

Course Syllabus

Course Number & Title: 531 Homiletics 3

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Course Description: Theology of preaching; practice in all types of sermons; refining of personal style; includes preaching outside of class. 1 hr.

Delivery: In-person/Zoom, 16-week semester schedule

Course Prerequisite(s): Public Speaking in the Church; Homiletics 1 & 2

Course Goals: This course will help students understand their homiletical practice based in historic rhetorical foundations, and then test those foundations by teaching a biblical theology of preaching. Regular evaluated preaching will refine delivery and hermeneutical techniques and provide ongoing style development.

Student Learning Objectives:

1. Students will be able to identify and discuss the primary milestones of early rhetorical development that have significance for current practitioners.
2. Students will develop their own rhetorical approach in accord with God's Word.
3. Students will grasp and make application of a sound biblical theology of preaching.
4. Students will continue to perfect their hermeneutical method and style of development and delivery.

Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
9/2	Intro; Foundations of Rhetoric	—
9/9	Foundations of Rhetoric	<i>Reading:</i> 2 sermons (EC)
9/16	Foundations of Rhetoric	<i>Reading:</i> 2 sermons (M/R)
9/23	NO CLASS – Presbytery	---
9/30	Biblical Theology of Preaching	<i>Reading:</i> 2 sermons (Europe)
10/7	<i>Sermon 1</i>	---
10/14	Biblical Theology of Preaching	Sermon 1 Critique Due <i>Reading:</i> 2 sermons (EA, 19A)
10/21	<i>Sermon 2</i>	---
10/28	Biblical Theology of Preaching	Sermon 2 Critique Due; Perkins Due
11/4	<i>Sermon 3</i>	---
11/11	Biblical Theology of Preaching	Sermon 3 Critique Due <i>Reading:</i> 2 sermons (20A+)
11/18	<i>Sermon 4</i>	---
11/25	Biblical Theology of Preaching	Sermon 4 Critique Due <i>Reading:</i> 5 hymn/psalm texts
12/2	<i>Sermon 5</i>	---
12/9	Biblical Theology of Preaching	Sermon 5 Critique Due; Marcel Due
12/16	(No Class)	FINAL EXAM due

Course Requirements and Grading:

TEXTS: *The Art of Prophesying*, by William Perkins. 1606. (Available free online at http://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/sdg/perkins_prophesying.html.)

The Relevance of Preaching, Marcel, Pierre. Trans. by Rob Roy McGregor. Westminster Publishing House, 2000 (reprint). Also available online for free.

All other reading will be done from library or internet sources. Sermons and hymn texts will be assigned throughout the semester. If you have your own sources of reading material that meet the assignment requirements, feel free to use them. Plan to provide a written record of your reading at the beginning of each class to avoid late penalties on that portion of your grade.

- VIDEO:** Sermons will be recorded, and you will review your sermon with the instructor's comments in hand. Critique sheets must be filled out and turned in *by the next class* to avoid a significant penalty to that sermon's grade.
- SERMONS:** Five sermons are scheduled during the semester. Sermons must develop a biblical text or topic. Be prepared to email a copy of your full-sentence outline *before* you preach. **DO NOT PREPARE OR SUBMIT A MANUSCRIPT unless specifically asked to do so!** If you know ahead of time that you will be absent on a day you are assigned to speak, schedule a make-up time with the professor *before* the class you will miss.
- FINAL:** The final will cover only lecture material. You will take it in the last class period (I will be online) and submit it to me for grading that day.
- GRADING:**
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| Readings | 20% |
| Sermons 1-5 | 60% @ 10 (1 -3) 15% (4 & 5) each |
| Final Exam | 15% |
| Attendance/Participation | 5% |

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