

**Alabama Course of Study
Fall 2018
September 14-15; November 2-3
Birmingham-Southern College
Assignment and Course Requirements**

Course: COS 223 - Worship and the Sacraments
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Your prework for Session One is to be submitted on the first Friday night of the course. Please staple it to an ALCOS Cover Sheet. Additional work will be due on the second Friday night of the course.

This course examines worship within The United Methodist Church including liturgy, sacraments, and special services. Attention will be given to the pastor's role as leader in worship.

Students will be able to:

1. Articulate a theology of worship consistent with the Wesleyan tradition, including reflection on the theology and rhythm of the Christian year.
2. Articulate a Wesleyan theology of the sacraments and be competent in their administration.
3. Interpret theologically the rites of Christian marriage, and of Death and Resurrection, and be able to lead such services well.
4. Construct a worship service, and reflect theologically on the use of hymns, media, contemporary music, and lay leadership.

Texts:

Hickman, Hoyt L., Worshiping with United Methodists: A Guide for Pastors and Church Leaders (Abingdon Press, 1996). **ISBN 9780687335268**

Willimon, William H., Sunday Dinner. (Nashville: Upper Room, 1983).
ISBN: 0835804291

Willimon, William H., Remember Who You Are. (Nashville: Upper Room, 1988).
ISBN: 0835803996

Wallace, Robin Knowles. The Christian Year: A Guide for Worship and Preaching. (Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2011). **ISBN 9781426703003**

"This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion."
(available at gbod.org/worship)

"By Water and the Spirit: A United Methodist Understanding of Baptism." (available at gbod.org/worship)

Reference

The United Methodist Book of Worship. (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House, 1992). **ISBN 9780687035724**

The United Methodist Hymnal (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House, 1989). **ISBN 9780687431328**

Supplementary:

Stookey, Lawrence. Let the Whole Church Say Amen: A Guide For Those Who Pray In Public. (Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2011). **ISBN 9780687090778**

Assignments First Weekend:

1. Read Sunday Dinner by William H. Willimon. Select one of the chapters and write a 2-3 page sermon based on the text for that chapter. Your sermon should reflect an understanding of Willimon's thoughts in that chapter. You may agree or disagree with those thoughts in your sermon. Write a paragraph as to why you chose that chapter.
2. Read Remember Who You Are by William H. Willimon. Write a 2-3 page paper on who you are in light of your own baptism.
3. Write out your usual Orders of Worship. Include one for normal a normal Sunday Worship Service (not Holy Communion) and one for Word and Table. Do a (double-spaced) commentary on the Order of Worship for each service. Include descriptions of all of the actions that were performed by the minister(s) and congregation (i.e. standing, bowing, singing, coming to the Communion Table, etc.). Also include a rationale for the various parts of the service: the lessons read, the prayers offered, the hymns sung, the sermon preached, etc.
4. Read "This Holy Mystery" and "By Water and the Spirit"

There will be no MidCourse work but a PostCourse assignment will be given following the second weekend.

Pework Policy

We all have deadlines that govern our lives. It is crucial that you take seriously your commitment to complete the pre-work assignments by the deadline. Extensions are granted only for extenuating circumstances. Normal pastoral duties do not constitute extenuating circumstances. Late work will be penalized. Any extension must be granted by the instructor of the class. For your protection, please keep copies of your pre-work assignments.

- All precourse and midcourse work must be submitted to the professor by the date indicated on the syllabus or assigned by the professor on the first weekend. Late precourse/midcourse work will be accepted for two weeks following the due date (but not beyond) with the following penalties:
 1. **Precourse/midcourse** work submitted within one week of the due date will receive a **one letter grade deduction**
 2. **Precourse/midcourse** work submitted after one week of the due date but within two weeks will receive a **two letter grade deduction**
 3. **No assignments** will be accepted after two weeks from the due date and a grade of "F" will be given in the course.
 4. **In cases where the student has registered late the same policy applies.**
- **PostCourse** work may be assigned in some courses. PostCourse work will be due no later than two weeks after the completion of the second weekend of the course. **No** late submissions will be accepted.

Grade Percentages

Pework	40%
Midwork	30%
Course Participation	30%