

Books for 2023 Spring Session Lay School of Theology

Reformed Worship & Sacraments:

Required Texts:

- Bible
- Hymnal
- Book of Order: “The Directory for Worship” (2019/2021 version)

Helpful Resources:

- Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)
- Book of Occasional Services

Recommended (not required)

- Franklin M. Segler and Randall Bradley *Christian Worship: Its Theology and Practice*
- Melva Wilson Costen *Christian Worship*
- Terry L. Johnson *Reformed Worship*

Old Testament Survey:

The Holy Bible, preferably a good NRSV study Bible, such as the one produced by Harper Collins that includes the Apocrypha

Presbyterian Polity:

Required text: *The Book of Order*

Suggested Resource: *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers* by Joan S. Gray

Church History:

Williston Walker. *A History of The Christian Church*, 4th edition (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1985). This 4th edition is best. But an earlier or later edition will do. ISBN 0-0684-18417-6 or ISBN 0-02-423870-8

Book of Confessions-The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)
Part 1; Office of the General Assembly Presbyterian Distribution Services,
#OGA-16-017

John-The Maverick Gospel:

Book List: (Most are suggested, not required.)

1. A good study Bible (required)
2. A good commentary on John – (If you want to purchase a commentary, I recommend *John* by Gail R. O’Day and Susan E. Hulen in the Westminster Bible Companion Series, 2006, Westminster John Knox)
3. *John—the Maverick Gospel* by Robert Kysar (John Knox Press, 1976—There is now a 3rd edition, published in 2007 by Westminster John Knox. Available from Amazon.)