

The Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church Ministry Team

2009 Adult Bible School: “*Jesus in the 21st Century*” Course Syllabus

Synopsis:

In *Little Gidding* (Four Quartets), T.S. Eliot writes,

“We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.”

Thinking along these lines – in order to consider “Jesus in the 21st Century” – we must first consider Jesus across the sweep of time. We will begin, then, by thinking about the cosmic Christ – the “Christ Beyond Time.” We will then turn our attention to the “The Time of Christ” – the uniqueness of his appearance as a fully-human being at a very particular point in human history. Then, building on this foundation, we will devote two sessions to reflecting on “Christ for Our Time” – focusing on the wonderful and paradoxical combination of constancy and change that Christ brings to the present day. Finally – to more fully realize the extraordinary implications of “Jesus in the 21st Century” – we will be challenged to consider our own time for Christ as we ponder “Christ in Our Time.” Throughout this series, insights will be sought from scripture, song and creed, and participant interaction will be strongly encouraged.

Schedule:

Session I – July 19, 2009: “Christ Beyond Time”

Scripture: John 1:1-18; Colossians 1:9-23; Genesis 1:1-5

Session II – July 20, 2009: “The Time of Christ”

Scripture: Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 24:36-53; Acts 4:5-12

Session III – July 21, 2009: “Christ for Our Time – Part 1:

The Constancy of Christ – Aspects of Grace”

Scripture: Exodus 3:13-15; Hebrews 4:14-5:10; John 14:1-14; Romans 8:31-39;
Matthew 28:16-20

Session IV – Jul 22, 2009: “Christ for Our Time – Part 2:

Christ in the Midst of Change – Aspects of Grace”

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8; John 14:15-21