



INSTITUTE FOR REFORMED WORSHIP

of Erskine Theological Seminary

The Institute for Reformed Worship (IRW) began at Erskine Theological Seminary in 2004. Dr. Hughes Oliphant Old, author of *Worship: Reformed According to Scripture*, accepted Erskine's invitation to become the founding Dean of the Institute. In January of that year he began teaching in Erskine's Doctor of Ministry program a cycle of courses on the Biblical roots of worship, and the history, theology, and practice of worship in the Christian Church. In 2008, in partnership with First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, South Carolina, the IRW moved from Erskine's main campus in Due West to the new Columbia campus, located in the heart of the downtown. Now easily accessible by air transport and three major interstate highways, the IRW is seeking to expand its ministry of service to the Church.

The Institute for Reformed Worship is located at the Erskine Theological Seminary Columbia campus, 1500 Lady Street, Columbia, SC, 29201. Further information may be obtained by contacting Langley Burch, coordinator of the Erskine Columbia campus, or Dr. Mark E. Ross, director of the Institute, at (803) 771-6180, burch@erskine.edu, or ross@erskine.edu

MISSION AND PURPOSE OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute for Reformed Worship exists to promote the worship of God according to Scripture. It provides courses, conferences, workshops, and other resources for the study and practice of Christian worship, including prayer, praise, the reading and preaching of Scripture, and the celebration of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Institute seeks to promote research and scholarship in the Biblical foundations, theology, history, and practice of worship, and to equip those who serve in leading the worship of the Christian church, such as ministers and musicians. In conjunction with Erskine Theological Seminary, courses offered by the Institute may be taken for credit towards a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree or for continuing education.

DEAN OF THE INSTITUTE



Hughes Oliphant Old

Dr. Hughes Oliphant Old is the John H. Leith Professor of Reformed Theology and Worship at Erskine Theological Seminary and Dean of the Institute for Reformed Worship. He is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and has studied at the University of Tübingen, the Protestant Theological Faculty of Paris, the Institute Catholique of Paris, and the University of Basel. He completed a D. théol. at the University of Neuchâtel and was appointed a member of the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, New Jersey. His 18 years of pastoral ministry, combined with meticulous research, has informed his prolific publishing. Included among his many works are *Worship: Reformed According to Scripture*, *The Patristic Roots of Reformed Worship*, *The Shaping of the Reformed Baptismal Rite in the Sixteenth Century*, and *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers*. Soon to be published is the last of seven volumes on *The Reading and Preaching of the Scriptures in the Worship of the Christian Church*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Preach the Word

September 11-13, 2008

First Presbyterian Church
Columbia, South Carolina

Expository Preaching - The Need of the Hour

A Conference for Preachers

Thursday and Friday, September 11 and 12

SINCLAIR B. FERGUSON, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC
J. LIGON DUNCAN III, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS
HUGHES OLIPHANT OLD, Erskine Theological Seminary, Columbia, SC
ALISTAIR BEGG, Senior Pastor, Parkside Church, Cleveland, OH
DAVID JUSSELY, Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS

and

The Grace of God in the Gospel

A Public Conference

Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13

SINCLAIR B. FERGUSON, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC
J. LIGON DUNCAN III, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS
DAVID JUSSELY, Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS
MARK E. ROSS, Erskine Theological Seminary, Columbia, SC

The Architectural Setting of Christian Worship

Exploring the Intersection of Architecture, Theology, and Worship

Independent Presbyterian Church
Savannah, Georgia

February 5-7, 2009

DAVID GOBEL, Savannah College of Art and Design
TERRY JOHNSON, Independent Presbyterian Church
HUGHES OLIPHANT OLD, Erskine Theological Seminary

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2008-2009 COURSES WITH DR. HUGHES OLIPHANT OLD

DF 925 EXPOSITORY PREACHING I

September 11-12 and November 11-14, 2008

The history of expository preaching offers much inspiration and many practical insights for the expository preacher today. This course begins with a study of the earliest traces of preaching in Scripture itself, then looks at the sermons of the second and third centuries. It continues by looking at Origen, Basil of Caesarea, Chrysostom, and Augustine, and concludes with the study of the preaching of Leo the Great and Gregory the Great. The purpose of this course is to help students develop their skills in expository preaching. *Elective. Three hours.*

Part of this course will include the pastors conference on preaching, "Preach the Word," September 11-12, at the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. The course seminar will be held November 11-14.

DC 913 THE ARCHITECTURAL SETTING OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

February 5-7 and March 17-20, 2009

The purpose of this course is to study the way the Church has provided buildings for its worship down through the centuries. Consideration is given to the earliest examples of church buildings in Rome, Aquileia, and Syria, the church buildings given by Constantine, Hagia Sophia, the Cistercian monasteries in Provence, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, and the thoroughly Protestant approach to church architecture adopted by the French Huguenots at the time of the Reformation. Some contemporary architectural masterpieces also are explored in this study. *Elective. Three hours.*

This course is being done in conjunction with a public conference February 5-7 in Savannah, GA, at the Independent Presbyterian Church. The class will meet March 17-20 at the Erskine Seminary Columbia campus. For the conference and the class Dr. Old will be joined by Dr. David Gobel (Ph.D., Princeton University), professor of architectural history at the Savannah College of Art and Design and a ruling elder at Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah.

DN 965 THE REFORMATION OF WORSHIP IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., February 3 - May 5, 2009

This course considers the reforms in the service of worship demanded by the Protestant Reformation. Luther's *Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, Zwingli's recovery of covenant theology, Bucer's essay on the reform of worship, Calvin's *Genevan Psalter* of 1542, and Thomas Cranmer's *Book of Common Prayer* are considered. Attention also is given to the worship of the Puritans and the Westminster *Directory for Publick Worship*. *Elective. Three hours.*

NEWS FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR REFORMED WORSHIP

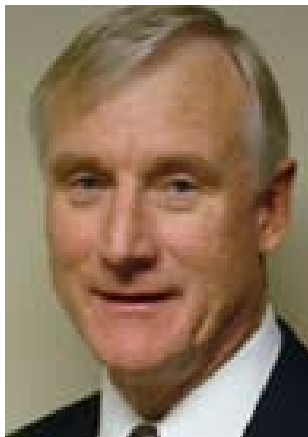


Terry Johnson

Terry Johnson receives Doctor of Ministry

When the Institute for Reformed Worship began in 2004, Terry Johnson was among the first to enter the program. At the May graduation ceremony this year Terry was awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree. His dissertation entitled “A Study of Making the Case for Historic Reformed Worship” was completed under Dr. Hughes Oliphant Old. Terry is the senior minister of the historic Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Georgia, beginning his ministry there in 1987. Born and reared in southern California, he graduated from the Los Angeles public schools and the University of Southern California, earning an A.B. in History, *cum laude*. He studied under Dr. J. I. Packer at Trinity College in Bristol, England, and served as a Byington Fellow for Dr. David Wells at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, from which he graduated *summa cum laude* in 1981. In 1993 Terry was named the convener and then chairman of the General Assembly’s committee on Psalm-singing for the Presbyterian Church in America. Among the fruit of their labors was the *Trinity Psalter*, of which he was the editor and compiler. He has authored a number of books, including *Reformed Worship: Worship That is According to Scripture*, *The Family Worship Book*, and *The Case for Traditional Protestantism*. He has also published *Leading in Worship*, a source-book for Presbyterian ministers

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Mark E. Ross

The Institute for Reformed Worship exists to promote the worship of God according to Scripture. Founded in January, 2004, when Dr. Hughes Oliphant Old joined the faculty at Erskine, the IRW has provided numerous courses for equipping those who lead and serve congregations in the worship of God. We have also aimed to promote research and scholarship in the Biblical foundations, theology, history, and practice of Christian worship. With the move of the IRW to Columbia, South Carolina, we are expanding our programs in other ways to fulfill our mission, including conferences, workshops, and new publications. We will soon be launching a website that will include many worship resources. I welcome your comments and suggestions about the ministry of the Institute for Reformed Worship. You may contact me at (803) 771-6180 or ross@erskine.edu.

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