

Missional Preaching – Parish Lay Academy Fall 2
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Required Texts:

A Lay Preacher's Guide: How to Craft a Faithful Sermon
by Karoline Lewis

Additional Reading & resources:

Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale
by Frederick Buechner

Choosing the Kingdom: Missional Preaching for the Household of God
by John Dally

(these were the required texts when Pr. Heinze taught this class)

Pastor Phil Heinze's blog – www.livingthelectionary.blogspot.com
Luther Seminary's preaching resource – workingpreacher.org

The Witness of Preaching by Thomas Long

When God Speaks Through You: How Faith Convictions Shape Preaching and Mission by Craig Satterlee

Preaching by Fred Craddock

Delivering the Sermon: Voice, Body, and Animation in Proclamation
by Teresa L. Fry Brown

Course Description

This 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

Assignment in preparation for class:

Read chapters 1-3 of A Lay Preacher's Guide

Session One - Engaging the Text

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

Assignment: Due by October class meeting.

Read Chapters 4-5 of A Lay Preacher's Guide

Write a one-page reflection on any sermon you remember and why it was

memorable and/or meaningful

Session Two – Forming the Message

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

Assignment: Due by November class meeting

Read Chapters 6-8 of A Lay Preacher's Guide

Make arrangements with your pastor to preach for an Advent Sunday, after which you can choose the text you will be using. After spending time with resources and commentaries, discern what your preaching point will be. Write a short paper with that point, followed by a paragraph expanding on it with the direction you will be moving.

Session Three – Proclaiming the Good News

- Developing the purpose of your sermon – proclamation? Motivation? Inspiration? Action?
- Preaching techniques
- Effective delivery

Assignment: Write a sermon for any Sunday in Advent, 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 form and flow/ final product.