

Class leaders

Michael Blanton is Professor of Physics at New York University, with a focus on observational astronomy and cosmology. He works with a large team mapping the universe using telescopes in New Mexico and Chile.

Elder George Bollenbacher has served on the Christian Education Committee for more than twenty years, and has taught a variety of adult education classes, as well as almost all ages of Sunday School.

Elder Brad Breen is a long-time Sunday School and adult education teacher at IPC and is currently Senior Counsel at the law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP in NYC.

Elder Susan Breen teaches creative writing at the Gotham Writers in Manhattan and at workshops throughout the country. She is the author of *The Fiction Class* (2008), and *Maggie Dove: A Mystery* (2016).

Elder Reuben Garcia is a medical doctor, teaching and practicing at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. He has led numerous adult education classes at IPC as well as at Ft. Washington Presbyterian Church.

Elder Nancy McKenzie has been a teacher in early childhood education for twenty years and has many years of experience teaching Sunday School at IPC.

Deacon Sarah Seitz is an early childhood educator with almost a decade of experience in schools. She has also spent over a decade volunteering in the IPC Sunday School.

Dr. Phyllis Tribble is Baldwin Professor Emerita of Sacred Literature at Union Theological Seminary. Her academic specialties include literary and feminist interpretations of the Bible.

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ongoing love for the world.*



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Opportunities to grow in faith and discipleship



*You are invited to be part of IPC's learning
community, sharing your thoughts and your
heart as we look at the Bible, church history,
theology, and the way we live in the world
as disciples of Jesus Christ.*

**Adult
Christian Education
2019-20**

Simply Christian: N.T. Wright

Sep. 15 & 22 and Oct. 6 & 13
Led by Brad Breen

We will follow NT Wright, both through his printed words and some of his gripping video lectures, through his iconic book, *Simply Christian*, which points to how heaven and earth intersect, through three main themes: voices in the human soul which point toward God; the transcendence and immanence of God; and the manner in which worship, prayer, Scripture and the sacraments bridge heaven and earth.

Phyllis Trible

Genesis 1: the Dilemma of Dominion

**September 29 at 12:00 pm
in the Auditorium**
A light lunch will be provided

This presentation will explore the story of creation in Genesis 1. The focus will be on God's giving to humankind "dominion" over all the earth. What does this word mean, especially now in light of global warming and other ecological problems?

Texts of Terror: Book Discussion

October 20 & 27 and November 3 & 10
Led by Susan Breen

Texts of Terror: A discussion of renowned Biblical scholar Phyllis Trible's reinterpretation of the tragic stories of four women in ancient Israel.

2019-20 CLASSES

**9:00 - 10:00 am Sundays in the Upper
Room, unless otherwise noted**

Faith Journeys

November 17 & 24 and December 8 & 15

Members and friends share their stories about how their faith has helped them through life's transitions: young adulthood; marriage and parenting; middle-age to retirement; and the twilight years.

John: The Gospel of Light and Life

January 5, 12, 19 & 26 and February 2 & 9
Led by Reuben Garcia

In this class we join Adam Hamilton in his video series on John, with the aim of experiencing spiritual growth and life-changing renewal while exploring the major themes of this Gospel. The study centers on the book, video, and Scripture.

John Rutter: A Modern Classic

February 16 & 23 and March 1 & 8
Led by George Bollenbacher

John Rutter has emerged as a modern giant of choral composition and directorship, with major pieces and performances in both the classical and popular genres. This class will explore Mr. Rutter's love of and approach to choral singing, and will listen to performance of his works by a variety of groups, from very large to quite small.

Parenting book group

**12:00 pm in the Auditorium
March 15, 22 & 29 and April 5**
Led by Nancy McKenzie and Sarah Seitz

Group discussion will focus on selected portions of *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk* by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish. This national best-selling book provides practical advice on how to be more effective with your children, and more supportive of yourself.

Cosmology and Faith

April 19 & 26 and May 3 & 10
Led by Michael Blanton and Brad Breen

This class offers a discussion of modern cosmology and its relationship to faith, and our understanding of our origins.

Also of interest:

Vespers

Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Library/Chapel. The service includes, prayer, hymns, scripture and group reflection, with shared lay leadership and evolving format.

IPC Morning Book Club

Meets in the Parlor at 9:30 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to discuss novels, poetry and non-fiction. Convened by Susan Breen and led by various members.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Topic and monthly dates TBA
