



# Third Presbyterian Church Adult Faith Development Catalog 2011-2012



## A Word of Welcome and Invitation

Welcome to Adult Faith Development at Third Presbyterian Church.

Third Church participates in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Commitment to Peacemaking. Our intention is to pursue avenues of peace and justice for ourselves, our families and communities, for all people in the world in which we live. We seek to be agents of reconciliation.

Third Church has joined with other Presbyterian congregations in declaring ourselves to be a "More Light" church. We are committed to the full participation of all persons in our church community without regard for sexual orientation, personal background or human condition.

Third Church, a member of Presbyterians for Earth Care and NYS Interfaith Power and Light, is a congregation that strives to see more clearly the connection between our faith, our daily life, and environmental concerns. We endeavor to become informed and thoughtful stewards of God's creation.



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You can download more information on Adult Faith Development, including copies of this catalog, from the Third Church Web site: [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/education](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/education)

## Adult Faith Development at Third Church

### Meeting Your Needs

Third Church's curriculum offers a variety of classes for youth and adults. Choose a class that is of interest to you and join us each week. You will find many opportunities to meet and enjoy the company of others interested in growing and learning together, sharing our questions and doubts, as well as our hopes and faith. Adult Faith Development Sunday classes begin at 9:30 a.m. Sundays during the program year. Classes are also offered at other times and days of the week.

All education and worship spaces are accessible via the elevator located near the building entrance to the Arnold Park parking lot. Greeters are available throughout the facility to answer questions and direct you to class locations.

Most classes are recorded and available on audio CD from the Third Church office. This enables you to catch-up on classes you weren't able to join, or even courses from previous years. The Church's library is your source for recommended reading selections, theological works, and select fiction. Visit before or after worship or during church office hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.).

### How Courses Are Organized

Third Church Adult Faith Development classes are offered on an elective basis over five terms which span the program year. Some courses span a term of five or six weeks - but this does not require attending all sessions in order to participate. Other courses are shorter, allowing more choice and variety in both length and content. Biblical Studies consists of a core curriculum that explores every book of the Bible. **Even if you cannot make all the class sessions for a course, please feel free to attend whenever you can. Please join us as you are able. Feel welcome to enter a class late or leave early if you need to.**

Each year, the Adult Faith Development Committee offers a balance of courses in each of five areas:

- (B)** Biblical Studies - Old and New Testaments and their Interpretation.
- (CF)** Christian Foundations - Theology and Church History.
- (SOC)** Church & Society - Social Issues, Ethics, and Mission.
- (WM)** Worship, Music, & Arts - Sacred Works, Arts & Literature, Alternative Forms of Worship.
- (LIV)** Christian Living - Family Formation, Spiritual Development.

Each course is listed in one of these five areas, however many courses cover themes that overlap areas. The course area listings serve as a guide to help you plan a meaningful balance of courses over time.

## How to Use This Catalog

### The Importance of Continuing Faith Development

There is something here for everyone, and in today's world, everyone needs to participate regularly in Adult Faith Development in some way. This is true in our business and professional lives, and it is equally true if we are to nurture and be engaged in a vital, mature, and growing life of faith. Without regular exercise our muscles and minds can atrophy. Without regular exercise our spirits can atrophy. Continuing Christian education is essential for spiritual health.

Just as a healthy diet needs to include portions from all the basic food groups, we also need to include a balance from all the basic study groups for healthy spiritual nourishment. A regular and balanced diet of continuing Christian education is essential for every adult who is intent on growing in the life of faith. The Adult Faith Development Committee has developed a calendar of offerings that reflects this balance.

### Planning for Your Own Spiritual Growth

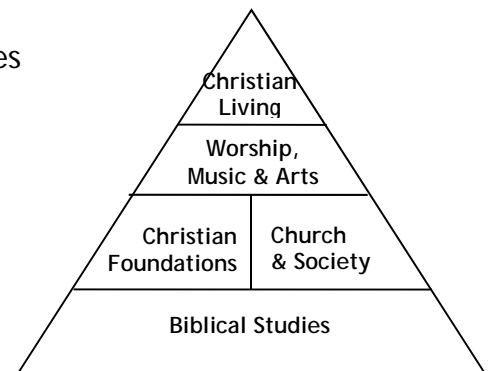
Keep and use this catalog to select and plan a healthy diet that meets your needs. Feed yourself, challenge yourself, and stretch yourself in some way regularly each term. Select courses that best meet your own interests and needs. But also make it a point to branch out beyond your own favorites to enrich your life with a diversity of choices to ensure healthy and well-rounded spiritual nourishment.

We all lead busy lives in a busy world and our personal schedules change often with the circumstances of our lives. It is precisely because we are faced with so many competing demands that it becomes imperative for us to set priorities, and make time to nurture our spiritual health which alone can sustain us. While none of us can participate in every program offering, each of us can find something that meets our personal needs and schedules given the choices in this catalog.

Be as regular and consistent as possible in your participation in each course you choose to ensure the best possible learning experience for everyone involved. An added benefit will be a sense of community, connectedness and mutual encouragement as you join with others in exploring together what it means to live as the people of God today.

In summary, use this catalog as a tool to help:

- Select courses which match where you are in your own faith journey.
- Identify new areas of study that will stretch and challenge you as well as provide you with a varied diet for your personal growth.
- Plan for a "balanced educational diet" over time.
- Develop a regular and consistent overall plan to help you grow in the life of faith.



## 2011-2012 Adult Faith Development Catalog

### Public Education in Rochester (SOC)

*William Cala*

Thursday September 15, 5:30 p.m.

Celebration Center

Please join a discussion between persons interested in public education and Bill Cala over dinner in the Celebration Center. John Wilkinson will join Bill to discuss the history of Presbyterian involvement in public education.

As Bill said in May, 2010, "The Rochester Metropolitan area is one of the most income-unequal areas in the country. We have some of the greatest pockets of wealth and the poorest of the poor. While currently not at their 'A' games, the likes of Kodak, Xerox, and Bausch and Lomb have long histories of producing incredible local wealth. Rochester is the ninth poorest city for children in the country and the poorest of the state's big 5 cities. Further, nearly 90 percent of Rochester's school children receive free and reduced lunches. Rochester has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the western world."



**William Cala** is the former interim superintendent of the Rochester City School District and former superintendent of Fairport schools. He is the president of Joining Hearts and Hands, Ltd., a non-profit organization working to fight AIDS and poverty in Kenya. He earned his bachelor degree in Spanish Education at St. John Fisher College, and both a master's degree in Education and an E.D. in Curriculum Planning and Instructional Design from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

### Pilgrimage to Palestine and Israel (SOC)

*Rusty & Jeanette Olson, Ronna Grimes, Linc and Sue Spaulding*

Sunday, September 18, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Johnston Hall

Our first Sunday of the Adult Faith Development program begins with a report from members who traveled to Palestine and Israel in June, 2011. This report will feature the work of Ronna Grimes, Rusty and Jeanette Olson, and Linc and Sue Spaulding. They will present a program with pictures taken while they were there. This is intended to be an introductory class to a crucial foreign policy issue facing America and Presbyterians in a part of the world claimed by three world religions.



Rusty & Jeanette Olson, Ronna Grimes, and Linc and Sue Spaulding are members of the Third Church World Peacemaking and Mission Team.

## Meet Our Kenyan Visitors SOC

*Jayne Wambaa, George Waiyaki, Mary Hinga, Moses Ndegwa, Eunice Ndegwa*  
 Sunday September 25, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
 Johnston Hall

Come and meet the five Kenyan visitors who will share their personal stories in an informal get-acquainted session. They will be with us for two weeks, from September 23 through October 7, 2011. The classes are sponsored by the World Peacemaking and Mission Team and the Third Church Kenya Travelers Group.

The Kenyans are (left to right): Jayne Wambaa, a nurse, very interested in our healthcare systems; George Waiyaki, sales manager of a Peugeot dealership in Nairobi; Mary Hinga, apartment owner who has children living in the US; and Moses Ndegwa, pastor at the Kihumo Presbyterian Church, who is accompanied by his wife, Eunice.



## Hot Topic: The Future of Kenya SOC

*Jayne Wambaa, George Waiyaki, Mary Hinga, Moses Ndegwa, Eunice Ndegwa*  
 Sunday October 2, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
 Johnston Hall

Our Kenyan guests will inaugurate our "Hot Topic" series with a discussion on the issues facing Kenya as it attempts to compete in the global economy as a developing country. Hear about Kenya's political past and future. The group will also speak about the Presbyterian Church of East Africa and its role in economic development.

## The Church and Dis/Ability Awareness (CF)

*Martha Langford*

Sundays 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

October 9, 16, 23, 30

Celebration Center

Introductory Sunday Luncheon, Sunday, September 25, Noon, in the Celebration Center.

**Week 1: Unexpected Guests: The betrayal of people with disabilities.** A discussion of our congregation's awareness of those with disabilities in our midst, the barriers to full participation in Third Church, the hospitality and inclusivity that we desire to share.

**Week 2: What Shall We Call Them? The issues of labels and categories.** A discussion that might reveal misconceptions, stereotypes, fears, and apathy.

**Week 3: Welcoming the Unexpected Guests to the Banquet: God's banquet feast and the church.** A discussion that widens the view of disability vs. ability and encourages us to think of the ways that we live with and love each other as we come.

**Week 4: Celebrating with the Expected Guests: toward an inclusive congregational life.** A discussion of how we might proceed with the goal of becoming a more inclusive congregation, with the possibility of forming follow-on support groups and/or planning groups.



**Martha Langford** is native Houstonian and a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to Third Church in August 2008, she served as a Pastoral Resident at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. This two-year residency is part of the Lilly Endowment's Transition into Ministry program. Martha holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Texas A&M University and served five years as a Communications Officer in the United States Army. During the six years before entering seminary, she served as the Director of Communications for the Presbytery of New Covenant in Houston.

## ***Kairos Palestine: A Document for the World-Wide Church*** (SOC)

***The Middle East Travel Team***

Sundays 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

October 9, 16, 23

Johnston Hall



The *Kairos Palestine* document was released publicly on December 11, 2009, in Bethlehem. The document was written by an ecumenical group of Palestinian Christians (left). As their website declares, it is intended as “the Christian Palestinians’ word to the world about what is happening in Palestine.” Further, it “requests the international community to stand by the Palestinian people.” The term “kairos” is a Greek word meaning a “point in time” or “moment of decision.”

In July 2010, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) commended for study the *Kairos Palestine* document (“A Moment of Truth”) and endorsed the document’s emphasis. This material will be presented for study throughout October. Each attendee will receive a free copy of the 37-page Study Guide.

***Week 1: A Moment of Truth: Hope for Liberation***

***Week 2: A Moment of Truth: Love of Enemy and Nonviolent Resistance***

***Week 3: A Moment of Truth: Faith and Reconciliation***

Ronna Grimes, Rusty and Jeanette Olson, Sue and Linc Spaulding are members of the Third Church Middle East Travel Team.

## Jesus to Constantine: An Introduction (CF)

*Roderic P. Frohman*

Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

October 30; November 13, 20, 27; January 8, 15, 22; February 5

Johnston Hall

The Christian movement emerged from its cradle in Judaism and became a successful, established institution in the Roman Empire by the time of Constantine and the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. But it faced a number of challenges. Beside cultural, religious and political competition within the Empire, Christianity rapidly expanded east to Iran, India, and China, and south to Egypt and Ethiopia well before it became the Roman state religion. The movement took on forms of self-governance while struggling internally with vast theological diversity, commonly known as "heresy." This class will examine the competition to establish an "orthodoxy" of practice and belief amidst several cultures. The class method will rely on PowerPoint presentations so the attendee will experience both visual and verbal learning. All attendees will receive a complete text of each presentation at the end of each class. Back copies will always be available.

### Presented in Spring 2011:

Session 1: The Revisionist Story

Session 2: The Diversity of the Forms of the Primitive Christian Story

Session 3: The Diversity of Voices - The Women - A Systemic Silencing

### Fall 2011 - Winter 2012:

October 30, Session 4: Review of Sessions of 1, 2, & 3

November 13, Session 5: The Diversity of Early Voices: Paul and John

November 20, Session 6: The End of the Christian Synagogue: 70 A.D. — 135 A.D.

November 27, Session 7: Religious Conflict -Marcion and the Rise of Gnosticism: 135 — 200 A.D.

January 8, Session 8: The Proto-Orthodox Reaction: 135 A.D. — 235 A.D.

January 15, Session 9: The Empire Strikes Back: 235 A.D. — 270 A.D.

January 22, Session 10: Thermidor— The Constantinian Revolution: 270 A.D. — 325 A.D.

February 5, Session 11: The Uses of the Past — A Summary of the Course



Roderic Frohman, a fourth generation pastor, is Third Church's Associate Pastor for Church in Society. A 1967 graduate of the University of California at Berkeley with a degree in American Intellectual History, Rod holds a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary. He previously has served four Presbyterian congregations as a pastor/head of staff in Philadelphia, PA; Gary, IN; and Minneapolis, MN, before coming to Third Church in 1998.

## Hot Topic: A Faith Perspective on Homelessness in Monroe County SOC

*Nancy Elliott*

Sunday November 6, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Johnston Hall

Join Nancy Elliott, Network Director of the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN), in a discussion about homelessness in Monroe County. Hear how Nancy understands her role in the context of her own Christian faith. She says, "I imagine God looking through the microscope of life and I think about what God sees on my slide. It drives the way I live and work." Nancy is a regular participant in the Church Radiant of Gates, a Nazarene Church, but she says, "I consider myself staunchly non-denominational."



**Nancy Elliott, LMSW**, began at RAIHN as an MSW Intern from Roberts Wesleyan College in April 2008. She graduated with an MSW in May of 2009, and has since been RAIHN's Network Director.

She completed social service internships at House of Mercy, Hillside Family Service of Rochester, Highlands of Brighton, and Family Resource Center. Nancy worked as a Preventive Social Worker at SPCC of Rochester for 3 years, and as a Community Based Clinician at Hillside Children's Center for one year.

## Advent Special Music: *In Terra Pax* by Gerald Finzi and *Christmas Cantata Sinfonia*

*Sacra* by Daniel Pinkham WM

*Scott Stratton-Smith*

Sunday December 11, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Celebration Center

Completed in 1956, *In Terra Pax* is Gerald Finzi's reflection on the Christmas story, using extracts from St. Luke's gospel and a poem by Robert Bridges to reimagine the nativity to the English countryside. *The Christmas Cantata* is Daniel Pinkham's most famous choral work and was composed in 1957. It is scored for chorus and double brass choir.



**Scott Stratton-Smith**, a longtime member of the chancel choir and a pianist, will present a preview to this season's special music, which will be offered immediately afterward at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

## Advent Lunchtime Series: *Simply Wait: Cultivating Stillness in the Season* (LIV)

*Roderic Frohman and Martha Langford*

Thursdays at 12:00 noon

December 1, 8, 15, 22

Johnston Hall

How many times have you tried to reduce the stress and hurry of the pre-Christmas season? For the weeks of Advent we will use *Simply Wait*, a booklet by Pamela Hawkins. We will focus on a single word and a single, simple prayer practice that does not require extensive preparation or previous experience to stimulate our anticipation for a meaningful Christmas season.

Please bring your own lunch for this one hour study for Advent 2011. The book will be available for purchase at \$10, but purchase is not necessary for the class.

## Mother Theresa & Gustavo Gutierrez: Two Christian Lives of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (CF)

*William Cook*

Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

December 11, 18

Johnston Hall

William R. Cook will present the biographies of Mother Theresa of India and Gustavo Gutierrez of Peru on two consecutive Sundays. This is Dr. Cook's first year of teaching in our Adult Faith Development program. He is an active Roman Catholic layman.



**William R. Cook** is the Distinguished Teaching Professor of History at the State University of New York at Geneseo, where he has taught since 1970. He earned his bachelor's degree cum laude from Wabash College and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa there. He was then awarded Woodrow Wilson and Herbert Lehman fellowships to study medieval history at Cornell University, where he earned his Ph.D.

Professor Cook teaches courses in ancient and medieval history, the Renaissance and Reformation periods, and the Bible and Christian thought. He is the author of the Teaching Company's DVD study, *Lives of Great Christians*.

Among his many awards, Professor Cook has received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. In 1992 the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education named him New York State's Professor of the Year. In 2003 he received the first-ever CARA Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Medieval Studies from the Medieval Academy of America.

## Dialog with Rabbi Kotok (soc)

*Rabbi Laurance Kotok*

Sunday January 29, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Johnston Hall

This annual class is a much anticipated part of Third Church's weekend exchange program with Temple B'rith Kodesh. This class will focus on current issues of Judaism and Christianity as seen through the multifaceted lens of Presbyterian denominational issues and American/Israel relationships.



Rabbi Laurance A. Kotok, D.D., serves as the Senior Rabbi at Temple B'rith Kodesh. Prior to arriving in Rochester in 1996, Rabbi Kotok served the North Country Reform Temple Ner Tamid of Glen Cove for 22 years. He is currently National Chair of the ARZA Rabbinic Cabinet, serves on the Board of the Jewish Child Care Association, and has been active in both the New York and National UJA/Federation.

## The Quest for the Historical Jesus (B)

*Theodore Weeden*

Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

February 12, 19, 26

Johnston Hall

This class will explore the issue of non-historicity and trustworthiness of the Gospels' portrayal of Jesus in modern research by John Shelby Spong, John Dominic Crossan, Marcus Borg, and of course by Dr. Weeden. Further this class will explore, with pastoral sensitivity, the historical, critical reconstruction of the life of Jesus which leads into a deepening of faith foundation. This class will examine traditional stories such as the birth of Jesus, Last Supper, and the crucifixion.



Ted Weeden returns for a fifth year to our Adult Faith Development program. He received Bachelor of Arts in Divinity from Emory University, and a Doctorate in New Testament from Claremont Graduate School. He is the author of *Mark - Traditions in Conflict*, as well as articles on the Gospel Mark and other New Testament subjects and is a fellow of the [Jesus Seminar](#). Ted has taught at various colleges and seminaries, and has served as pastor to many United Methodist churches. In 1995 he retired from Asbury-First United Methodist Church in Rochester, where he served as pastor for 18 years.

## Lenten Voices Lunchtime Series (LIV)

*Roderic Frohman and Martha Langford*

Thursdays at 12:00 Noon

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5

Johnston Hall

Back by popular demand, this class will read and review a sermon each week during Lent.

## Lenten Special Music: *Requiem K.626* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart WM

*Justin Lundberg*

Sunday March 11, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Celebration Center

*The Requiem* was composed in Vienna in 1791 and left unfinished at the composer's death. It was completed by Franz Xaver Süssmayr.



**Justin Lundberg**, a member of the Chancel Choir and a candidate for a Ph.D. in Music Theory at the Eastman School of Music, will present a preview to *The Requiem*, which will be performed immediately afterward at the 10:45 worship service.

## Albert Schweitzer and Christian Mysticism B

*Charles Stratton*

Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

March 11, 18, 25

Johnston Hall

This class will be an exploration of the great New Testament scholar, musician and African doctor in relation to Old Testament, Gospel, and Pauline themes about mysticism. Schweitzer wrote several books on Christian mystics and examined the phenomenon of mysticism in several main characters of the Bible. In our technological age of anxiety Schweitzer provides a refreshing perspective on modern living that is an antidote to our creeping utilitarianism.



**Charles Stratton** received a bachelor's degree from Trinity College in Hartford, CT; studied aerospace engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY; and received both a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary. He served twice as a missionary to Iran, and was Pastor and Pastor Emeritus at The Presbyterian Church in Youngstown, NY. Charles is returning for his sixth year as faculty.

## Hot Topic: Muslims in Our World (SOC)

*Mara Ahmed*

Sunday April 1, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Johnston Hall

Last year Mara Ahmed spoke on the issue of "Islamaphobia: The New Normalcy." Attendance at her class was the largest of the season. By popular demand she will return. However, because issues of Muslims in our world change from week to week her specific topic will not be announced until a few weeks before her appearance with us. Stay tuned.



Mara Ahmed is a Rochester resident and sought-out speaker. Mara has a Masters in Economics from the University of Hartford, Connecticut. To see Muslims constantly in the news after 9/11, yet never have a chance to be part of the discourse, was frustrating for Mara, a Pakistani-American Muslim. She felt compelled to make the voices of people like herself heard. This led her to produce the film *The Muslims I Know*, which premiered at the Dryden Theatre in 2008. It was part of the High Falls Film Festival in 2009 and broadcast on WXXI in the Rochester area. The film has been screened on countless university and college campuses and at film festivals in

Washington, DC, and Toronto. More information about the film, including press coverage and screenings, can be found at [www.TheMuslimsIKnow.com](http://www.TheMuslimsIKnow.com).

## The Book of Revelation/Apocalypse of John (B)

*Anne Merideth*

Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

April 15, 22, 29

Johnston Hall

The *Book of Revelation*, aka, the *Apocalypse of John*, is an unusual and troubling text that has captured the imagination of many people over the generations. The topics that Anne will look at include: the nature of apocalyptic literature, why people are drawn to religiously motivated violent fantasy, other forms of religious violence and the intersection between economic oppression and religion. Anne says, " I think it's a great text to teach because it is so bizarre, yet it actually proposes a quite radical vision of religious and social justice."



Anne Merideth returns for her sixth year teaching at Third Church. Anne joined the University of Rochester faculty in 1995 and is Assistant Professor of Religion, teaching Old and New Testament and Ancient Christianity. Anne is a veteran of the University's archaeological excavations in Israel, and has lectured about the digs and other topics. In 1997, Anne earned the Abraham Karp Teaching Award shared by the Department of Religion and Classics and the Department of History, as well as the Outstanding Faculty Award presented by the University's Women's Caucus.

**Hot Topic: The Economics of Health Care** (SOC)*Paul McArthur*

Sunday May 6, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Johnston Hall

Why is the cost of Health Care escalating at such a fast pace? What strategies are being used to reduce costs for Medicaid, Medicare and insured populations? What are Accountable Care Organizations, Health Homes, Care Management Systems, Capitation Payment Systems, High-Deductible Insurance Plans, For-Profit Healthcare Companies, Regional Health Information Organizations? What cost pressures are faced by doctors, health care professionals and hospitals/health care agencies in our Monroe County area? What advantages do our area's health care systems have in this area? How will health systems cope with the aging of the baby-boomer generation? These and other features of our complex health care delivery system will be touched upon in this "hot topic" presentation.



Paul McArthur joined Third Church in 1984 and is currently a member of Session and chair of the Adult Faith Development Committee. He is the Administrator for the Psychiatry Department at Strong Memorial Hospital and the University of Rochester Medical Center. A Bowdoin College graduate, he received a masters in Hospital and Health Care Administration from the University of Minnesota. Paul has an insider's view of how the health care system has changed over the past thirty-five years and the problems confronting it today.

**God Views: How God is Seen Through Different Perspectives** (CF)*Dane Gordon*

Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

May 13, 20, 27; June 10, 17

Johnston Hall

These five classes will focus on the book, *God Views* by Jack Haberer, the Editor in Chief of *The Presbyterian Outlook*, an independent weekly news magazine which analyzes Presbyterian trends and issues. Each class participant may purchase and read the book.

**Week 1: The Confessionalist View: A Passion for the Truth****Week 2: The Devotionalist View: A Hunger for God****Week 3: The Ecclesiast View: Building the Church****Week 4: The Altruist View: To the Least of These****Week 5: The Activist View: Breaking the Chains of Injustice**

Books will be available for purchase through the church or through "Amazon page" at our website. You can simply click the "Shopping via Amazon Associates" button on the left side. A portion of the cost of the book will support Third Church <http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/about-amazon.shtml>



Dane R. Gordon is a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, London University, and the University of Rochester, receiving degrees in history, theology, and philosophy. He taught philosophy for over 35 years at the Rochester Institute of Technology and is now Professor Emeritus of its College of Liberal Arts. His most recent published book is *The Logic of Death: Poems of War*, 2009. His essay "Lucretius and Death" appears in the August 2011 book *Lucretius: His Continuing Influence and Contemporary Relevance*.

## Hot Topic: Presbyterian Response to Abortion (SOC)

*James Stewart*

Sunday June 3, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Johnston Hall

This class will trace the Presbyterian response to abortion over the last several decades. It will highlight the several General Assembly responses to this issue and the dialogue, pro and con, that has emerged in recent years. It will conclude with an analysis of where the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is today on the issue of abortion and possible directions to take in the future.



Jim Stewart is President & CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Rochester/Syracuse Region. From 2001 to 2008, Jim was President of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin. A native New Yorker, Jim has held senior leadership positions in the health insurance and managed care industries over a 25-year period. Jim is an ordained Presbyterian elder and has been active in the life of churches in Albany, NY, Little Rock, AR, and Milwaukee, WI, prior to joining Third Presbyterian in 2008. He serves on the boards of Family Planning Advocates of New York State, Planned Parenthood Advocates of New York, and the New York State Affiliates of Planned Parenthood.

## Summer Series: Book Reviews (WM)

Sundays 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.

Summer 2012



Back by popular demand, the 2012 Summer Book Review Series will repeat the book review format from the last several years. We will select the books and solicit reviewers in the Spring of 2012.