

2017 Adult Lenten Series at Kirk in the Hills

Journey to the Cross: Jesus' Final Days



El Greco (Spanish, 1541–1614), *Christ Carrying the Cross*, ca. 1602. Museo del Prado, Madrid

“Holy Week” is a phrase that sits at the very center of our faith. Each Lenten season, we observe Jesus’ journey to the cross: the last supper with his disciples, his agony in the garden, his betrayal, arrest, trial, scourging and crucifixion on Good Friday, followed by the glories of Easter and his resurrection. Meanwhile, secular scholars do their best to poke holes in the Biblical narratives, telling us dispassionately, what more likely “really happened” during those same days. This Lenten season, our study series will feature the book *Jesus, the Final Days: What Really Happened*, by Craig Evans and N.T. Wright. Theologians Evans and Wright present the case for the historical accuracy of our Gospel accounts, citing dozens of scholarly secular researchers and archaeologists, as well as taking their own scholarly dive into the Gospel accounts. Come join us as we study the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus in a new and compelling way.

A five-week study...come to one or all sessions as your schedule permits!

Sundays • Refectory 10:15–11:00 a.m.		Wednesdays • St. Andrew’s Room • 6:30–7:30 p.m. Cedarholm Chapel • 7:30–8:00 p.m.	
March 5	Robert Beck – Adult Ministry Committee Kirk in the Hills Jasmine Smart – Director of Christian Education, Kirk in the Hills <i>Bridging the Gap: Connecting Jesus’ Jewish Life to His Christian Passion</i>	March 8 <i>Followed by a Compline Service in Cedarholm Chapel</i>	Fr. John Riccardo – Pastor Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Plymouth, MI <i>Holy Week and The Passion – A Catholic Perspective</i>
March 12	Dr. Brewster H. Gere – Interim Senior Pastor, Kirk in the Hills <i>Passion Accounts in the Four Gospels: Conflict or Corroboration?</i>	March 15 <i>Followed by a Compline Service in Cedarholm Chapel</i>	Rev. Tres Adams, III – Pastor Kirk in the Hills <i>Jesus, The Final Days: What Really Happened Chapter 1: The Shout of Death</i>
March 19	Matt Lundberg – Associate Professor of Religion, Calvin College <i>The Cross and Christian Martyrdom</i>	March 22 <i>Followed by a Compline Service in Cedarholm Chapel</i>	Dr. Brewster H. Gere, Interim Senior Pastor, Kirk in the Hills <i>Jesus, The Final Days: What Really Happened Chapter 2: The Silence of Burial</i>
March 26	Dr. Michael Pytlik – Director of Judaic Studies, Oakland University <i>Archeology of Jesus</i>	March 29 <i>Followed by a Compline Service in Cedarholm Chapel</i>	Jasmine Smart - Director of Christian Education, Kirk in the Hills <i>Jesus, The Final Days: What Really Happened Chapter 3: The Surprise of Resurrection</i>
April 2	Tracee Glab – Curator of Collections and Exhibitions, Flint Institute of Arts <i>Jesus’ Last Days in Color: The Kirk’s Chancel Passion Window</i>	April 5 <i>Followed by a Compline Service in Cedarholm Chapel</i>	Tracee Glab - Curator of Collections and Exhibitions, Flint Institute of Arts <i>Arma Christi: The Instruments of the Passion</i>

Childcare available Wednesday evenings.



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2017 Lenten Series Speakers



Bob Beck currently serves on the Kirk's Adult Ministry Committee and has for the past four years. He has a passion for history (particularly the early Christian church) and is fascinated with studies surrounding the Ark of the Covenant. He believes that history need not be dull or boring and tries to bring it to life with anecdotes, bits of trivia and interesting visuals to maintain interest and promote an environment of learning. Bob has taught and led two adult classes at the Kirk that delved into the "Formation of the Bible" (*as Protestants know it*) and the "Formation of the New Testament Canon." After leading a senior pastor search for a large, multi-pastor church, Bob was asked to teach *How to be an Elder in the Presbyterian Church* classes for the Presbytery of Detroit. Bob lives in Birmingham with his wife, Wendy, and is an executive with an out-of-state medical device manufacturer. They have two daughters: Elizabeth, who is a Deacon at the Kirk and Katherine, who is married, living in Columbus, OH.



Jasmine Smart is the Director of Adult Christian Education at Kirk in the Hills. Originally from Portland, Oregon, she attended Calvin College and received her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2015. Jasmine has served in a variety of church settings, with responsibilities for education of children, youth and adults, as well as worship leadership and occasional preaching. She also has worked in a variety of chaplaincy settings such as college, prison, and a psychiatric hospital, and began working part-time at St. Joseph's hospital in January 2017. She is currently on the road to ordination in the PC(USA).



Fr. John Riccardo was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1996. He currently serves as the pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Plymouth, Michigan. With Pope Francis he believes "Knowing Jesus is the best gift anyone can ever receive; that we have encountered Him is the best thing that has happened in our lives; and making Him known by our deeds and words is our greatest joy."



Rev. Dr. Brewster (Budge) H. Gere is currently the Kirk's Interim Senior Pastor/Head of Staff. Budge attended Princeton Theological Seminary and graduated with a Master of Divinity. While at the seminary, he had a variety of field work experiences, both suburban and inner-city, and also coached Princeton University's JV hockey team. Budge and Anne were the head residents of the dormitory that housed Princeton's first class of female students. During his pastorate in Seattle, Budge earned his Doctor of Ministry degree, with an emphasis on worship, from Princeton Theological Seminary.



Matt Lundberg holds a doctorate in systematic theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. He is a professor of theology and ethics and the interim chairperson of the Religion department at Calvin College. He represents the Christian Reformed Church in ecumenical work with the National Council of Churches, where he has encountered many wonderful Presbyterians. His current research interests include theological interpretations of martyrdom, the Church's response to mass incarceration, and questions of faith and suffering. He and his wife, Kelly, live with their three children in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they are actively involved in the life and work of Boston Square Christian Reformed Church.



Rev. William L. (Tres) Adams III - While his given name is William Lincoln Adams III, our Pastor for Congregational Care Ministries goes by his lifelong nickname of 'Tres.' Tres graduated from Allegheny College in 1999 with a BA in Communication Arts and an extensive minor in Economics, where he was also the chaplain of his fraternity. He spent several years in the corporate environment, working in telecommunications, medical sales, and market making and supplier management for an international online auction house. He received his Masters of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.



Dr. Michael Pytlik holds a doctorate in Jewish Studies and is the Director of Judaic Studies at Oakland University where he teaches The Archaeology of Israel, Archaeology of Sacred Sites, God Through Jewish History, Written Tradition of Judaism, Introduction to Judaism, and Monotheistic Mysticism. Mike is a frequent traveler to Israel, and has participated in several excavations in Israel. Since 2009 he has organized and leads a group of OU students to Israel for a tour and excavation field school. He is interested in the formation of the ancient Israelite kingdom under David, the development of the synagogue, Jewish Theology, Hebrew and the archaeology of Israel. He is very active in the Jewish community, and is involved in Christian and Muslim Jewish dialogue groups. Mike is also the current faculty adviser for the Jewish Student Organization on campus. He holds a Doctor of Science in Jewish Studies from Spertus College, as well as a master's degree in Jewish Studies and a bachelor's degree in History.



Tracee Glab is Curator of Collections and Exhibitions at the Flint Institute of Arts. She completed her BA at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and MA at Wayne State University in Art History. Tracee came to the FIA in 2009 as Associate Curator to research and write on the Viola E. Bray Renaissance Gallery, culminating in the 2011 publication *Magnificence and Awe: Renaissance and Baroque Art* in the Viola E. Bray Gallery at the FIA. Since that time, she has curated over a dozen special exhibitions, including the most recent *About Face: Portraiture through Time*. Prior to her time at the FIA, Tracee worked for ten years at the Detroit Institute of Arts.