

**Year of the Bible 2019**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Outline**

***“It seems to me almost before the Bible says anything else, it is saying how important it is to be alive and to pay attention to being alive, pay attention to each other, pay attention to God as God moves and as God speaks. ...Pay attention...”***

**Frederick Buechner**

**Week 1:      January 6 (Jan. 1–Jan. 5)**

- Two creation stories?
- “Dominion”/ “Rule Over”
- Adam and Eve: Tricked? Seduced? Or just a bad choice?
- “The man has now become like one of us..”
- Cain and Abel: why did God prefer Abel’s offering?
- Who were the Nephilim?
- Only 5 chapters in and “The Lord regretted that he had made human beings...”
- The Flood - a story found in other traditions
- “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood.”
- Tower of Babel - “confuse their language”
- The beginning of the story of Abram
- The birth of Jesus: one of 2 birth narratives
  - Matthew focuses on Joseph; Luke focuses on Mary
  - Matthew gives us the Wise Men; Luke gives us the shepherds
- The flight to Egypt: good thing there were no walls
- Jesus begins his ministry - we jump from birth to adulthood
  - What about Jesus’ childhood? adolescence?
  - Apocryphal stories fill the gap
- The Sermon on the Mount - compare with the “Sermon on the Plain”  
Luke gives us (March 24)
- Did King David write all 150 Psalms?
- Proverbs: Wisdom attributed to Solomon
  - *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge”*
  - Does this mean we should we be afraid of God?