

**Alabama Course of Study
Huntingdon College
Summer 2010 - July 16-17; August 13-14
Assignment and Course Requirements**

Course: COS 413 - Worship and the Sacraments
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Your prework for Session One is to be submitted to the professor on the first Friday night of the course. Additional work will be due on the second Friday night of the course.

COS 413 - Worship and Sacraments

An examination of the sacraments, rites, and liturgy of the United Methodist Church and the pastor's role as worship leader.

Objectives:

1. Examination of the church year and its historical and theological grounding.
2. Examination of the theology and practice of the sacraments.
3. Review of the rites of Christian marriage; of death, and resurrection; and other occasional services including appropriate counseling methods.
4. Reflection on worship practices including use of non-traditional liturgies; media; music; and lay leadership.
5. Development of a sample service of worship for reflection and evaluation.

Texts:

Hickman, Hoyt L., Worshipping 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

White, James. Introduction To Christian Worship. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2001). **ISBN: 9780687091096**

The United Methodist Book of Worship. (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House.)

The United Methodist Hymnal (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House.)

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.

Assignment Second Weekend:

1. Read Introduction to Christian Faith by James White. Write a 2-3 page reflection paper on this book, including the following:
 - a. Your definition of Christian worship (reflecting the thoughts of White but in your own words).
 - b. How is "time" reflected in Christian worship? How do you see this played out in your church?
 - c. How do you see "Holy Space" in your church setting?
2. Read Worshiping With United Methodists by Hoyt Hickman. Write a 2-3 page paper on the basic pattern of worship historically (include both United Methodist and non-United Methodist heritage).
3. Write out your usual Orders of Worship. Include one for a non-communion service and one for Word and Table. Write an explanation of the ritual of the non-communion service as if you were helping a new seeker understand your worship service.

Grade Percentages

Pework	35%
Midwork	35%
Course Participation	30%