

David A. Davis
Nassau Presbyterian Church
61 Nassau Street,
Princeton, NJ 08542
609-924-0103(church)
609-924-7465 (home)
Dave@nassauchurch.org

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Princeton Theological Seminary

Dates: September, 1995-- May, 2002

Degree: Ph.D. Speech Communication and Ministry; Department of Practical Theology

Concentration: Homiletics

Dissertation: "Hearers of the Word: Homiletics, Ecclesiology, and the Hermeneutics of Mikail Bakhtin"

Princeton Theological Seminary

Dates: September, 1983-- May, 1986

Degree: Master of Divinity

Concentration: Preaching

Harvard University

Dates: September, 1980-- June, 1983

Degree: Bachelor of Arts (cum laude)

Concentration: Psychology and Social Relations

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Princeton Theological Seminary

Dates: 1996-- 2004

Position: Engle Fellow at the Engle Institute of Preaching; "Reclaiming Narrative For Preaching", "Preaching and the Sacraments", "Stewardship and Preaching" (2003, 2004); Visiting Instructor in Preaching; "Introduction to Preaching" (1999-2003); Teaching Fellow; "Introduction to Preaching", "Worship in the Reformed Tradition", "Word and Act in Christian Worship" (1996-1999)

Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dates: Fall, 1998

Position: Adjunct Professor of Preaching; "Preaching Practicum", "Preaching Through the Church Year"

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Nassau Presbyterian Church Princeton, NJ

Dates: September, 2000-- present

Position: Pastor, Head of Staff

First Presbyterian Church of Blackwood

Dates: June, 1986-- July, 2000

Position: Pastor

Presbytery of West Jersey

Positions Held: Moderator (1994), Vice-moderator (1993), Chairperson, Committee on Preparation for Ministry (1990-1992)

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Positions Held: Member, Committee on Ministry (2002-2008), Moderator of Session, Somerset Presbyterian Church (2005-2009)

PUBLICATIONS

"How Long Can We Wait? Bakhtin for Preaching" a paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Homiletics; Toronto, December 1998.

"The Word, The Preacher, The Passion" in Thielemann: The Preacher's Preacher (1999).

Review of Ronald P. Byars, Christian Worship: Glorifying God and Enjoying God (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2002) in Princeton Seminary Bulletin, November 2001.

"The Liturgy of Seminary Life", Princeton Seminary Bulletin, February 2002.

"Let Me Be To Others the Presence of the Risen Christ", Princeton Seminary Bulletin, November 2002. Sermon delivered at the Memorial Service for Dr. G. Robert Jacks.

Review of Fleming Rutledge, The Undoing of Death (Grand Rapids: Eerdmanns, 2002) in Princeton Seminary Bulletin, November 2002.

Review of William H. Willimon, Pastor: A Reader for Ordained Ministry (Nashville: Abingdon, 2002) in Princeton Seminary Bulletin, November 2003.

Review of Heidi B. Neumark, Breathing Space: A Spiritual Journey in the South Bronx (Boston: Beacon Press, 2003) in Theology Today, October 2004.

“Treasures and Abundance: Preaching the Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21)” in Word and Word, vol. 24, Number 3, Summer 2004.

“Weekly Preaching in a Time of War” in Breaking Silence: Pastoral Approaches for Creating and Ethos of Peace. Ed. by Chad R. Abbott and Everett Mitchell (Longmont, CO: Pilgrims Process, 2004).

Review of Walter Brueggemann, Inscribing the Text: Sermons and Prayers of Walter Brueggemann, ed. by Anna Carter Florence (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004) in Princeton Seminary Bulletin, February, 2005.

Guest Blogger, Lectionary Homiletics Website, 2006, 2207, 2008.

“Preaching That Builds Up The Church”, Article posted, Luther Seminary Website, April 2009.

“Pastoral Perspectives: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week” in *Feasting On the Word*. Westminster/John Knox. Forthcoming.

BOOK

A Kingdom We Can Tasted: Sermons for The Church Year. (Grand Rapids: Erdmanns, 2007)

WORKSHOPS AND GUEST PREACHING

Duke Chapel, Duke University (January 2005)

“Preaching Still Belongs to the Church” Center for Excellence in Preaching at Calvin Seminary, Lectures and Preaching (October 2005)

Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton New Jersey (May 2007)

Memorial Church, Harvard University (October 2007)

Calvin Symposium for Worship, Calvin College (January 2008)

Preacher and Pastor in Residence, Engle Institute for Preaching, Princeton Theological Seminary (June 2008)

Bible Conference Preacher, Masonetta Springs Conference Center (July 2008)

Children’s Defense Fund; Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy (July 2008)

Linwood Presbyterian Church, Pretoria, South Africa (October 2009)

“Preaching that Builds Up the Church” Spring Conference of the Dutch Reformed Church at University of Pretoria, South Africa (October 2009)

AFFILIATIONS

Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament (Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.); 1986-- present
Member of New Brunswick Presbytery

Academy of Homiletics; 1996—present

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board of Directors; Princeton YMCA (2008-present)

Princeton Clergy Association (2000-present), president (2008-present)

Board of Directors; Presbyterian Foundation (2007-present)