

A BRIEF THEOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN PRAYER

***THE RETREAT PORTION OF THIS CLASS IS
CANCELLED. THE ONLINE PORTION IS
PROCEEDING AS PLANNED.***

DATES

Online Sessions: March 16-April 4, 2020

In-Person Retreat Session: April 17, 5:00 p.m.-April 18, 4:00 p.m., 2020

OVERVIEW

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explore the biblical and theological foundations of prayer and then as we meet in person for an overnight retreat to pray and to connect in community.

In this course, we will:

- hope to enrich our understanding of what Scripture and Christian theology teach us about prayer; and
- seek to deepen our experience of prayer as a pathway of connection to the triune God known to us in Jesus Christ.

This class is being taught in a hybrid format, meaning that some portions will be online and one session will be a face-to-face retreat time. The online sessions will be offered asynchronously - in other words, you can participate in the class materials at your convenience any time during the day or night. The retreat at Villa Maria will begin with dinner on Friday evening and end mid-afternoon on Saturday.

INSTRUCTOR

Ron Cole-Turner is the H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics at PTS, a position relating theology and ethics to developments in science and technology. He is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, a founding member of the International Society for Science and Religion (currently serving as vice president), and has served on the advisory board of the John Templeton Foundation and the Metanexus Institute. His most recent book, *Prayer in the Trinity: A Brief Theology of Christian Prayer*, is the basis for this class. Cole-Turner is also the author of *Christian Perspectives on Transhumanism and the Church: Chips in the Brain; Immortality, and the World of Tomorrow*; *Transhumanism and Transcendence: Christian Hope in an Age of Technological Advancement*; *The New Genesis: Theology and the Genetic Revolution*; and *The End of Adam and Eve: Theology and the Science of Human Origins*. He is also the author of the popular baptism hymn, "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise."

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION CLOSED AS OF 2/27/2020.

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FEE

\$170 (includes all meals and lodging for the retreat session)

LODGING / CEUS

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The retreat session April 17-18, 2020 will be held at **Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center** in Villa Maria, Pa. Overnight housing will be in Potier Center on their campus.

CEUS

2.0 CEUs; a certificate will be available upon request to the [Click to view e-mail](#), PTS.

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