Preaching Lab II
Fall Semester / 2012
Instructor: Rev. Dr. Jon D. Payne
Dates: October 23 - December 4
Times: (Tuesdays) 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Purpose

To learn the discipline and practice of pre-Lord’s Supper and pre-baptismal sermon preparation and delivery.

Goals / Objectives

1. Further cultivate a Biblical / Reformed view of preaching.
2. Learn how to prepare and deliver a pre-Supper sermon / sermonette.
3. Learn how to prepare and deliver a pre-baptismal sermon / sermonette.

Required Reading

1. *The Preacher’s Portrait* by John R. W. Stott
2. *John Owen On The Lord’s Supper* by Jon D. Payne
3. *Given for You: Reclaiming Calvin’s Doctrine of the Lord’s Supper* by Keith A. Mathison
4. *Jesus Loves the Little Children* by Daniel R. Hyde
5. *Why Do We Baptize Infants?* by Bryan Chapell

Grading Scale

25% Required Reading / Seminar Assignments
50% Sermon Manuscripts / Delivery
25% Brief Essay (5-7 pages)

Extension Policy

All assignments and exams are to be completed by the deadlines announced in this syllabus or in class.

Extensions for assignments and exams due within the normal duration of the course must be approved beforehand by the Professor. Extensions of two weeks or less beyond the date of the
last deadline for the course must be approved beforehand by the Professor. A grade penalty may be assessed.

Extensions of greater than two weeks but not more than six weeks beyond the last deadline for the course may be granted in extenuating circumstances (i.e. illness, family emergency). For an extension of more than two weeks the student must request an Extension Request Form from the Student Services Office. The request must be approved by the Professor and the Academic Dean. A grade penalty may be assessed. (RTS Catalog p. 42 and RTS Atlanta Student Handbook p. 14)

Any incompletes not cleared six weeks after the last published due date for course work will be converted to a failing grade. Professors may have the failing grade changed to a passing grade by request. (RTS Catalog p. 42)

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**Course Objectives Related to MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes**

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Campus: Atlanta  
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<th><em><em>MDiv</em> Student Learning Outcomes</em>*</th>
<th><strong>Rubric</strong></th>
<th><strong>Mini-Justification</strong></th>
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| In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the MDiv outcomes.  
*As the MDiv is the core degree at RTS, the MDiv rubric will be used in this syllabus.* | Strong, Moderate, Minimal, None | Each student will be required to prepare and clearly preach sermons that are biblically, theologically, and historically accurate. |
<p>| <strong>Articulation (oral &amp; written)</strong> | Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks. | Strong | Biblical research and use of the original languages will inform each pre-sacrament sermon. |
| <strong>Scripture</strong> | Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.) | Strong | Students will be taught central themes concerning the nature and practice of the sacraments, as set forth in various Reformed confessions. |
| <strong>Reformed Theology</strong> | Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards. | Strong | |</p>
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<th><strong>Sanctification</strong></th>
<th>Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student’s sanctification.</th>
<th>Strong</th>
<th>The sacraments are a primary means of sanctification in the lives of His people.</th>
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<td><strong>Desire for Worldview</strong></td>
<td>Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.</td>
<td>minimal</td>
<td>Not much on this subject in class.</td>
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<td><strong>Winsomely Reformed</strong></td>
<td>Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)</td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Sacraments are a launching pad to gospel witness in the world.</td>
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<td><strong>Preach</strong></td>
<td>Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.</td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>This is a required RTS preaching course.</td>
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<td><strong>Worship</strong></td>
<td>Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.</td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Word (preaching) and sacraments are central elements in Christian worship and the focus of this course.</td>
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<td><strong>Shepherd</strong></td>
<td>Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.</td>
<td>moderate</td>
<td>Preaching and sacraments are strongly linked to the shepherding of Christ’s Church. This will be taught.</td>
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<td><strong>Church/World</strong></td>
<td>Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.</td>
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