

PASTOR'S PEN

*Our 2018 Teaching Weekend with the Rev. Dr. Carl Trueman—  
“The Reformation: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow”*



It's with great joy that we announce our 2018 Teaching Weekend set for February 9-11. This annual event, now ten years strong, will again be co-sponsored by our congregation and our sisters and brothers of Grace Church, Roanoke. We are committed through these Teaching Weekends to bring strong biblical teaching and scholarship as a blessing to the wider community.

This year we are particularly thrilled that **the Rev. Dr. Carl Trueman** will be our visiting scholar and teacher. He will be addressing the topic, **“The Reformation: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.”** Given the 500<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Reformation in October, it will be a blessing to continue to draw upon that history for the Church today.

Dr. Trueman is one of the most respected orthodox theologians in the Church. Having his PhD from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, he holds the Paul Woolley Chair of Church History at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He also serves as the pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He has written more than a dozen books and is currently working on the *Oxford Handbook of Calvin and Calvinism* due early next year.

Dr. Trueman's academic interests focus primarily on Reformation church history and especially on the life and work of Martin Luther. Dr. Trueman's 2015 biography of Luther—*Luther on the Christian Life: Cross and Freedom*—was met with rave reviews and appreciations. He is also a frequent contributor to “First Things” magazine.

Over the 2018 Teaching Weekend, Dr. Trueman will present a series of four lectures helping us learn more about the history of the Reformation and its implications for faith today. He will also preach at the 8:15 service on Feb 11 and lead a Q & A forum during the Sunday School hour. Here's the schedule for the Weekend:

**Friday, Feb 9, 7 p.m. @ Grace Church -- Martin Luther, Theologian of the Cross**  
**Saturday, Feb 10, 9 a.m. @ St. John -- Reformation and Worship**  
**Saturday, Feb 10, 10:30 a.m. @ St. John -- The Challenges of Today**  
**Sunday, Feb 11, 8:15 a.m. @ St. John – Jude Doxology: To God alone be glory**  
**Sunday, Feb 11, 9:45 a.m. @ St. John – Adult Sunday School forum**  
**Sunday, Feb 11, 6 p.m. @ Grace Church -- The Church and the Cross**

Truly, I can't see how anyone would want to miss any of Dr. Trueman's time with us! His visit will offer us a rare opportunity to learn from this eminent, faithful scholar of Christ's Word and Christ's Church. We also look forward to having Dr. Trueman's wife with us for the weekend.

Please make plans to participate and invite your friends. May every seat in God's house be filled!

In Christ,  
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