All precourse assignments should be emailed to the Course of Study Office by April 8, 2013

Course Description
This course examines the sacraments, rites, and liturgy of The United Methodist Church and the pastor’s role as worship leader.

Course Objectives
- Examination of the church year and its historical and theological grounding
- Examination of the theology and practice of the sacraments
- Review of the rites of Christian marriage, death and resurrection, and other occasional services, including appropriate counseling methods
- Reflection on worship practices, including use of nontraditional liturgies, media, music, and lay leadership
- Development, for reflection and evaluation, of a sample service of worship

Required Textbooks
- *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)
- *The United Methodist Hymnal*. ISBN 9780687431328
Precourse Assignments (Due to the COS office by April 8)

All papers should be double spaced. For each assignment, demonstrate knowledge of the book covered in that assignment.

1. Read James White’s *Introduction to Christian Worship*. Based on your reading, write a paper in which you define what Christian worship is and what basic patterns have consistently emerged in Christian worship throughout the ages.

2. Read Hoyt Hickman’s *Worshiping with United Methodists*. Based on your reading of this book, write a paper in which you:
   - Describe and explain the 5 Basic Principle of Worship Hickman talks about on p. 17.
   - Evaluate your church’s current worship according to these patterns. Does your church do well with these or could your church use some help in any areas? (You are being graded on your evaluation of the current worship, not on whether your congregation has mastered these principles.)

3. Read *This Holy Mystery*. Write a paper describing in detail the United Methodist understanding of communion as a sacrament.

4. Read *By Water and the Spirit*. Based on what you learn from your reading, write a paper describing how you would explain to a church member the United Methodist practice of baptizing infants. Be sure to explain why we baptize infants whereas other churches insist that persons wait until they can profess faith for themselves.

Final Project: Due

Please note that there will be a final project to be completed after the weekend course. Details on this project will be explained during the course weekend. The final project will be due on May 6.
DIRECTIONS FOR EMAILING PRECOURSE WORK

Please read all the directions below before emailing your assignments to the COS Office, any emails received that do not follow the directions below will not be accepted. You will receive an email confirmation of receipt and if your email is not submitted correctly an email indicating you will need to resend your assignments.

1. Email only michelle.levan@emory.edu, do not email the instructor your assignment.
2. Emails must be received no later than 11:59pm on April 8, 2013 deadline.
   a. Please note that the cut off time is EASTERN STANDARD TIME zone, so email your assignments accordingly.
   b. Any precourse work received after April 8th at 11:59pm will be subject to a late penalty.
      1. Precourse work received between April 9th – April 14th is 1 letter grade deduction.
      2. Precourse work received between April 15th – April 19th is 2 letter grade deductions.
3. The course number and the phrase “precourse work” should be the subject of your email:
   Example - Precourse Work 113
      a. You will need to send a separate email for each course you are registered to attend.
4. Precourse work must be sent as an attached document and not in the body of the email.
   a. Any version of Microsoft Word or WordPerfect documents will be accepted; PDF and Mac-Pages documents will be accepted.
   b. All of your assignments for each course must be in one document, multiple documents are not acceptable. You should send only one attachment with course all assignments.
5. Your FULL name, phone number and email, should all be clearly included at the beginning of your email:
   Example: Michelle Levan
   404.727.4587
   michelle.levan@emory.edu
6. Plagiarism Policy and Plagiarism Defined paragraphs must be included in the body of your email (both are below), not within your precourse work. The inclusion of the policy and definition in the body of the email, verifies that you agree to it and your email will represent your signature. If the email does not include the plagiarism policy and definition it will not be accepted. Your email, with the plagiarism policy and definition will be printed and used as cover sheet for your precourse work, because it has the verification of date and time received, and your agreement to the plagiarism policy and definition, and your contact information.

Plagiarism Policy
I have read the plagiarism definition below and verify that this assignment represents my own work, except where credit is given. I have also made copies of this assignment and I will bring them with me to class in the event that any of my work is misplaced.

Plagiarism Defined
“You plagiarize when, intentionally or not, you use someone’s words or ideas but fail to credit that person. You plagiarize even when you do credit the author but use his exact words without so indicating with quotation marks or block indentation. You also plagiarize when you use words so close to those in your source, that if your work were placed next to the source, it would be obvious that you could not have written what you did without the source at your elbow. When accused of plagiarism, some writers claim I must have somehow memorized the passage. When I wrote it, I certainly thought it was my own. That excuse convinces very few.” From page 167 of The Craft of Research by Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams, published in 1995 by The University of Chicago Press in Chicago.

7. If you do not follow the procedure your precourse work WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!!!!