

Northeast Ohio School of Ministry (NEOSOM) Course Offerings, Winter 2021

Introduction to Christian Theology

Certification Track Course

Fee \$100

Audit \$65

INSTRUCTOR Rev. Dr. Steven Johnson (stevej2home@netscape.net)

DESCRIPTION

"An Introduction to Christian Theology" will expose students to basic questions in Christian theology including (but not limited to): Who is Jesus? What do we mean when we say that God is Triune? Why does evil exist? What is the role of the Holy Spirit? What is the purpose of the church? What happens to us after we die? What happens to people who aren't Christian? Students will be encouraged to develop their own answers to these questions and develop the language and skills to explain these answers to others.

Please note that students planning to enroll in Dr. Gary Halstead's Process Theology course in the Spring Term need to take An Introduction to Christian Theology with Dr. Johnson this term (or need to have taken an introductory theology course already).

MEETINGS Mondays, January 18 to March 8, 2021 7-9 p.m.

LOCATION Online via the free Zoom video platform (link will be provided by instructor)

REQUIRED TEXT(S)

Migliore, Daniel. *Faith Seeking Understanding*, 3rd ed. Available online at Amazon.com

Introduction to Christian Worship

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INSTRUCTORS Rev. Mark Suriano, course head (mark@firstuccparkridge.org), Rev. Jeff Gerber (jgerber523@gmail.com), Rev. Anissa Glaser-Bacon (anissa.bacon@gmail.com), Rev. Susi Kawolics (susi.kawolics@gmail.com), Rev. Cheryl Lindsay (office@livingwaterone.org), Jill Lovett (jglovett@yahoo.com), Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee (deanofschools@eoawraucc.org)

DESCRIPTION

This eight-week, team-taught course introduces students to the history, theology, and practice of Christian worship. Students will learn, among other things, why Christians worship the way we do, how to plan and structure worship guided by the liturgical year, what enhances worship (and what weakens it), how to train those who preside at worship and those who assist, and how to offer prayer that is beautiful, meaningful, and spiritual.

MEETINGS Tuesdays, January 26 to March 16, 2021 6:30-8:30 p.m.

LOCATION Online via the free Zoom video platform (link will be provided by instructor)

REQUIRED TEXT(S)

1. Stookey, Laurence H. Let the Whole Church Say Amen: A Guide for Those Who Pray in Public (Abingdon, 2001)
2. Kavanaugh, Aidan. Elements of Rite: A Handbook of Liturgical Style (Pueblo Books, 1990)
3. United Church of Christ. Book of Worship (Office for Church Life and Leadership, 1986). Available through The Pilgrim Press at <https://www.thepilgrimpress.com/search?type=product&q=book+of+worship><https://www.thepilgrimpress.com/search?type=product&q=book+of+worship>
4. Other readings as provided by instructors