

Syllabus for The Practice of Preaching

Instructor: Mark Trotter

This course will focus on preaching the Gospel from the Old and New Testaments

Course Objectives

1. Be able to articulate a theology of preaching
2. Preach in the class from a variety of biblical passages
3. Evaluate fellow students' sermons preached in class for: biblical integrity, theological soundness, internal logic, as well as demonstrate insights gained from the evaluation of your own sermons
4. Develop plans for ordering and delivering sermons in your own congregation

Required Texts

1. Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Preaching Life*
2. Leonora Tubbs Tisdale, *Preaching as Local Theology and Folk Art*

Pre-Class Assignment

1. Read Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Preaching Life*
2. Write a two-page essay including a description of your parish and an autobiography
3. Send a manuscript of a recently preached sermon

The essay and sermon should be sent to mtrotterca@earthlink.net

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Class Assignments

1. Be prepared to discuss the required texts as well as other material assigned
2. Prepare and deliver two sermons from the lectionary to be evaluated by the class

Grading: The course grade will be based on pre-registration work (10%) class participation (40%) and sermons preached in class (40%)

