

Course Details and “Meet Our Instructor”

INSTRUCTOR: Reverend Cheryl Raine serves the First Presbyterian Church of Redlands, a multiethnic congregation. On any given Sunday you will find Indonesians, Africans, Pakistanis, and Western Europeans in worship at FPC Redlands, with worship services also given in Indonesian and Urdu. The congregation seeks to live the heart and mind of Christ at the heart of the city. During the pandemic the church contributed to a community wide effort to make sack lunches seven days a week, as all services in their community for the most vulnerable were shuttered. They also constructed a park on their property during this time which is shared with their community. Cheryl’s partner in life is Paul and they have adult twin sons: Aaron married to Kayla and they have an adorable 20 month old daughter named Lindsey, and Jason. Cheryl and her husband enjoy walking their chocolate lab Abbey through the orange groves of Redlands and entertaining family and friends in their backyard oasis! Ask to see photos! This is Cheryl’s 8th year teaching for the Pacific Region APA Conference.



Class Schedule

Date	Time (All Times are Pacific Time)	Biblical Interpretation
Thursday, September 15	6:00 – 8:45 PM	Biblical Interpretation
Friday, September 16	9:00 – 11:45 AM	PC(USA) History Since the Reunion (1983)--Part A
Friday, September 16	2:00 – 4:45 PM	PC(USA) History Since the Reunion (1983)--Part B

Biblical Interpretation (2.5 hours)

Overview – “The scriptures are the source of our faith, our worship, our church government, and our witness in the world. Teaching God’s people the Bible story and how to interpret scripture with knowledge, integrity, and skill requires teachers and preachers who are thoroughly grounded in the scripture.” – Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

This course is designed to provide Presbyterians with knowledge and skills that will enable them to gain a basic understanding of the contents of the Bible and a familiarity with resources for interpreting the Bible.

Suggested Topics May Include:

- Reformed affirmation about scriptures • Textual criticism • The art of translating English editions • Biblical interpretation resources • The Gospels – compare and contrast

PC(USA) History Since Reunion (1983) – Part A (2.5 hours)

Overview – In 1983 the UPCUSA and PCUS churches voted separately to reunite. This course will explore the basis for the reunion, the preparation for the event and the new structure of PCUSA.

Suggested Topics May Include:

- General Assemblies of 1981 and 1982 • Theological roots and preliminary principles ∞ Creeds and confessions of the reunited denomination • Rationale for reunion • Historical denominational issues identified with the reunion of the “southern” and “northern” churches • Decentralization and new structure of General Assembly, presbyteries and synods
- New denomination headquarters in Louisville, KY

PC(USA) History Since Reunion (1983) – Part B (2.5 hours)

Overview – With the reunion in 1983 came the formation of consolidated resources and governance. This course will provide an overview of the evolving governance and mission after the 1983 reunion.

Suggested Topics May Include:

- Worship, Education and Mission for the reunion • Societal and Global Responsibilities ∞ “Cases of conscience” (raise the consciousness about challenges in the country and around the world ∞ Responding to social, political and economic crisis • Ecumenical Relations and Interfaith Dialogue