

MNST501 Christian Worship

Instructor	Dr. Joseph Donnella
Schedule	Tuesdays 6 pm to 8:30 pm, January 6 – April 28
Description	<p>An introduction to the history, practices, and theology of Christian worship. Particular attention will be given to developments within western Christianity in an ecumenical context. Our focus will be on the theology and celebration of Baptism, Communion, Proclamation, Daily Prayer, and Services of the Word, along with the ritual practices of Marriage, Death and Burial, and Healing–Anointing. Contemporary matters such as Language, African- American traditions, Feminist and Womanist traditions, Inculturation, Art & Aesthetics along with Architecture and Interior Spaces will also be considered.</p> <p>Required: MACM. (Formerly ES 718 and PT 718. Students who have successfully completed either of these courses will not receive credit for this course. PR=None.</p>
Requirements	<p>Reading:</p> <p>Students will complete approximately 70 pages of reading per week and should come to class prepared to discuss the readings assigned.</p>
	<p>Writing:</p> <p>One paper of 5-6 pages analyzing the elements of worship within a congregational/ or community setting other than one's own. The methodology for this paper should be compare and contrast. Interfaith settings may also be considered.</p> <p>Four brief reflection papers [2-3 pgs.]. Subject matter for reflection may be taken from class discussions and presentations, readings, lectures, and/or worship encounters outside of class.</p> <p>One review of a video resource used in modeling/equipping churches for worship and spiritual renewal.</p> <p>A final research paper or video presentation. Topics for the research paper [and/or video] should be selected after consultation with the professor.</p>
	<p>Other Assignments:</p> <p>Each student is expected to an in-class presentation based on selection [in consultation with the professor] from one of the recommended supplemental book readings.</p>

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Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Ruth C. Duck. Worship for the Whole People of God. 2 nd edition.	28.80	270
Melanie C. Ross and Mark A. Lamport. Historical Foundations of Worship.	14.99	95
TBA – One additional text may be added -		