

Introduction to Reformed Worship
PW 3261 – Spring 2010
 Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
 March 2, 9, 16, & 30 from 6-8 pm
 Schlegel Hall 121.

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Course Description: This course examines the liturgical and sacramental traditions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in relation to its history, theologies and practices of worship. The course will focus on the Directory for Worship and is particularly intended for students who are preparing for PC(U.S.A.) ordination examinations in worship and sacraments.

Goals and Outcomes:

1. Gain knowledge of the *Directory for Worship* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
2. Apply knowledge of the *Directory for Worship* to case studies in preparation for ordination examinations.

Course Requirements and Assessment:

1. Attendance and participation in discussion.
2. Prepared summaries of each chapter in the Directory for Worship interacting with the book *Reformed Worship*. 2 pages per chapter, total 14 pages. Due March 9 before class starts.
4. Class presentation on an analysis of a worship service that includes Baptism or the Eucharist. Presentation will include an overview of the order of worship and an analysis of the theological and liturgical aspects of the worship service in relation to the requirements of the Directory for Worship. 10 pages. Due March 16 before class starts.

Academic honesty:

All work you submit in this class is expected to be yours. Any quotation of the words of others must be clearly indicated, and all direct indebtedness must be acknowledged by citation of author and source. Students unfamiliar with issues relating to academic honesty can find help from the staff in the Academic Support Center and should make use of the available resources at an early date, since violations of Seminary policy on academic honesty can lead to a failing grade for the course.

Inclusive Language:

In your writing, avoid language for people that leaves out part of the population or perpetuates stereotypes. Avoid gender specific pronouns when gender is unknown.

Gender specific pronouns should be avoided when referring to God unless you are quoting from a theological text or a translation of the Bible that uses them.

*** Please turn off cell phones before class begins. Keep in vibration only if you really need it.**

Required Reading:

Directory of Worship of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Howard L. Rice and James C. Huffstutler, *Reformed Worship*. Louisville: Geneva Press, 2001.

Small, Joseph D. *A Church of the Word and Sacrament*, in Lukas Visser, edited, *Christian Weaver Jr, J. Dudley, Presbyterian Worship. A Guide for Clergy*, Louisville: Geneva Press, 2002.

Worship in Reformed Churches Past and Present, Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003, 311-324.

Consulting Books:

Book of Common Worship, Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993.

Bowe, Peter C. *The Companion to the Book of Common Worship*. Louisville: Geneva Press, 2003.

Suggested Readings:

Byars, Ronald P. *Christian Worship. Glorifying and Enjoying God*, Louisville: Geneva Press, 2000.

Old, Hughes Oliphant, Hugues, *Worship Reformed According to Scripture*, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002.

Thomas Schattauer, "Re-imagining the Christian Assembly: The Search for an Alternative Practice of Worship." In *Proceedings of the North American Academy of Liturgy*, Notre Dame: NAAL, 2005, pp. 3-18.

Visser, Lukas, ed., *Christian Worship in Reformed Churches Past and Present*, Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003.

* The bookstore will have all the required books available and some copies of the recommended one if you want to buy them. However, if you can't buy them you can find all of these books on reserve at the library. Note that you will need to find your own way to access the readings since they are not going to be posted online.

Course Outline (please note that this syllabus is subject to change)

March 2 – Reformed Worship

Readings:

Howard L. Rice and James C. Huffstutler, *Reformed Worship*. Louisville: Geneva Press, 2001. (200 pages)

Small, Joseph D. *A Church of the Word and Sacrament*, in Lukas Visser, edited, *Christian Worship in Reformed Churches Past and Present*, Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003, pp. 311-323.

March 9 – Overview and Discussion of the Directory of Worship

Readings:

Directory of Worship of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). (about 60 pages)

Guest: Cliff Kirkpatrick

March 16 – Analyzing Worship Services I

Readings:

Weaver Jr, J. Dudley, *Presbyterian Worship. A Guide for Clergy*, Louisville: Geneva Press, 2002. (120 pages)

March 29 – Analyzing Case Studies