COS 324: Preaching

Western Jurisdiction Course of Study

Tuesday, October 19, Thursday, October 21

Tuesday, October 26, Thursday, October 28

Tuesday, November 2, Thursday, November 4

Tuesday, November 9, Thursday November 11

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

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This course focuses on the role of the pastor as preacher and on how to preach the gospel from the Old and New Testaments. We will explore different styles and methods of preparing and preaching sermons for worship and other special services and needs of the congregation.

Course Objectives

1. Be able to articulate a theology of preaching

2. Explore preaching themes from a variety of biblical passages

3. Evaluate the sermons of fellow students preached in class for biblical integrity, theological

soundness and the ability to communicate the gospel in a congregational setting.

4. Develop ideas for preaching to your congregation

Required texts

Bible/United Methodist Book of Worship/United Methodist Hymnal

Barbara Brown Taylor, The Preaching Life

Fred Craddock, Craddock on the Craft of Preaching

William H. Willimon: Peculiar Speech or Intrusive Speech (Choose one)

**Pre-class Assignments**

1. Write a 2-3-page paper in response to these questions: What is the purpose of the sermon as part of Sunday worship? What do you understand by the term “*the ministry of the Word*”?
2. Write a 1-2- page paper on the use of the lectionary in preaching. (Pro or Con)
3. Write a 1-2-page paper on how you incorporate the Church year in your preaching.
4. Send one question you would like to explore with the class regarding the task of preaching.

**Be prepared to preach one of your sermons the first 2 weeks of class.**

Grading

The course grade will be based on completion of the pre-assignments, class participation and sermons preached in class.

**Pre-class assignments are due by October 8, 2021.**

**Unless previous arrangements have been made, late papers will not be given class credit.**