Spring Semester, 2015  
Communication II (04PT522)  
Syllabus

Class Dates: Tuesday evenings March 3, 10, 17, 24; April 14, 21, 28; May 5  
Time: 6-9 p.m.  
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Course description from the catalog: Prerequisite PT 510. This course continues to develop the skills required for interpreting and communicating the Bible. Special emphasis is given to sermon composition, including its constituent parts, as well as to the different ecclesial contexts of sermon delivery (e.g., weddings, funerals).

Books of the Bible to be read by March 10 (second class):  
The Book of Joshua (Please read at one sitting.)  
The Gospel of Mark (Please read at one sitting.)

Books to be read by May 5 (last class):  
Jeffrey D. Arthurs, Devote Yourself to the Public Reading of Scripture (ISBN: 9780825442193)  
Edmund Clowney, Preaching Christ in All of Scripture (ISBN: 9781581344523)  

Additional Recommended Resources:  
Presbyterian Church in America: Directory of Worship, Optional Forms for Particular Services (Appendix A & Appendix B – Marriage Services; Appendix C – A Funeral Service; Appendix D – A Child’s Funeral; Appendix E – Graveside Service) These resources may be accessed online at:  
… pages 181-201. [Feel free to substitute your own denominational resources.]  
Christ Centered Preaching (ISBN:0801025869) by Dr. Bryan Chapell. This resource was utilized in the course, ‘Introduction to Preaching’ (04PT506). In Christ Centered Preaching, Appendix 5 (Reading Scripture), Appendix 6 (Wedding Messages), Appendix 7 (Funeral Messages) and Appendix 10 (Sample Sermon Evaluation Form) will provide help information for the required sermon and homilies.

Student Classroom Preaching: Each student is expected to preach …  
1. A sermon from the Book of Joshua or the Gospel of Mark (20-30 minutes)  
2. A funeral homily (15-20 minutes)  
3. A wedding homily (15-20 minutes)

Significant quotations: On May 5, each student is expected to submit a typed record of selected, significant quotations from each chapter of the following works: Devote Yourself to the Public Reading of Scripture, Preaching Christ in all of Scripture, and The Supremacy of God in
Preaching. After each quotation, the student should provide a brief note as to why he chose the quote. A minimum of two pages per book (double spaced) is expected for each book.

Course Grading:
- Class Attendance and Participation: 15%
- Class Scripture reading: 15%
- Class sermons (manuscript and delivery): 45%
- Significant notations from assigned reading: 25%

There will be no final examination for this course.
**Course Objectives Related to MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes**

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<th>MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes</th>
<th>Rubric</th>
<th>Mini-Justification</th>
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<td><strong>Articulation (oral &amp; written)</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Building upon the three previous courses, Communication II will continue to expand the student’s theological perception while enhancing the person’s ability to convey God’s Truth in written or verbal form.</td>
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<td><strong>Scripture</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>In this biblically illiterate era, students will be challenged to read the Scriptures and gain a solid understanding of the Word with the help of the Holy Spirit and the exegetical tools that are available.</td>
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<td><strong>Reformed Theology</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>The student will be mentored within the framework of Reformed theology and the Westminster Standards.</td>
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<td><strong>Sanctification</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>The proclamation of the Word is a labor of love that is to be embraced by servants who are being sanctified by the Holy Spirit who bestows the power necessary for transformational preaching.</td>
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<td><strong>Desire for Worldview</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Christ, the King of the universe, expects His ambassadors to challenge His children to be salt and light in the midst of decay and darkness.</td>
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<td><strong>Winsomely Reformed</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>To be winsomely reformed is to preach in the manner of the prophets, apostles and our Lord Jesus Christ.</td>
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<td><strong>Preach</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>The Lord has called His</td>
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<td>Worship</td>
<td>Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christianity-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
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<td>Shepherd</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>
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<td>Church/World</td>
<td>Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
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Worship forms must always conform to the desires of our triune God who is to be worshipped and glorified as He sees fit. Our heavenly Father is pleased to receive such worship.

The Chief Shepherd modeled in thought, word and deed the path for His under-shepherds. His words to the seven churches in Revelation 2 & 3 are very instructive to all who are called proclaim His Word.

Christ calls people “from every tribe and language and people and nation.”