

The Faith & Life Class invites you to join us during Lent, March 5th through April 16th, for six special classes.

“Art and Transformation: Lenten Reflections”

Led by Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary staff and student
March 5th, 12th, 19th, & April 2nd, 9th

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“A Conversation with Matt Gaventa”

March 26th

March 5th – **Eric Wall**, Assistant Professor of Sacred Music and Dean of the Chapel, UPC choir member, and frequent guest organist: “Sounds and Silences: Giving Voice to Lent”
How do the words and the music that we sing during Lent shape this six-week journey?

March 12th - **Rev. Dr. CD Weaver**, Artist in Residence, "Desire and Delight: The Keys to the Spiritual Life."

March 19th - **Andrew Fraiser**, middler student, “Passion and Reflection: The Music of J.S. Bach, Duke Ellington, and John Adams.” We will examine and listen to excerpts from Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, Ellington's *Sacred Concerts*, and Adams' *The Gospel According to the Other Mary*, followed by a reflection on the ways that this music both inspires and informs our worship practices.

March 26th – “A Conversation with Matt Gaventa”, our new senior pastor. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and visit with Matt, who indicated that he would like to hear from us - our hopes and dreams for the coming years - rather than just him speaking to the class. Madelyn assured him that the folks who attend the class have no difficulty talking and that we are not shy!

April 2nd & 9th – **Rev. Dr. Paul Hooker**, Associate Dean for Ministerial Formation and Advanced Studies, “The Poetry of Holy Week”. Paul is also part of our UPC family and a member of the choir.

April 16th – Easter Sunday, No Sunday School Class

Regarding the Lenten series, Bobbie Sanders wrote:

Samuel Wells, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in London, sees God's work with his people as the work of a Creator/Artist. He recounts the story of the Prophet Jeremiah's visit to the potter's house: “‘The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel.’ Here I found the essence of art and the essence of Christianity in one sentence. . . . This is the story of Christianity, that God does not throw us away as flawed, but reworks us into something more beautiful.” Here, too, is the essence of Lent, that we flawed, broken humans may be transformed by our Creator through the power of the Holy Spirit, released through the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ.