

Theologies of Preaching
Toronto School of Theology, Knox College
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Class Sessions: Tuesdays, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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Learning Goals:

This seminar course is designed to help students become familiar with attempts to understand what preaching is theologically and equip them to engage the theological task constructively as homiletics in their own right. As such the learning goals are as follows:

1. To understand how theological discussion around preaching developed from Early Christianity through the Medieval period.
2. To appreciate the traditions and trajectories for theologies of preaching that emerged out of the Reformation and influence Protestant and Catholic thought today.
3. To be able to identify how twentieth-century theological developments like Neo-Orthodoxy and the New Hermeneutic have shaped theologies of preaching in our day.
4. To be able to locate conversations in contemporary homiletics in light of those traditions, trajectories, and developments, and
5. To begin to envision how contemporary revisionist theologies might further enliven constructive theological work in this area.

Required Texts:

Cooke, B. *Ministry to Word and Sacrament*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1976. (available as reprint for \$10 US)

Hilkert, M.C., *Naming Grace*. New York: Continuum, 1997.

Required Reserve Reading--Both the above required texts plus the following:

Achtmeier, P. *An Introduction to the New Hermeneutic*. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1969.

Barth, K. *The Word of God and the Word of Man*. New York: Harper & Row, 1957.

Bromiley, G., ed. *Zwingli and Bullinger*. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1953.

National Conference of Catholic Bishops. *Fulfilled in Your Hearing*. Washington: USCC, 1982.

[This book is not on reserve at Knox, but is available on reserve at St. Mike's Kelly Library]

Parker, T. H. L. *The Oracles of God*. Lutterworth Press, 1947.

Watson, P. *Let God Be God*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1947.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Session 1, 14/9

- First Hour: Introductions & Discussion of Syllabus
Second Hour: What are some common elements in theologies of preaching?
Planning Assignments and Schedules

Read Cooke, Chapters 8-10 for next week.

Session 2, 21/9

- First Hour: Ministry of the Word in the New Testament. **Discussion Leader** _____
Second Hour: The Word in the Ante-Nicene Church. **Discussion Leader** _____
The Word in the Patristic Period. **Discussion Leader** _____

Read Cooke, Chapters 11-13 for next week.

Session 3, 28/9

- First Hour: The Word in the Middle Ages. **Discussion Leader** _____
Second Hour: The Word in the Reformation Period. **Discussion Leader** _____
The Word in the Modern Church. **Discussion Leader** _____

Read Watson, *Let God Be God*, Chapter V for next week

Session 4, 5/10

- The Lutheran Tradition
First Hour: Luther Discussion based on Watson's book
Second Hour: **Presentation on Bultmann, *Jesus Christ and Mythology*** _____
Presentation from Lutheran Bibliography _____

Read Parker, *The Oracles of God*, Chapter(s) __ for next week

Session 5, 12/10

- The Reformed Tradition
First Hour: Calvin Discussion based on Parker's book
Second Hour: **Presentation on Hyperius, *The Practise of Preaching*** _____
[a modern translation of this work is available on reserve at Caven library]
Presentation from Reformed Bibliography _____

Read Zwingli, "Of the Clarity and Certainty of the Word of God", pp. 49-95, for next week

Session 6, 19/10

- The Reformed Tradition and Beyond
First Hour: Zwingli Discussion
Second Hour: **Presentation from Other Protestant Bibliography** _____
Presentation from Other Protestant Bibliography _____

Read *Fulfilled in Your Hearing* and selected chapters of *On the Priesthood* for next session

Session 7, 2/11

- The Catholic Tradition
First Hour: *Fulfilled in Your Hearing* discussion
Second Hour: **Presentation from Catholic Bibliography** _____
Presentation from Catholic Bibliography _____

Read Barth, *The Word of God and the Word of Man* for next week

Session 8, 9/11 Neo-Orthodoxy and Today's Homiletical Theology
First Hour: Discuss Barth
Second Hour: **Presentation on Campbell, Willimon, Forde, Wilson, Long, or Lischer**

Session 9, 16/11 **Presentations on Campbell, Willimon, Forde, Wilson, Long, Lischer, cont.**
First Hour: _____
Second Hour: _____
Read Achtemeier, *An Introduction to the New Hermeneutic* for Session 11

Session 10, 23/11 The New Hermeneutic and Today's Homiletical Theology
First Hour: Discuss Achtemeier
Second Hour: **Presentations on Ebeling, Craddock, Buttrick or Mitchell**

Read Hilkert, *Naming Grace* for Session 11

Session 11, 30/11 **Presentations on Ebeling, Craddock, Buttrick or Mitchell, cont.**
First Hour: _____
Second Hour: Discuss Hilkert

Session 12, 7/12 Revisionist and Liberation Theologies of Preaching
First Hour: **Presentation on Chopp, Pittenger, González, or Turner & Hudson**

Assignments:

1. Discussion Leader (Sessions 2 and 3)

Come to class ready to make a brief 10 minute summary of the chapter assigned in Cooke's *Ministry to Word in Sacrament* and prepare questions to help us discuss its significance.

Due Date: Session 2 or 3--5% of grade

2. Presentations on Various Figures' Theologies of Preaching

Offer a half-hour summary of the figure you read (see bibliographies below for ideas); identify how they fit or don't fit some of the traditions, trajectories, and developments in the theologies of preaching that we've read; and field questions from the class.

Due Date: Sessions 4-13

Percentage of Grade: 60% of grade (averaged from all your presentations)

3. Final Paper

Develop your own constructive theology of preaching including such theological loci as revelation, Christology, soteriology, ecclesiology, sacraments, etc., as appropriate to your position. Try as you go to relate your developing theology of preaching to ones we covered in class.

Due Date: _____

Percentage of Grade: 30% each

4. Attendance and Group Participation

In order to learn theologies of preaching together regular attendance is expected. More importantly, however, we will attempt to learn how to think theologically as part of a community. By struggling together with our discussions, presentations, and papers we will also grow together in ways that we can hardly imagine. This aspect of our time together will necessarily require the voicing of perspectives that some of us often ignore. Yet this is the greatest blessing preachers can receive. After all, the Gospel may not come to us who are called to preach, unless it comes first through the voice of Another. How did Paul put it?: faith comes by hearing.

Due Date: Every Class--Percentage of Grade: 5%

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