2001)

**General “Reading the Bible” kind of books:**

7. The Blue Parakeet, Scott McKnight (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Press, 2018)
8. Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes, E. Randolph Richards, Brandon J. O’Brien (Westmont, ILL: IVP, 2012)