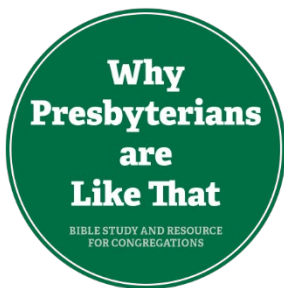


Why Presbyterians Are Like That

Suggestions for Use

"Why Presbyterians are Like That" is a series of Bible Studies intended to help participants think about why Presbyterians are the way we are. Like most Christians throughout history, Presbyterians affirm the faith articulated in the Nicene Creed and Apostles Creed. Presbyterians are distinguished by the particular ways we live out our faith in Jesus. We don't claim to be the only Christians who emphasize the elements of Christian faith discussed in this bible study, but we do believe that these common emphases and themes mark us as distinctive in the Christian family. " – John Williams



Overview of Resource

This resource was created in 2022 by the [Office of Christian Formation](#) in the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA) in partnership with [UKirk Collegiate Ministries](#). The writer is Rev. John Williams, Ph.D. Chaplain and Director of Church Relations Austin College, Sherman, Texas.

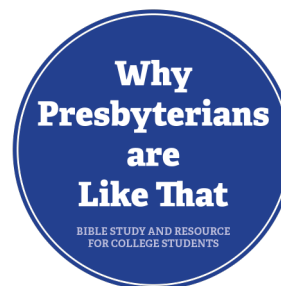
There are two editions. One is written particularly with college students in mind reflected in examples, language and questions. The other is written for use by adults generally in faith communities. Each resource can be downloaded as a free PDF either as the complete study or as individual studies which may be easier to share with participants or volunteer formation leaders. Both the College Student Edition and Congregational Edition can be found [here](#).

The study series includes:

Introduction and Overview

1. Bible
2. Grace
3. Response
4. Brains
5. Right Now
6. Justice
7. Sin
8. Presbyterian
9. Hope
10. Humbly

Appendix (References to PCUSA Book of Order and Book of Confessions)



Some Ways to Engage the Resource:

- Small Group Bible Study – Use for in person, online, congregation or college setting.
- Adult Sunday School Series – Choose a leader to lead the series or invite different members of the class to lead conversation for each of the topics.

- College Age/Campus Ministry Bible Study – whether once a week, once a month, or pick a topic of particular interest to students.
- Adapt College Edition for use with Senior High Students.
- Review material and adapt one of the lessons for use in New Member Orientation Classes when talking about what it means to be Presbyterian.
- Use as resource material when preparing Confirmation Class content around what it means to be Presbyterian.
- Ask people to engage the material on their own and then share discussion questions in virtual space like [Jamboard](#).
- Consider the study for a Lenten series.
- Choose specific sections of the material to include in Officer Training.
- Use the topics and scriptures for a sermon series with the material and questions as helpful content.
- Intentionally, plan a Bible study opportunity with multiple generations present.
- Pick one or two studies to use for a retreat theme and related content.
- Invite writer John Williams to come introduce the series or lead a lesson virtually. This is a joy of online bible study opportunities or hybrid set ups. Contact Christian.formation@psuca.org to request to be connected to him.

For more information or resources from our partner UKirk Collegiate Ministries see www.ukirk.org.

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