

Worship Practicum

PW 451-1 –Fall 2009

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Mondays 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

Caldwell Chapel

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Course Description:

This course will give the student a practical knowledge (talking, praying, reading, walking, touching, moving, listening, improvising), about how to do baptism, eucharist, wedding, funeral rituals and other rites of passage.

Goals and Objectives

The Student will:

1. Gain bodily and practical knowledge about Christian rituals.
2. Learn how to create rituals and how to improvise.

Course Requirements:

1. Conscientious attendance, participation in discussion and practices in class. No participation in class or missing one class will incur in failing the course.

*** Please turn off cell phones before class begins.**

Course Outline (please note that this syllabus is subject to change)

September 21 – Rites of Passage and Leading Worship Service: talking, reading, walking, touching, moving, listening, improvising.

Reading: *Deeply into the Bone, Re-Inventing Rites of Passage*, Ronald L. Grimes, pp. 1-14;

Suggested Reading: I believe in the Resurrection of the Body by Rubem Alves

October 5 – Writing Prayers and Putting Together a Worship Service

Bring the worship book or a liturgical order from your denomination.

October 12 – Baptism

Reading for October 5 and 12: <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/wcc-commissions/faith-and-order-commission/i-unity-the-church-and-its-mission/baptism-eucharist-and-ministry-faith-and-order-paper-no-111-the-lima-text.html>

Bring a baptism liturgical order from your denomination

November 2 – Eucharist

Bring a Eucharistic liturgical order from your denomination

November 9 - Wedding

Bring a Wedding liturgical order from your denomination

November 16 - Funeral

Movie: *Departures*, by Yojiro Takita's

Bring a Funeral and Wedding liturgical order from your denomination