

## Christ Church Detroit Adult Bible Class 2022-2023

1	Sept 11		Ruth 1:1-2:23	From Moab to Bethlehem
2	Sept 18		Ruth 3:1-4:18	from Naomi's Instructions to Birth of Obed
	<b>Sept 25</b>	<b>Frances Trix will discuss aspects of Islam with our class</b>		
	<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>...more insights into the background of Islam by Frances Trix</b>		
3	Oct 9		<b>...structure &amp; intent of Psalms of Praise</b>	
			<b>[Oct 16 - Detroit marathon - no class]</b>	
4	Oct 23		<b>...structure &amp; intent of Psalms of Confidence</b>	
5	Oct 30		Song of Songs I-1:1-17 & II-2:1-17	
6	Nov 6		Song of Songs III-3:1-11, IV-4:1-16 & V-5:1-16	
7	Nov 13		Song of Songs VI-1-12, VII-7:1-14 & VIII-8:1-14	
8	Nov 20		<b>...structure and intent of Psalms of Zion</b>	
9	Nov 27	Advent 1	Joel 1:1-2:27	Divine Judgment
10	Dec 4	Advent 2	Joel 3:1-4:21	Judah's Security is Secured
11	Dec 11	Advent 3	<b>...structure &amp; intent of Wisdom Psalms</b>	
			<b>[Dec 18 - Jan 1 - Christmas break]</b>	
12	Jan 8		Wisdom of Solomon 1:1-2:24	
13	Jan 15		Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-4:20	
14	Jan 22		Wisdom of Solomon 5:1-6:21	
15	Jan 29		Wisdom of Solomon 6:22-10:21	
16	Feb 5		Wisdom of Solomon 11:1-15:13	
17	Feb 12		Wisdom of Solomon 15:14-19:22	
18	Feb 19		<b>...structure &amp; intent of Psalms: Individual &amp; Communal Lament</b>	
19	Feb 26	Lent 1	Matthew 1:1-2:23	Infancy Narratives
20	Mar 5	Lent 2	Matthew 3:1-4:24	Book 1 ~ Proclaiming the Kingdom
21	Mar 12	Lent 3	Matthew 5:1-7:29	Discourse ~ Sermon on the Mount
22	Mar 19	Lent 4	Matthew 8:1-9:38	Book 2 ~ Jesus' Mission in Galilee
23	Mar 26	Lent 5	Matthew 10:1-11:1	Discourse ~ Mission, Past and Future
24	Apr 2	Palm Sunday	Matthew 11:2-13:53	Book 3 ~ Opposition from Israel Discourse ~ Parables
			<b>[Apr 9 - Easter Sunday - no class]</b>	
25	Apr 16		Matthew 13:54-17:27	Book 4 ~ the Church & Coming Passion
26	Apr 23		Matthew 18:1-25	Discourse ~ Life within the Church
27	Apr 30		Matthew 19:1-23:29	Book 5 ~ Leading Disciples to the Cross
28	May 7		Matthew 24:1-25:46	Discourse ~ The Last Judgment
29	May 14		Matthew 26:1-28:20	Passion, Death, and Resurrection
30	May 21		<b>...structure &amp; intent of Psalms: Individual &amp; Communal Thanksgiving</b>	
31	May 28	Pentecost	James 1:1-2:26	The Values and Trials of Temptation
32	June 4	Trinity	James 3:1-5:20	Call to Friendship with God & Prayer
33	June 11		<b>...structure &amp; intent of Royal psalms</b>	

Adult Bible Class will resume at 9:30 am, Sunday, September 11, in Cary Lounge. We will begin our year's study with the book of Ruth. This delightful short story, or perhaps play in 4-acts, is set in early Israelite times, after Moses and before David. Most modern scholars, however, believe it to have been written much later during the Second Temple period, following the return from Babylonian captivity of the 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE, when attitudes toward foreigners were less prohibitive.

On September 25 and October 2 we will enjoy a special treat. Frances Trix will share with us some of the important facets of Islamic faith and worship. During this coming year our class will read together several smaller books from the Hebrew Bible: Ruth, Song of Songs, and the Prophet Joel; the Wisdom of Solomon from the Second Temple writings (the Apocrypha as Protestants know it); and from our Christian New Testament, Matthew's Gospel and the Epistle of James. Between each of these books, we will devote one Sunday to listening to the language of some Psalms from each of the modern divisions – Praise, Wisdom, Lament, Thanksgiving, and so on.

All our welcome to join at any time. No preparation is required. The schedule of readings for this year will be available on the Adult education page of Christ Church Detroit's website. For further questions please speak with Barbara Cushing.

