

Missional Preaching – Parish Lay Academy Fall 2  
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**Required Texts:**

Telling the Truth “The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy and Fairytale”  
Frederick Buechner  
Choosing the Kingdom: Missional Preaching for the Household of God  
John Dally

Suggested Reading:

The Four Pages of the Sermon “A Guide to Biblical Preaching”  
Paul Scott Wilson, Abingdon Press  
When God Speaks Through You : How Faith Convictions Shape Preaching and  
Mission Craig Satterlee Alban Institute 2007  
A Chorus of Witnesses “Model Sermons for Today’s Preachers”  
Edited by Thomas Long & Cornelius Plantinga, Wm. Eerdmans Publishing  
Preaching Fred Craddock, Abingdon Press  
Finally Comes the Poet “ Daring Speech for Proclamation”  
Walter Bruggemann, Fortress Press  
Making Good Preaching Better “A Step by Step Guide to Scripture Based  
People Centered Preaching” Alvin Rueter, The Liturgical Press  
Patterns of Preaching “A Sermon Sampler” Ronald J. Allen, Chalice  
Press The Magnificent Defeat Frederick Buechner, Harper Collins

**Course Description**

The preaching course will equip lay leaders to proclaim the Good News in a worship service

**Learning Outcomes**

Be able to exegete a text for preaching  
Be able to apply the Law/Gospel principle in writing sermons  
Become familiar with resources for preaching  
Develop a model for writing sermons Write  
and preach a sermon

**Session One - Preaching to Yourself**

- Letting the text speak on its own – original context
- Letting the text speak to you – personal context
- Letting the text be the Living Word – motivation to action

**Assignment: Due by October class meeting.**

Read Telling the Truth  
Write a one-page reflection on any sermon you remember and why you still hear it in your head.

## **Session Two – Letting the Congregation Listen in**

- Understanding congregational context
- Using the language of the congregation
- Use of Story
- Putting it all together

### **Assignment: Due by November class meeting**

Read *Choosing the Kingdom* and write a one-page reflection of an insights you gained from the book.

## **Session Three – The Four Pages of the Sermon**

- Developing Sermon Unity
- Page One – Trouble in the Text
- Page Two – Trouble in the World
- Page Three – Grace in the Text
- Page Four – Grace in the World

**Assignment:** Write a sermon for any Sunday in Advent using the Four Pages model and preach it with your pastor's permission. Due on whichever Sunday in Advent you choose. Email your progress allowing me enough time to respond, i.e., which Sunday did you choose / sermon unity / page headings / and final product.