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HYBRID COURSE SYLLABUS

02PT522/01 Communication II

Prof. Larry Kirk

December 2025- February 2026

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Course Dates

ONLINE DATES: December 1, 2025 – February 14, 2026

IN CLASS DATES: January 12-16, 2026, 9:00am-noon

COURSE COMPLETION DATE: February 14, 2026

COURSE SCHEDULE

Weekly assignments are due by 6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on the Saturdays indicated. This Saturday deadline is in order to encourage you to be present with your family on Saturday evenings and to begin preparation for the Sabbath. If you anticipate a scheduling problem, you may submit your assignments early. If an assignment is late, it will be of no advantage to submit it on a Sunday rather than waiting until Monday.

Unlike Global campus and some on-campus courses, this course is not self-paced but follows the schedule below. Late assignments will be accepted but with an appropriate point reduction. Due to the disproportionate amount of additional time it takes me to process requests for extensions, I will not grant penalty-free extensions.

<u>Week ending</u>	<u>Materials assigned</u>	<u>Assignment due @ 6pm EST</u>
Dec. 6	Read, "From Text to Heart" Keller, <i>Preaching...</i> 214-240	Complete The "PRE" worksheet.
Dec 13	Read. "Structure that Serves" Keller, <i>Preaching...</i> pp. 1-23	Complete The "ACH" worksheet.
Dec 20	Read the wedding sermon samples and suggestions uploaded to canvas. Keller, <i>Preaching...</i> pp. 27-69	Wedding sermon reflection and plan
Dec 27	Keller, <i>Preaching...</i> pp. 70-90 Ferguson <i>Preaching Christ From The Old Testament</i> pdf	Wedding sermon.
Jan 3	Keller, <i>Preaching...</i> 93-157 Read the funeral sermon samples and suggestions uploaded to canvas.	Funeral sermon reflection and plan

<u>Week ending</u>	<u>Materials assigned</u>	<u>Assignment due @ 6pm EST</u>
Jan 10	Keller, <i>Preaching...</i> 157-187	Funeral sermon
Jan 12-16	On Campus	
Jan 24	Keller, <i>Preaching...</i> 191-212	Christ-centered main point exposition.
Feb 6		Wedding service memorization Video interaction
Feb 14		Communion service memorization Reading Interaction

COURSE OVERVIEW

DESCRIPTION:

REGISTRATION OF THIS COURSE MUST BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 1st. This is a HYBRID COURSE that will incorporate e-learning components prior to the on-campus class dates. Course activities start the week of DECEMBER 1st.

A continuation of Communication I (02PT508), this course is designed to review and refine expository preaching skills as well as cover a variety of topics related to preaching, occasional sermons and addresses, preaching Christ from all parts of scripture, some broader aspects of communication, and variations on homiletical forms.

GOALS:

- *Comprehension*
 - To learn the purpose, goals and methods of preparing occasional sermons.
 - To learn interpretively sound ways to preach Christ from the various biblical genres.
 - To understand the process of making gospel-centered, redemptive application in faithful expository sermons.
- *Competence*
 - To reinforce and strengthen your ability to preach expository, Christ-centered sermons.
 - To provide experience in preparing occasional sermons.
 - To lay the foundations for effectively serving and administering communion and officiating weddings
- *Character*
 - To encourage you to graciously and compellingly pastor your listeners into Christ-centered life through fruitful preaching.
 - To increase your sense of the scope and power of the gospel as it can be preached.

- To increase your confidence in the sufficiency of scripture for the ministry of the Word.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

“PRE” Worksheet	10
“ACH” Worksheet	10
Funeral sermon reflection and plan	15
Wedding sermon reflection and plan	15
Wedding service memorization	5
Communion service memorization	5
Christ-centered main point exposition assignment.	20
Student-Professor Interactions	5
Reading interaction	5
Class participation and in-class exercises	10
Total	<u>100%</u>

ASSIGNED READING

The following items are to be read according to the above schedule. Assessment will be integrated into the course requirements. Items marked with an asterisk (*) are available on the course web page.

Keller, Timothy. *Preaching: Communicating Faith in an Age of Skepticism*. New York: Viking, 2015. Pp 1-211. ISBN 978-0525953036.

* Ferguson, *Preaching Christ From The Old Testament*, London: The Proclamation Trust, 2002, PDF

EXPOSITORY SERMON WORKSHEETS

These assignments will provide review of basic principles of sermon development covered in Communication I. Part 1 is the exegetical work necessary to complete the homiletical phase in Part 2. The assigned scripture passage along with the required steps are described in the assignment online. Part 2 develops the homiletical for effective communication.

CHRIST-CENTERED MAIN POINT EXPOSITION ASSIGNMENT

This assignment will require writing a proposition, main point outline, sermon introduction and exposition, illustration and application of for one main point.

WEDDING & FUNERAL SERMON REFLECTION AND PLAN

This assignment will require researching and developing personal convictions and plans for developing Biblical, Christ-centered, hope-filled, wedding and funeral messages.

WEDDING & FUNERAL SERMONS

On the dates indicated, you will submit manuscripts for a wedding sermon and a funeral sermon. Examples will be provided in the course materials. The wedding sermon should be approximately 10 minutes in length. The funeral sermon should be approximate 10 minutes in length.

COMMUNION & WEDDING MEMORIZATION

On the due dates indicated you will have memorized the portions of the wedding and communion services provided in this syllabus and recited these portions to a grader of your choosing. These selections are from the *Book of Common Worship* (1946).

After the grader has signed the form included in this syllabus scan or photograph the form and upload it to complete the assignment. You must do this separately for the communion and wedding assignments.

You may attempt to recite the assignment as many times as possible, but you must complete it with no more than minor errors without assistance or prompting for your grader.

If English is your second language, you may memorize a suitable translation in your first language.

If you wish to substitute established forms from another tradition, consult with me before beginning memorization.

STUDENT – PROFESSOR INTERACTION

The hybrid course format requires that students and the professor interact regularly during the online portion of the class period each week. During the online portion, you'll receive a brief question to which you are required to respond. These interactions provide a valuable knowledge space for the professor and enable you to get to know one another better.

READING INTERACTION

The final reading interaction will be a one – two page written interaction with the reading from Keller. A form for this assignment will be uploaded to Canvas.

COMMUNION & WEDDING SERVICES

WEDDING SERVICE

The following is the portion to be memorized from the order for solemnization of marriage from the Book of Common Worship (1946). Archaic expressions have been updated. It is formatted in order facilitate memorization.

Dearly beloved, we are assembled here in the presence of God, to join this Man and this Woman in holy marriage;

which is instituted of God,
regulated by His commandments,
blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ,
and to be held in honor among all men.

Let us therefore reverently remember that God has established and sanctified marriage, for the welfare and happiness of mankind. Our Savior has declared that a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife.

By His apostles, He has instructed those who enter into this relation
to cherish a mutual esteem and love;
to bear with each other's infirmities and weaknesses;
to comfort each other in sickness, trouble, and sorrow;
in honesty and industry to provide for each other, and for their household, in
temporal things;
to pray for and encourage each other in the things which pertain to God;
and to live together as heirs of the grace of life.

[Man's/Woman's name], will you have this Woman/Man to be your wife, and will you pledge your faith to her,

in all love and honor,
in all duty and service,
in all faith and tenderness,
to live with her, and cherish her,
according to the ordinances of God, in the holy bond of marriage?

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

...

Repeat after me.

I, [Name], take you, [Name], to be my wedded wife/husband.

And I do promise and covenant;

Before God and these witnesses;

To be your loving and faithful husband/wife;

In plenty and in want;

In joy and in sorrow;

In sickness and in health;

As long as we both shall live.

With this ring I thee wed;

In the name of the Father; And of the Son; And of the Holy Spirit.

Bless, O Lord, this ring, that he who gives it and she who wears it may be in Your peace, and continue in Your favor, until their life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

By the authority committed to me as a Minister of the Church of Christ, I declare that [Name] and [Name] are now Husband and Wife, according to the ordinance of God, and the law of the State; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Whom therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Beloved in the Lord, hear what gracious words our Savior Christ says to all who truly turn to Him:

[From a translation of your own choosing recite Matthew 11:28-30; John 6:35, 37b; Matthew 5:6]

Hear the Words of the Institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they are delivered to us by the Apostle Paul:

[Recite from a translation of your own choosing 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;]

As the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, I take these elements of bread and wine, to be set apart from all common uses to this holy use and mystery; and as He gave thanks and blessed, let us draw near to God, and present to Him our prayers and thanksgivings.

For in the night in which He was betrayed, He took bread [take common loaf into hands]
And when he had blessed, and given thanks, he broke it [break the loaf]
And said, "Take. Eat. Do this in remembrance of me.

After the same manner he took the cup [display the common cup] saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Take. Eat. This is the body of Christ which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of him.
[administer the bread]

This cup is the new covenant in the blood of Christ, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Drink of it, all of you. [administer the cup]

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## WEDDING SERVICE MEMORIZATION COMPLETION

..... has successfully recited to me the wedding  
service assigned for Communication II.

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(signed)

.....  
(date)

*To be signed and submitted on the date indicated in the syllabus. Late submission will not receive full credit.*

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COMMUNION SERVICE MEMORIZATION COMPLETION

..... has successfully recited to me the
communion service assigned for Communication II.

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(signed)

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(date)

Course Objectives Related to MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes

Course: Communication II, Hybrid Format (02PT522/01)

Professor: Larry Kirk

Campus: Orlando

Date: January 2026

MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes		Rubric	Mini-Justification
<i>In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the MDiv outcomes.</i> <i>*As the MDiv is the core degree at RTS, the MDiv rubric will be used in this syllabus.</i>		➤ Strong ➤ Moderate ➤ Minimal ➤ None	
Articulation (oral & written)	Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks.	Strong	All course content and assignments are centered on articulation of biblical truth in written and oral form in ways that will be compelling and relevant to contemporary people.
Scripture	Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.)	Strong	Sermon assignments & Christ-centered exposition assignment require insight into original meaning & use of so sound hermeneutical principles in order to see the Christological significance of each passage assigned.
Reformed Theology	Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.	Moderate	Reformed doctrine of Scripture, preaching, redemptive-historical hermeneutic, triunity of God undergird course content & assignments.
Sanctification	Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification.	Strong	Application assignments require intimate reflection upon the nature of the gospel & how it is to be applied in all areas of the Christian life.
Desire for Worldview	Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.	Moderate	Focus on legitimate application of scripture under supremacy of Christ.
Winsomely Reformed	Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)	Strong	Christ-centered application, listening exercise, audience analysis, funeral & wedding units all demand awareness & desire to communicate God's truth winsomely.
Preach	Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.	Strong	All units & assignments are focused on preaching.
Worship	Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.	Strong	In addition to units & assignments focused on preaching, memorization of communion & wedding services enhance skills in leading worship.
Shepherd	Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.	Moderate	Ministry of the Word leads the larger role of pastor as shepherd.
Church/World	Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.	Moderate	Development of preaching requires analysis & understanding of social & cultural issues.

