

Passages Sunday Class

Winter/Spring 2025

9:45-10:45 a.m. | S203 Pattie Cole and Zoom

Biblically and theologically based lessons and discussions in this class help adults of all ages respond to the call to live faithfully in the world today. This season we will explore what it means to be human and how we are called to be followers of Jesus.

Jan. 5 | **The Prosperity Gospel** – *Rev. Mary Margaret Porter*

Explore why this theological outlook misrepresents the relationship between God and humankind.

Jan. 12 | **“Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I’ve Loved”** – *Rev. Anna Dickson*

An introduction to this NYT best-selling book and its author, Kate Bowler.

Jan. 19 | **On the Long Road to Justice** – *Participants in the 2024 Civil Rights Trip*

Observations and stories that made an impact on the trip to Alabama.

Jan. 26 | **How We Respond to Others During Difficult Times** – *Rev. Mary Bowman*

A look at how we can show-up for those navigating challenging situations

Feb. 2 | **Congregational Breakfast**

Feb. 9 | **The History of the Holy Spirit** – *Bill Stevenson*

How and when did the Holy Spirit (Ghost) become an acknowledged part of the Trinity?

Feb. 16 | **The Experience of the Holy Spirit** – *Rev. Mary Bowman*

How to live out our faith more fully in partnership with the Holy Spirit

Feb. 23 | **Our Trespasses** – *Greg Jarrell*

Stories of the land in the Brooklyn neighborhood that was taken up in the Urban Renewal campaigns in the mid-1960s.

Mar. 2 | **On Not Loving Your Enemies** – *Garrell Keesler*

An introduction to Henri Nouwen’s book and the FPC Congregational Book Read.

Mar. 9 | **The Joy of Generosity** – *Don Olmstead*

Biblical examples of joyful giving and how God uses generosity in our lives.

Mar. 16 | **Kate Bowler Willard Lecturer in Review** – *Kyle Christiansen and Lauren Harnett*

Go deeper into the stories and ideas from the Willard Lecture

Mar. 23 | **Untangling the Anxious Brain** – *Staff from Hopeway*

Explore the complexities of anxiety across different life stages, how it impacts the brain, and get practical strategies to manage anxiety.

Mar. 30, Apr. 13, Apr. 27 | **Gospel Accounts of Holy Week and Easter** – *Rev. Dr. John Hart and Rev. Becky Hart*

The Gospel guides to finding our way to the cross of Good Friday and beyond.