

**For all Pastors, Ruling Elders, Deacons, CRE/CPs and other PCUSA Members**

## **Basic Hermeneutics and Homiletics Preaching Seminar for Commissioned Ruling Elders**



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**When:** *Friday, January 19: 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm*  
*Saturday, January 20: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm; 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm*

**Where:** *Zoom only on Friday – Register on the links below:*

Friday <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrdO2tqj8pGd3UmqqVtZEyDmbg3s2yi2Di>

Saturday **In person at the Presbytery Offices: 545 Ashbury Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530**

Or <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYuceChrZloG9RtrSyCBYe79tUrJwtxdAqm>

**Cost:** *\$100 for credit* for Commissioned Ruling Elder Candidates  
*\$40 to audit* and open to all

**Class Description:** This 10-hour seminar provides basic skills and a knowledge base for crafting and delivering a sermon. CRE candidates will learn foundational exegesis (interpreting a biblical passage), developing a sermon (paying attention to text, context, subtext, supra-text), and then preaching the sermon. CRE candidates will also learn a few basic sermon forms. All CRE candidates will have an opportunity to preach one 7-10 minute sermon and receive feedback.

**Materials and Preparation for the Seminar:** See next page.

**Questions:** Contact Phil Arzino, CRE/CP Coordinator, [cre-cpprogram@sfpby.org](mailto:cre-cpprogram@sfpby.org), 510-828-5596

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## Further information for CRE/CP Students

### Required Readings:

- Long, Tom. *Witness of Preaching*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Available for free at Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/details/witnessofpreachi0000long>
- Handouts provided by seminar instructor

### Pre-course Assignment:

Upload to this Google Drive shared folder

(<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lv2CKzZkt6AMJFfZ2mXCGmJ3FITR7exr?usp=sharing> )

an MS Word document with the following:

1. Your Name, Church/Worshipping Community Name, Location
2. Briefly (250 words or less) describe your church/worshipping community
3. Briefly describe who you are (500 words or less) – family background, education, work, interests, hobbies
4. Share your “best” experience of preaching and worship, and share the “worst” experience of preaching and worship. Don’t use any real names or places. What was it about those experiences that made it great and not so great. (500 words or less)

### Post-course Assignment:

None. You will construct a 7-10 minute sermon on Saturday with the tools learned in the seminar.

### Course Requirements (For Credit)

1. Attendance at all classes
2. Completion of all required readings and assignments

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