

Summer 2022

MN709, Leadership of Reformed Worship

Instructor: Timothy M. Slemmons

3 credits; Letter grade or P/F (with instructor permission)

Prerequisites: None

This course is highly recommended for Presbyterian students.

May 28 – July 22, 2022 (8 weeks)

This course will introduce students to the particular scriptural, historical, and theological principles of worship in the Reformed tradition, with special emphasis on the current worship resources and practices of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Course Objectives

By participating fully in this class, students will:

- Develop a working understanding of the history, theology, and practices of Reformed worship, including the sacraments
- Gain proficiency in the use of the “Directory for Worship” and other denominational resources of the PC(USA).
- Grow in the ability to plan and implement worship services that nurture Christian faith and character and evince the essential dynamics, elements, and ordering of Reformed worship;
- Nurture the capacity to think theologically and critically about how Reformed worship services are ordered.
- Prepare for the PC (USA) ordination examination on Worship and Sacraments.

Required Texts

- McKim, Donald K. *Introducing the Reformed Faith*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001.
- Old, Hughes Oliphant. *Worship Reformed According to Scripture*, revised and expanded edition. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002.
- P.C. (U.S.A.) *The Book of Common Worship*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press [current edition, 2018].
- P.C. (U.S.A.) *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, Part I, *The Book of Confessions* [current edition with index].
- P.C. (U.S.A.) *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, Part II, *The Book of Order* [current edition].
- *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013.

Recommended/Supplemental Texts (Not required, but helpful and will provide added insight to our conversation)

- Gibson, Jonathan, and Mark Earngey. *Reformation Worship: Liturgies from the Past for the Present*. (Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, 2018).

- McKim, Donald K., ed. *The Westminster Handbook to Reformed Theology*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001.
- Oecolampadius, Johannes. *Sermons on the First Epistle of John (A Handbook for the Christian Life)*. Translated by Timothy M. Slemmons. (Independently published, 2017).
- Wandel, Lee P. *The Eucharist in the Reformation: Incarnation and Liturgy*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006.
- *The Worship Sourcebook*. Grand Rapids: Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 2004.