

Worship and Preaching Class Syllabus 2023

Faculty: Rev. Chad Jennings, St. Luke, Newton – chad.jennings@iaumc.net
Rev. LaTonya Calderon, Windsor, Des Moines and
Associate Director of Clergy and Leadership Excellence—
pastorlatonya@hotmail.com
Rev. Matt German, Salem, Cedar Rapids—mattgerman@salemchurchcr.com

Required Texts: United Methodist Hymnal
United Methodist Book of Worship
The United Methodist Music and Worship Planner (current Year)
Communicating for a Change by Andy Stanley and Lane Jones

Recommended Text: United Methodist Book of Worship Pastor's Pocket Edition

Homework Objectives:

1. Students will read *Communicating for a Change*, by Andy Stanley and Lane Jones. **This assignment is due Friday, April 28, 2023**
2. Students will write a manuscript sermon 6-9 paged based on the learning from *Communicating For a Change*. Instructors will be evaluating sermons for understanding and application of the following: a clear theme or “one-point;” making good use of the MAP; the use of a “sticky statement;” as well as practical application, or the “so what?” **This assignment is due Friday, May 12, 2023**
3. Students will submit a recorded sermon and participate in a feedback session with faculty. **This assignment is due Friday, May 12, 2023**

Evaluation:

1. Instructors will be evaluating sermons for understanding and application of the following: a clear theme, or, “one-point;” making good use of the MAP; the use of a “sticky statement;” as well as practical application, or the “so what?”

Worship and Preaching In-Class Objectives:

1. Students will understand the flow and arc of a worship service and apply this learning to their context.
2. Students will understand and practice communion, baptism, funeral and wedding liturgies.
3. Students will understand United Methodist doctrine and theology within our understandings of the sacraments.
4. Students will continue to work on their sermon manuscripts based on class learning and instructor feedback.
5. Students will leave Licensing School with an understanding of what makes a good sermon and have developed the building blocks of a sermon that is ready to be preached the following Sunday (for those already in churches).

Session 1 (Saturday, April 29, 2:40-5)

- 30 min **Welcome, introductions, Schedule, Ground rules, devotions**
Devotion: Isaiah 60:1-6 and Luke 4:16-30. Have volunteers read first Luke and then Isaiah. What does it mean to be the one who brings this good news? Why do we do this? Whose favor do we seek?
- 30 min Arc and flow of worship – hymnal (C)
Resources for Worship
- 30 min Book Discussion (L)
- 30 min Working with the Lectionary
Picking your text for the week

Session 2 (Saturday, April 29, 6-7:45)

- 30 min Sermon Outline/Parts of the Sermon/MAP – Do you know where you're going and how did you get there. Solo work to develop an outline from the sermon. Note the main point, Development to get there? Why is this helpful?
- 2) MAP Handouts (C)
3) One Point sermons
4) Sticky Statement
- 10 min Sticky Statement assignment (C)
30 min Good Feedback
10 min Sunday Morning service-details, what to look for
10 min Questions

Session 3 (Sunday, April 30, 2:15-5)

- 30 min Worship service debrief
40 min Media in worship/online community (M)
40 min Share Sticky Statements
40 min Hook

Session 4 (Tuesday, May 2, 1-2:50)

- 60 min Communion (L)
- 1) UM Statement on Communion – This Holy Mystery
2) Boundaries
3) Liturgy Practice – Eat the Bread! – Hands up all together, practice (repeat after me)

4) Extending the Table – Chad shares handouts and practice (C)

40 min

Share hooks

Session 5 (Wednesday, May 3, 6-7:30)

90 min

Baptism

- 1) UM Statement on Baptism – By Water and the Spirit (C)
- 2) Permissions and Practice – certificates, when and where, etc. (C)
- 3) Liturgy Practice (L)
- 4) Baby Practice (L)

Session 7 (Thursday, May 4, 6-7:30)

40

Funeral preparation

40

Wedding preparation

10

Final Questions

Session 10 (TBD)

30 min

Sermon Video evaluation by appointment