



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

MICAH: 6:8

DO JUSTICE | LOVE MERCY | WALK HUMBLY

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2022



Throughout our Holy Scriptures, we see that our Lord came to bring justice, to show us mercy, and to invite us into right relationship with God and each other. This fall, Trinity will be exploring what it means for us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. I will be preaching a sermon series October 23 and 30 and November 6 on these three requirements from Micah 6:8. We will also engage in learning and shared action to better understand how our faith's call intersects with the needs of the world today. Our Adult Education series will explore themes of justice, mercy, and righteousness as we hear from presenters from Ebenezer Baptist Church, The Temple, Mercer University, the Candler School of Theology, and more.

On November 10, we will welcome our second Kittrell Lecturer, Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative. Mr. Stevenson has spent his career pursuing justice and speaking to our shared human call to share and receive mercy. Before the community lecture, our congregation will have many opportunities to deepen our engagement of the themes of justice and mercy. We will have discussion groups for those who want to read Mr. Stevenson's award-winning book, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. We will also host a community viewing of the movie adaptation of the book with discussion to follow. On October 22, Rev. Lucy Strong and I will travel to Montgomery with Trinity members to experience the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, where lynching victims are remembered and honored. Also on October 22, a group from Trinity will volunteer at the Metro Reentry Facility in Atlanta, partnering with Peachtree Road United Methodist Church to offer a Family Day with carnival games, food, and activities for incarcerated men and their visiting families. Through these opportunities, we can come to know more of our history and move into a more just future. In the words of Bryan Stevenson, the "true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned."

I hope you will join us this fall for this important journey.

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON SERIES: THE THREE REQUIREMENTS

October 23 - November 6

9:00 AM Worship | The Loft

11:00 AM Worship | Williams Hall

The Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon will preach a sermon series on the three requirements from Micah 6:8. We will also engage in learning and shared action to better understand how our faith's call intersects with the needs of the world today.

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 10 AM

This fall our Adult Education series will explore themes of justice, mercy, and righteousness as we hear from presenters from Ebenezer Baptist Church, The Temple, Mercer University, the Candler School of Theology, and more. All classes will be offered in a hybrid setting. Zoom links for online participation will be available on our website, trinityatlanta.org.





Let Justice Roll Down

September 11, 18, 25 and October 9, 16, 23

HYBRID CLASS: ROOM B 104/106 AND ZOOM

ZOOM ID: 894 8260 6368 / PASSCODE: 3003

Scripture and faith traditions speak in a loud voice of righteousness, justice, and mercy. How are we to think of what the prophets and Jesus have to say about issues of “Social Justice” today?

Join us for this six week session featuring such luminaries as Rabbi Lydia Medwin, Associate Rabbi at The Temple; Rev. Dr. John Vaughn, Executive Pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church; and Rev. Dr. David P. Gushee, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics at Mercer University, Past President of American Academy of Religion, Society of Christian Ethics and noted commentator.

Compassion and Truth: A Jewish Understanding of Righteousness

September 11

Rabbi Lydia Medwin, Associate Rabbi at The Temple, will lead us in a discussion about how righteousness is understood in the Jewish faith traditions.

Why Should Faith Communities Care about Ending Mass Incarceration

September 18

Rev. Dr. John Vaughn, Executive Pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church, will lead us in a discussion of how righteousness is understood in the African American church specifically as it affects mass incarceration.

Criminal Justice and Prison Conditions

September 25

Lecia Brooks, Chief of Staff and Culture at the Southern Poverty Law Center based in Montgomery will discuss SPLC’s work on criminal justice and prison conditions reform.

A Better Way

October 9

For over 35 years Georgia Justice Project has been strengthening our community by demonstrating a better way to represent and support individuals in the criminal justice system and reduce barriers to reentry. Representatives from Georgia Justice Project will discuss the specific work it does and why such work is needed.

Jesus and Justice

October 16

Rev. Dr. David P. Gushee, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics at Mercer University’s McAfee School of Theology and Past President, American Academy of Religion, Society of Christian Ethics, and well known speaker and writer, will lead the class in a biblical study of Jesus’ teachings about justice.

Reflections on The Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice

October 23

This class will watch brief videos about The Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Several Trinity members who in the last six months have visited the museum and memorial in Montgomery established by Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative will share their reflections and reactions and answer questions.

The Music of Our Lives: Freedom Songs

September 11, 18, 25 and October 9, 16, 23

HYBRID CLASS: ROOM B 112 AND ZOOM

ZOOM ID: 889 6617 4161 / PASSCODE: 3003

If music is a force for good...we humans are carriers, bringing the past in song and sound to the present. In anticipation of our visit with Bryan Stevenson, we'll travel back in time, listening and learning from American spirituals born to us in an era of slavery, gospel coming to fruition in the early 20th century, a choir of voices emerging during a time of Jim Crow and the Civil Rights Movement, onward into this 21st century with Freedom Songs of remembrance, lament, redemption, and hope passed down through the generations...storytelling, scripture, and spoken word put to music.

Standin' in the Need of Prayer

September 11

Song as prayer and illumination...where in Creation does it all begin, the music? Together we'll explore the art of listening, and hearing, that we might feel the emotional, communal, and spiritual connection born of the music of our lives.

Freedom Songs and The Word: Roots and Branches

September 18

The original American Freedom Songs were spirituals – songs of remembrance, lament, yearning, and hope rising from the enslaved whose eyes were watching God.

The Gospel Truth

September 25

The genre of American gospel music was created by songwriters and singers in the first half of the 20th century. We will consider the personal stories of these “founders” and listen to evolving renditions of their classic works.

Gospel Music and Blues Flow into the Mainstream

October 9

Call it “crossover” or “fusion” or “appropriation,” the 1940s and '50s saw gospel and blues promoted by the recording industry to the mass-market. Many of the popular recording artists of the period were raised in the church and brought that background to secular music.

Modern Songs of Justice: The Story Continues

October 16

Friend of TPC, Caroline Herring, will perform and talk about how songwriters and performers continue to inform us through songs of freedom and hope.

Civil Rights, Redemption, Struggle: Songs of the 60s and 70s

October 23

We witnessed an explosion of music through the 60s and 70s. Soul, rock, reggae – issues and music were expanding beyond cultural limits.



Legacies from the Old Testament

November 6 & 13

HYBRID CLASS: ROOM B 104/106 AND ZOOM
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So much of our Christian heritage – the call to justice and our response to justice and how we think about religion in the world are legacies of the Old Testament. This session will feature Rev. Dr. Joel LeMon, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Candler Theological Seminary at Emory on the prophetic tradition and Amos in particular as the lead-up to Bryan Stevenson’s lecture and our reflections on what’s next for Trinity.

The Prophet Amos: But Let Justice Roll Down Like Water

November 6

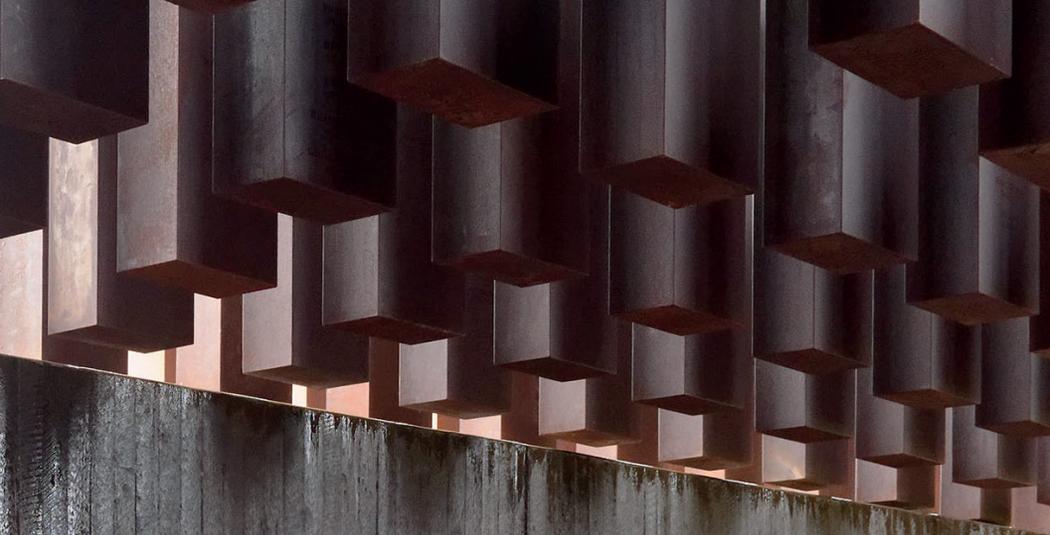
In anticipation of the Rosemary Kittrell Memorial Lecture by Bryan Stevenson, Rev. Dr. Joel LeMon, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Candler School of Theology will discuss the prophets with particular focus on the prophet Amos.

What Next?

November 13

The Old Testament is in many ways a record and literature of a covenant people called to justice, mercy and community.

On this Sunday following Bryan Stevenson’s lecture, we will consider this Old Testament legacy, Trinity’s mission opportunities, and recommitting ourselves to community.



EVENTS

OCTOBER 16 & 22

This October, Trinity Presbyterian Church is offering several events to deepen our understanding of issues relating to racial justice.

Congregation-wide Movie Night

JUST MERCY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

4:00-8:00 PM | WILLIAMS HALL

In anticipation of the November 10 Kittrell Lecture with Bryan Stevenson, join us for a screening of *Just Mercy*, followed by pizza and discussion.

Just Mercy is based on the powerful and thought-provoking true story of young lawyer, Bryan Stevenson, and his history-making battle for justice. After graduating from Harvard, Bryan had his pick of lucrative jobs. Instead, he heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or who were not afforded proper representation. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Cost of registration is \$5 per person to cover a pizza dinner following the screening.

Register: www.trinityatlanta.org/events.

Bus Trip to Montgomery, Alabama

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:45 AM - 7:00 PM

Join pastors Rebekah Close LeMon and Lucy Strong to visit and learn at the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, AL. The Legacy Museum gives a comprehensive history of the institution and legacy of slavery in the U.S. The National Memorial for Peace and Justice is the nation's first, dedicated to the memory of enslaved black people who have been terrorized by lynching, humiliated by racial segregation and burdened with presumptions of guilt and police violence.

Schedule: (Note: *Montgomery is on Central Time*)

- Meet at Trinity in the parking lot by Building B, no later than 7:45AM.
- 8:00 AM, the 27-passenger bus departs Trinity.
- 10:00 AM tour of Legacy Museum
- 12:30 – 1:30 PM private buffet lunch at museum
- 2:00 – 3:00 PM tour of the National Memorial followed by debriefing afterwards by EJI representative
- Return to Trinity around 7:00 PM

Trip Coordinator: Victoria Wolle (wolle@alumni.duke.edu)

Cost: \$80 for bus and lunch.

Family Day at Metro Reentry Facility

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

3 SHIFTS: 8:00 AM - NOON; NOON - 4:00 PM; ALL DAY

Please plan to volunteer as we host a family fun day at Metro ReEntry Facility for returning citizens. Part of the Georgia Department of Corrections, this facility is dedicated to removing barriers to successful integration back into the community. Services at this facility include counseling, substance abuse treatment, spiritual health, job training and education. Additionally, statistics have shown that connectivity to family, especially children is a great predictor of a successful reentry. Trinity will partner with Peachtree Road United Methodist Church (PRUMC) to host a Family Fun Day including games, food and dancing for returning citizens and their families inside the facility.

Volunteers commit to their entire shift: morning, afternoon, or all day. There is no coming and going. Volunteers must be 18 years or older. Groups will meet at Trinity prior to shifts to carpool.

Coordinators: Stan Tilley (stantilley@gmail.com), Susan Calloway (susancalloway@me.com) & Larry Gentry (lentryon17@hotmail.com)

ROSEMARY KITTRELL
MEMORIAL LECTURE

BRYAN
STEVENSON

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY**

(Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Overflow in Williams Hall.)

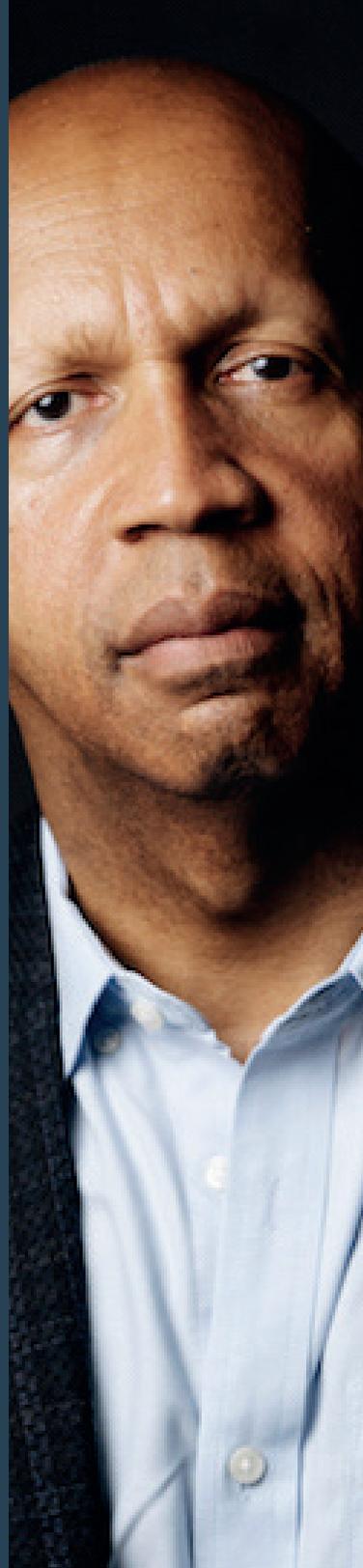
The best-selling author, lawyer, and social justice activist, Bryan Stevenson will deliver the second-annual Rosemary Kittrell Memorial Lecture at Trinity Presbyterian Church this fall.

This event is free and open to the public.

**Tickets will be available online to members beginning September 18th, and to the community on October 10th.
trinityatlanta.org**

Inaugurated last year, this lecture series features compelling speakers across a range of faith traditions and academic disciplines. The lectureship is made possible through an endowment established by Kittrell's estate.

Kittrell was a well-regarded Atlanta attorney and a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church for 43 years.



BRYAN
STEVENSON

Rosemary Kittrell Memorial Lecture Guest Speaker Bryan Stevenson is the Founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a human rights organization in Montgomery, Alabama. Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults.

Stevenson has initiated major new anti-poverty and anti-discrimination efforts that challenge inequality in America. He led the creation of two cultural sites: the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice which chronicle the legacy of slavery, lynching, and racial segregation, and the connection to mass incarceration and contemporary issues of racial bias.

He is the author of the critically acclaimed New York Times bestseller, *Just Mercy*, which was adapted as a major motion picture. Stevenson is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government.

For additional educational resources, visit our website at trinityatlanta.org.

Rosemary Kittrell Memorial Lecture Committee

Jim Balloun	Lyn Knapp
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Susan Calloway	Tom Owens
Laurie Coleman	Brian Reed
Lucy Crosswell	Ann Speer
Sarah French	Allen Spetnagel
Larry Gentry	Lucy Strong
Lasley Gober	Emily Swan
Lindsey Greene	Mary Kate Sykes
Jim Henderson	Velma Tilley
Mike Hobbs	Stan Tilley
Ginny Hobbs	John Tirrill
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