



First Presbyterian Church Presents The Protestant Reformation (1517 to 2017): The First 500 Years

This fall the Faith Seeking Understanding class will hold two series of classes, focusing on the Protestant Reformation in honor of its five hundredth anniversary. We will learn about the leaders of this movement, the impact of the Reformation on the Christian Church and why it is still relevant in our contemporary world. Classes will be taught by Professor Greg Love of San Francisco Theological Seminary, and Rev. Kent Meads, our interim pastor. (Schedule of classes on the back.)

Two series:

1. Reformation:

The Historical Background and its Key Leaders: Luther, Calvin and Zwingli.

We will explore the state of the church during the period leading up to the Reformation, and hear the stories of its three most important leaders and thinkers. We will look at them as church leaders and theologians, and also explore their spiritual lives.

2. The Impact of the Reformation, and its Relevance to the Church Today

We will explore:

- The spread of the Reformation to the British Isles, and to America, where it played a crucial role in the shaping of the early colonies and the American Revolution
- The impact of the Reformation on the Enlightenment
- Impact on the Church, and why it still matters

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Date	Teacher	Topic
The Reformation: Historical Background and Key Leaders		
9/10/2017	Greg Love	Background: The Church and World in the 1400's
9/17/2017	Greg Love	Martin Luther: An Accidental Revolution, 1483-1521
9/24/2017	Greg Love	Switzerland: Ulrich Zwingli and the Radicals, 1521-40
10/1/2017	Greg Love	John Calvin: The Reformed Answer to the Radicals, 1530-60
10/8/2017	Kent Meads	Luther and Calvin: a look at their spiritual lives.
10/15/2017	FSU Team	The Reformation: Questions and Interactive Discussion
10/22/2017	No Class (Church Retreat)	
The Impact and Relevance of the Reformation to the Church Today		
10/29/2017	Greg Love	Scotland, England, and America: 1570-1619
11/5/2017	Greg Love	Wars, Reason, Humanism and Enlightenment: Consequences of the Reformation for the World
11/12/2017	Greg Love	Saved by Grace Alone: Consequences of the Reformation for the Christian Faith, and Why the Reformation Still Matters.

Meeting Time: 9:15 to 10:30 am

Meeting Place: Chapel

ALL ARE WELCOME!