

**PS5102 HOMILETICS 1**  
**PROVIDENCE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

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**SYLLABUS**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed to explore the basic philosophy behind preaching. It will also set forth the basic principles of sermon preparation and delivery, and give opportunity for classroom presentation by the student. Each student will be expected to prepare and deliver two expository sermons, one from the Old Testament and the other from the New Testament.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

As a result of this course students will:

1. Acknowledge the importance of proclamation – particularly sermons – to the Church and the Kingdom of God.
2. Recognize the different forms sermons may take.
3. Understand the importance of expository preaching.
4. Experience the art of developing and delivering appropriate expository sermons.
5. Value the art of effective biblical preaching.

**COURSE TEXTS**

Pasquarello III, Michael. *Christian Preaching: A Trinitarian Theology of Proclamation*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2006

Robinson, Haddon W. *Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2001.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### 1. **Reading:**

The student will read the texts, and submit one 4-5 page critical review/reflection of a portion of the material in the Robinson text.

Due: October 5

### 2. **Written:**

a. Theology of Preaching – Students will formulate/develop a personal theology of preaching that is based on the texts, class notes and classroom discussions. This 6-8 page paper will reflect the student’s first step in this lifelong process. Further clarification will be given in class.

Due: December 7

b. Sermon Evaluations – Students will be required to evaluate two sermons (outside of class) using the evaluation forms. Do not evaluate more than one sermon from any particular preacher. These evaluations will be based on informed, written comments on the form, reflecting the knowledge gained in this course.

Due: November 23

c. Sermon “Repair” – Students will analyze the sermons and make notations on another page, “fixing up” the two sermons. Students will incorporate the material from previous communications/homiletics classes in the analysis.

Due: November 23

### 3. **Practice:**

Class Sermon Presentations – Students will prepare and present two sermons (both approximately twenty minutes) during the semester. The first sermon will be an expository sermon from the Old Testament while the second will be an expository sermon from the New Testament (An OT and NT passage will be assigned to the student). Students will turn in an outline of the sermon prior to the presentation.

## COURSE GRADING

Text Readings/Participation	15%
Sermon Evaluations and “Repairs”	10%
Class Sermon Presentations	50%
Theology of Preaching Paper	25%

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

September 7	Introduction to the Course and Syllabus The Development of Christian Preaching
September 14	The case for expository preaching (Robinson, pp. 17-32) What's the big idea? (Robinson, pp. 33-50)
September 21	<b>Day of Prayer</b>
September 28	Tools of the trade (Robinson, pp. 51-72) The road from text to sermon (Robinson, pp. 73-100) The power of purpose (Robinson, pp. 101-113)
October 5	<b>Intrasession</b>
October 12	Shapes sermons take (Robinson, pp. 115-137) Making dry bones live (Robinson, pp. 139-164) Introductions and conclusions (Robinson, pp. 165-182)
October 19	To Be Determined
October 26	Sermon Presentations
November 2	Sermon Presentations
November 9	Sermon Presentations
November 16	<b>Intrasession</b>
November 23	Clothing your sermon (Robinson, pp. 183-199) Preaching effectively (Robinson, pp. 201-220) Preaching and Demographics
November 30	Sermon Presentations
December 7	Sermon Presentations
December 14	Sermon Presentations

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