Course Description
This class is an introduction to the faith and practice of Presbyterianism in America. The course will trace the historical path of the American Presbyterian family as it has unfolded from the colonial period up to the present day. Emphasis will be placed on major events, movements, controversies, institutions and personalities that have helped shape the contemporary church's faith. In telling the uniquely American story of Presbyterianism, the course will likewise deal with the changing culture of the United States and its impact on Presbyterians.

Required Texts

Course Requirements
1. Reading - Students are expected to read in its entirety The Presbyterian Enterprise, The Presbyterian Creed and The Presbyterian Controversy.

2. Research Paper - Students will write a 15-20 page research paper on an event, movement, controversy or person in American Presbyterian history. Lectures and readings will assist students to identify a topic for the paper. Get approval from the professor for your paper topic. Please write the paper in 12 point font, double-spaced with footnotes and bibliography. The paper is due on the last day of class.

3. Final Exam – There will be no final exam.

4. Reading Report – a Reading Report (attached to this syllabus) will be due the last day of the exam period.

5. Class Participation Per seminary policy, it is required that students be present for all class sessions. In an emergency, you may notify professor that you have been providentially hindered.
Grading
Research Paper  50%
Reading  50%

Class Schedule and Important Dates, Names

Feb. 9 - Introduction: Heritage of the Ancient Church and Reformation

Feb. 16 - Presbyterians Come to America
1667  Presbyterian Congregation in Newark, NJ
1706  First Presbytery in America
1717  Synod of Philadelphia
1727  Log College
1729  The Adopting Act

NAMES TO KNOW
Francis Makemie
John Thompson
William Tennent, Sr.
Jonathan Dickinson

Feb. 23 - Colonial Presbyterianism I
1741  Old Side/New Side Schism
1745  Synod of New York
1758  Reunion of Synods of Philadelphia and New York

Francis Allison
Gilbert Tennent
Samuel Davies

March 2 - Colonial Presbyterianism II
1768  John Witherspoon, President of College of N.J.
1788  Presbyterian Constitution ratified
1789  First General Assembly

Jonathan Witherspoon
Ashbel Green

March 9 - Presbyterian Expansion
1801  Plan of Union
1810  Cumberland Presbyterian Church
1812  Princeton Seminary
1818  GA Declaration on Slavery

Archibald Alexander
Samuel Miller
Charles Hodge

March 16 - Spring Break Week, no class

March 23 - Old School / New School Schism
1831  First Trial of Albert Barnes
1837  Auburn Declaration
1838  Old School/New School Schism

Albert Barnes
Henry Boynton Smith
Charles G. Finney

March 30 - War and Reunions
1858  United Synod of the South (NS)
1861  Presbyterian Church, C.S.A. (OS)
1864  Reunion OS/NS in the South (PCUS)
1870  Reunion OS/NS in the North (PCUSA)

Gardiner Spring
Benjamin M. Palmer
James H. Thornwell
Thomas J. Jackson
Robert L. Dabney
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