

Worship and Preaching: Year “B”

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Syllabus

Goals:

In this course, students will gain understanding as to the nature of worship, and will develop the knowledge and skills needed to effectively plan and lead worship. Students will also develop more fully their unique preaching style; gaining useful skills in sermon planning, preparation and delivery.

Required text: Book of Worship (United Church of Christ)

In the Fall sessions, students will concentrate on worship and liturgy

Congregational participation in Worship

- 1 Readers/Lectors
- 2 Worship assistants
- 3 Congregational responses
 - a Hymns
 - b Responsive readings/Psalms

Biblical References in worship

Worship planning

- 1 Worship Committee
- 2 Rehearsal

In the Spring sessions, students will concentrate on Preaching.

Basics of Preaching

Preparation and Forms of Sermons

1 Manuscript

2 Notes

a Full page

b Index cards

3 Extemporaneous

a preparation

b Practice

Students will be given assignments from time to time. These assignments are due by the next session **WITH NO EXCEPTIONS**. If you are planning to enter parish ministry, you will have a deadline each week that must be met. Congregations do not extend the deadline on the sermon.

This is a pass/fail course, based on class attendance, class participation, and completed assignments.

It is my hope that this course will be helpful to you both now and in the future. You will be encouraged to discuss current worship and preaching experiences. If you hope to pursue authorized ministry, consider me as a resource in planning worship in your current or future worship/preaching responsibilities. Please feel free to contact me **any time** about **anything**.