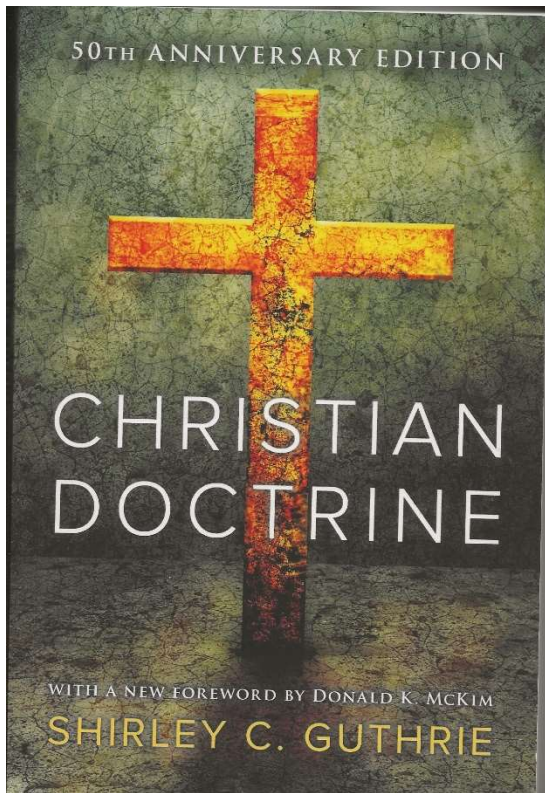


# CAMP HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS A WINTER BOOK STUDY



The CHPC Adult Discipleship Team invites you to a winter book study of the 50th anniversary edition of “Christian Doctrine” by Shirley C. Guthrie, a PC(USA) minister and professor at Columbia Theological Seminary. The weekly study begins Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blue Room and will be led by CHPC friends Marley Warren and Justin Williford. “Christian Doctrine” has introduced thousands to the tenets of the Christian faith. This anniversary edition reflects changes in the church and society, taking into account new works in Reformed theology, gender references in the Bible, racism, pluralism, ecological developments, and liberation theologies. Books will be available after worship on Sunday, Jan 26, or can be picked up by appointment in the church office.

What does it mean to be a Presbyterian? What does it mean to be a Christian? What do you believe? Why?

These are difficult questions for all of us to consider, but they are also weighty and important. 1 Peter 3:15 says, ““But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...”

So, what do we believe? In 1968, Shirley Guthrie wrote a book for adult education that sought to answer exactly this question. Guthrie was a respected Professor of Theology at Columbia University and a Presbyterian minister. You would be forgiven if you assumed the book he wrote about theology was a little dry, a little inaccessible, a little too seminary for the average person to understand.

But here, you would be wrong. Guthrie intentionally wrote this book on a high school reading level because he wanted every adult in the church to be able to use this book to understand the Living God. He also understood that serving such a God requires us to interpret Scripture in a world that is always growing, always shifting. Scripture does not change, but our interpretations of it can change and must change. In response to changes Guthrie saw in the world and in light of conversations he had with scholars who did not share his own background, Guthrie revised his work in 1994. Although he passed away in 2004, Guthrie’s work continues to be taught in seminaries and churches across America. In 2018, a new edition of Christian Doctrine was published, updating Guthrie’s work again to take on the challenges of being a believer in the 21st century.

I hope that you will join the discipleship committee in tackling this essential but accessible book. We will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30, starting February 11. We will discuss difficult topics like the trinity, predestination, and original sin, but as much as possible, we will try to leave the seminary talk at the door. Instead, we will seek to have real, engaging conversation about Christian Doctrine and faithfully reading the Word. What do we believe? Let’s find out together.