

# **Worship and Preaching: Year “A”**

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## **Syllabus**

### Goals:

In this course, students will gain understanding as to the nature of worship, as well as 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 and delivery.

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

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

### A Basics of Worship

1. What is worship/liturgy (liturgia)
2. What Worship Communicates
  - a. The life and ministry of Jesus
  - b. The story of Salvation
3. The Anatomy of Worship
  - a. Opening (Entrance) Rite
  - b. Word
  - c. Sacrament
  - d. Dismissal/Departure
  - e. How to “stage” worship
4. Integrating Hymns and Music in Worship
  - a. Hymnal
  - b. Screen
  - c. Words in bulletin
  - d. Proper licenses

5. Special Music
    - a. Choir
    - b. Soloist/Instrumentalist
    - c. Placement in Worship
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In the Spring sessions, students will concentrate on Preaching

## B. Basics of Preaching

1. Anatomy of a Sermon
  - a. Opening/Introduction (hook)
  - b. Body of Sermon
  - c. Conclusion
2. Content of Sermon
  - a. Biblical text
  - b. Expounding/explaining text
  - c. "Take away" (What does this say for us today?)
3. Children's Sermon
  - a. Pros and cons
  - b. Content
    1. Brief
    2. For **CHILDREN** not adults
4. Overcoming writer's block with exegesis

Students may be given assignments from time to time. These assignments are due by the next session **WITHOUT 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 your future ministry. You will be encouraged to discuss current worship and preaching experiences, as well as any concerns you may have. Please consider me as a resource in planning worship in your current worship/preaching responsibilities. Contact me at anytime about anything.