

2017 Fall Quarter
September 25 – December 1

All classes are 2 credits except the Reformation Weekend Class which is 1 Credit

Monday Evening beginning September 25
6:45-9:15 P.M.

The Whole Bible for the Whole Church: Part 1: Introduction to the Old Testament
Professor: Dr. Peter Hintzoglou
Class will meet at the La Canada Presbyterian Church

Seminaries and churches traditionally have divided the Old and New Testaments for study, teaching, and preaching. In this two quarter course, even though we begin with the Old Testament, we will continually keep in mind the whole Bible. In highlighting the themes emphasized by the authors of each book, we will examine questions of authorship, historical context, literary style, and the distinctive contribution of each writing in the salvation history leading to Jesus Christ.

Tuesday Evening Beginning September 26
6:45-9:15 P.M.

Leadership for the Church Today: Theory and Practice
Professor: Dr. Ivan Pitts
Class will meet at the Second Baptist Church, Santa Ana

Description to come

Wednesday Evening beginning October 4

Introduction to Christian Belief and Practice
Professor: Dr. Janna Gosselin
Class will meet at the La Canada Presbyterian Church and be live-streamed

Christian beliefs and practices are inseparable in the formation of Christian identity. One cannot be a Christian without believing in certain basic doctrines, yet neither can one be a Christian without participation in certain essential practices. While one's Christian beliefs inform his or her practices, one's Christian practices not only can inform but can deepen one's beliefs. In this course, we will examine four basic Christian doctrines—the doctrines of God, of Christ, of the Holy Spirit

and of the Trinity, while we also examine five basic Christian practices: prayer, Bible-reading, communion, praise/gratitude and Sabbath-keeping. We will examine the practice of Sabbath-keeping in the context of a four-hour retreat to a local retreat center. As we explore belief and practice, we will look for the intersections between doctrine and discipline while we seek ways to deepen our belief and shape our spiritual formation.

Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning September 30

Also: October 7, 14, 21; November 4, 11

Basic Counseling Skills

Professor: Dr. Gary Ventimiglia

Class will meet at the Glendale Presbyterian Church

The purpose of this class is to teach the fundamentals of a lay counseling ministry in the local church. These consist of an appropriate counseling methodology; a basic understanding of the kinds of problems parishioners bring into a church setting; and a clear delineation of the limits of this ministry, both morally and legally. The latter concerns issues of referral, diagnosis, and levels of competency. For those seeking ordination, this class will also provide a thorough examination of the ministry of pastoral counseling.

October 27-29

A Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Professor John D'Elia and a variety of speakers

The weekend will be held at the Glendale Presbyterian Church

Weekend description to come