

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

**“Art and Transformation: Lenten Reflections”**  
**Led by Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary staff and student**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>**

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***“A Conversation with Matt Gaventa”***  
***March 26<sup>th</sup>***

March 5<sup>th</sup> – **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 12<sup>th</sup> - **Rev. Dr. CD Weaver**, Artist in Residence, "Desire and Delight: The Keys to the Spiritual Life."

March 19<sup>th</sup> - **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 26<sup>th</sup> – “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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – **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 16<sup>th</sup> – 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.**