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Course Dates / Locations

RTS Atlanta: Monday-Friday / July 11-15th / 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Course Overview

The three-hour course will explore the biblical, redemptive-historical, confessional, cultural, liturgical, covenantal, and practical dimensions of Christian worship.

Course Objectives

1. Cultivate a biblical understanding of the nature, form, and practice of Christian worship.
2. Gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of the theology and history of Christian worship.
3. To teach future / current ministers how to best to prepare for and lead Lord’s Day worship services that are Reformed according to Scripture.
Course Requirements

I. Course Reading

a. Worship in the Early Church by Ralph P. Martin
b. Liturgies of the Western Church by Bard Thompson
c. The Necessity of Reforming the Church by John Calvin
b. A Better Way by Mike Horton
c. In the Splendor of Holiness by Jon D. Payne
d. Holy Communion in the Piety of the Reformed Church by Hughes Oliphant Old (*select chapters— p. 3-79; 239-471)
f. Give Praise to God by (eds) Ryken, Thomas, & Duncan (*select chapters— p. 1-101; 140-169; 222-286)

II. Assignments / Grades

a. Essay (10-12 pages) on approved topic or one listed below: 50% of grade.
b. Class seminars / discussions: 20% of grade (*instructions to follow)
c. Written liturgies and prayers: 10% of grade.
d. Required reading: 20%

*ALL READING AND ASSIGNMENTS DUE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31st.

Essay Topics

a. The Nature and Practice of Prayer in Worship
b. “Reverence and Awe” in Worship
c. Worship & the Means of Grace
d. A Biblical Theology of Worship
e. Worship and the Christian Sabbath
f. Music and Singing in Worship
g. Worship and the early church
h. Calvin on Worship

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

Course: Worship / 4PT526  
Professor: Dr. Jon D. Payne  
Campus: RTS Atlanta  
Date: July 11-15, 2016

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.

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<td><strong>Articulation</strong> (oral &amp; written)</td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Course will explore, in depth, the theological, historical, and biblical foundations of Christian Worship.</td>
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<td><strong>Scripture</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Course will explore biblical words, phrases, and concepts related to biblical worship and interact with contemporary issues.</td>
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<td><strong>Reformed Theology</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Course will interact with Reformed Confessions and specifically with the WCF.</td>
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<td><strong>Sanctification</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Course will present the activity of worship as grounded in the saving love of God for His people and a response of gratitude and love by His people.</td>
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<td>Desire for Worldview</td>
<td>Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.</td>
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<td>Winsomely Reformed</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>Moderate</td>
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<td>Preach</td>
<td>Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.</td>
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<td>Worship</td>
<td>Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.</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>
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