

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WOMEN'S
M I N I S T R Y



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1).

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1).

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen without eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life... (1 John 1:1).

Wow! Do you see that word, "beginning"? I am overwhelmed with how limited my knowledge of our heavenly Father is. I am humbled that He reveals himself to me through his word. I am thankful that we have a church family to pray with, worship with, break bread with, and fellowship with. I am nervous as we dig into the letters of John of the sin and wrong thinking that God is going to reveal to me. I am relieved that He shows mercy and grace as I confess and repent of the sin that entangles me. I am excited to learn more about who God is and who He has called me to be.

Join us as we study 1, 2, and 3 John this winter and spring, January 15 – April 23. Our large group teaching time will begin at 11:30 in Room 201. At noon we will serve lunch and divide into our small groups to discuss the homework questions. We finish around 1:00.

Who is teaching the large group time? Leslie Brooks, Karen Edwards, Katie Flores, and I will rotate giving the lectures.

What time should I plan to get there? The lecture will start at 11:30, so plan to arrive at 11:20 to give yourself time to get settled.

I have never done a Bible Study before, is that okay? Yes! Everyone in our Tuesday morning study is in a different place in their walk with the Lord. Come join us and learn what it means to study the word of God with a group and on your own.

How does lunch work? Traci puts out a delicious spread in the Commons. Go through the line, paying \$6.00 for lunch, and help yourself.

Who will be in my small group? Small groups are made up of 6-8 ladies in different life stages. When you register you will have an opportunity to request a friend to be with. Many of our small groups from this past fall will stay together. We know that new people will be joining our study, and so we will add these ladies into existing small groups and create new ones.

What happens from noon to 1:00? You will get your lunch and join your small group for a time of fellowship and conversation. As everyone finishes lunch, your small group leader will take you through the homework questions.

How hard and how time consuming is the homework? While the questions are not hard they are thought-provoking and often require time to read and process the information. The total time for the homework is about an hour. We recommend reading the passage several times before starting the homework and then giving yourself several days in 15-20 minute increments to complete the homework. You may have to give up something to make this happen. I gave up folding laundry!

What if I do not have time to do the homework? Please come anyway! There is no test; there is no judgement. We are all coming together to learn. Our hope and prayer is that you will learn more about who God is through His word, that our Father will draw you closer to himself, and that you will be conformed to the image of his Son.

Tuesday morning doesn't work for me what are my options? Find a friend, or several who also cannot do Tuesday mornings. The lectures will be online. Listen to the teaching at your convenience and meet with your small group to review the homework questions. If we can help facilitate this, please let me know: ilink@covpres.com

I want to join the study, what do I do now? Pray. Take a moment to thank God for this opportunity and his word. Ask him to prepare your heart for the study, your time in his word, and the fellowship with your sisters in Christ. [Register here](#). Read 1, 2, and 3 John several times over the next week.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22, 23).

Today is a new beginning for me and for you!

Blessings,
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