COURSE SYLLABUS – PT510
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PREACHING LAB 1
Fall 2015

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Time:
Section 1: Monday, 10-noon
Section 2: Thursday, 1-3

Class Hours: 2
Syllabus Revised: August 18, 2015

Prerequisites: PT506

COURSE PURPOSE

A course taught in conjunction with Communication I that offers students opportunities to preach sermons.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

Preach, preach, preach!

COURSE TEXT (REQUIRED)


READINGS IN PREACHING AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY


Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The Book of Church Order of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Willow Grove, PA: The Committee on Christian Education of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 2000.


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. **ATTENDANCE** — Class attendance is mandatory. If a student anticipates an unavoidable absence, he should notify the instructor in advance. Each hour of unexcused absence subjects the student to reduction of his final grade by one-half of a letter grade. Students missing one or more session (for any reason other than sickness) may either submit an additional, compensatory
assignment [determined by the instructor] or choose to receive a half letter grade reduction of their final grade for each hour missed. In the event of a planned absence, written work and memory verses must be submitted to the teaching assistant electronically by the start time of the class missed. In the event of absence due to sickness, arrangements must still be made with the TA to turn in those assignments that are due on the day that they are due.

2. SUBMISSIONS AND GRADES.
Sermon Manuscript/Outlines and Preaching Evaluation (75%). Students will submit three (3) sermons and three (3) homiletical outlines on the dates indicated below. The homiletical outline may not exceed 250 words. Include your word count at the end of the outline. At the end of your manuscript, identify commentaries and other aids you consulted.

Late manuscripts and outlines will result in a 25-point reduction in your sermon grade.

Presentation on the Life and Ministry of Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones (15%). Details below under “Course Assignments.”

Submissions must include the following:

a. Name(s)

b. Sermon number (1, 2, or 3) or Presentation on the Life and Ministry of Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones.

c. Date

d. Title and Text

Improperly formatted work will result in a full letter grade reduction for the assignment.

Reading Report on The Life of Martyn Lloyd-Jones (10%). Report attached to the end of the syllabus.

3. PREACHING SCHEDULE. By August 10 the Teaching Assistant will e-mail those students who have signed up for the class with a preaching schedule for the first two weeks. After the class begins he will e-mail the class with a complete schedule for the rest of the semester (giving late students time to sign up and be included in the schedule). The schedule will only be revised because of sickness, emergency, or unavoidable travel. If you are unable to preach on the dates assigned to you, you are responsible to find a replacement and notify the Teaching Assistant and give the reason for the rescheduling. Busy schedules are not a valid reason for changing your preaching date.

If you are unprepared to speak, you will be assigned another date to preach and receive a 25-point reduction in your sermon grade.

4. SERMON FORMATTING – All sermon manuscripts must be typed double-spaced using 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and include pagination.

5. GRADING SCALE -

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88-90% B  
86-87% B-  
83-85% C+  
80-82% C  
78-79% C-  
75-77% D+  
72-74% D  
70-71% D-  
0-69% F

6. PREACHING YOUR SERMONS –
   (a) Your sermon must not exceed 25 minutes.
   (b) You must wear suit and tie when you preach.
   (c) For sermons one and two: You may not bring your manuscript into the pulpit. Your 250 word homiletical outline is permitted.
   (d) For sermon three: You will preach without notes or manuscript.

7. ETIQUETTE – Gentlemen are not to wear hats in the classroom.

7. LABOR DAY AND SPRING BREAK - Section 1 does not meet on Labor Day, September 7. There will be no classes on Monday and Thursday, October 5 and 9.

8. CANVAS – Canvas is a tool that will be used to track student assignments and grades during the course of the semester. Students can access Canvas at https://rts.instructure.com. Students should check Canvas often, as announcements and updates to the syllabus will be posted there. Students should not expect e-mail updates for the class. Rather, any announcements (such as modifications to the syllabus) will be posted on Canvas.

9. ELECTRONIC DEVICES - Computers and tablets are not permitted in the classroom. Cell phones should be turned off and put away. Voice recorders are not permitted in class.

10. DISCLAIMER - The instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus during the semester.

11. OFFICE HOURS – Monday through Friday, by appointment or whenever my office door is open. My office is in the Dean Center attic.

12. COMMUNICATION I – This course is taken in conjunction with Communication I (PT522).

13. ETIQUETTE – Gentlemen may not wear caps or hats in the classroom.

   **COURSE ASSIGNMENTS**

   August 19 by 11 a.m.: Physically submit your first sermon manuscript and homiletical outline.
September 14 by 11 a.m.: Physically submit your second sermon manuscript and homiletical outline.

October 12 by 11 a.m.: Physically submit your third sermon manuscript and homiletical outline.

**December 4 by 12 noon:** Submit reading report. Also submit an eight (8) page presentation on the life and ministry of Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones based upon Ian Murray’s biography. The presentation should give a brief overview of his life and ministry, and practical lessons that can be learned from his pastoral ministry and preaching. Brief quotations are permitted, but should be used sparingly. Block quotations are forbidden. This presentation is not a book review. I am interested in how you would introduce the life and work of this influential minister to your congregation, perhaps in a Sunday School class.

_Note that this schedule requires students to turn their manuscript and homiletical outline in on the same day. These due dates are the same for every student in both sections._

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**READING REPORT**  
(10% of the class grade)  
Due December 4th by 12 noon  
No percentages; no partial credit.

Name (Print):

I have read *The Life of Martyn Lloyd-Jones* in its entirety.

Yes ____  No ____

My signature indicates that I have actually read this book, and not merely let my eyes skim over their pages.

Signature: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________