

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers

The Book of Psalms: Worship, Prayer, and Piety

8 Week Online Course

January 20-March 16, 2027

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Instructor:
Steven Schweitzer

Course Description:

This course will focus on thematic and genre studies of the book of Psalms. The various types of psalms will be linked with different facets of human experience, both of God and of the world. Ancient contexts, historical and literary, will be brought into conversation with the book's interpretation over the centuries and its ongoing value for contemporary issues in Christian life.

Through worship, prayer, and piety, the book of Psalms provides a rich spirituality for the people of God, both individually and corporately.

Learning Objectives:

- To gain understandings of the perspectives presented in the book of Psalms, with special attention to the various literary genres and classifications.
- To appreciate the value of the book for theology and contemporary issues in Christian life.
- To address concerns raised by the book, and to make sense of them theologically.
- To practice interpretation of selected passages or themes within the book.
- To experience the practice of "praying the Psalms" according to the pattern known as the Divine Office.

Course Reading Resources

- *The Bible, in any of the following standard translations: NRSV/NRSVue, NLT, NIV, NASB, KJV.*
- *Brueggemann, Walter. Spirituality of the Psalms. Facets. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2002.*
- *Waltner, James. Psalms. Believers Church Bible Commentary. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 2006.*
- *Other readings will be posted or linked on our Moodle site.*

This course is available to:

- **TRIM/EFSM** students: BHTS, BTS
- **CEU credit:** Fulfills **2 Units**
- Anyone seeking personal or spiritual enrichment

Course Fee: \$300.00

**Registration
deadline:**
December 16th

Please wait to order books until after your registration has been confirmed by the Brethren Academy office.

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Course Withdrawal Refund Policy:

- Full refund available before registration deadline
- 50% refund from registration deadline to course start.
- No refunds once the course has begun.

Exceptions require approval from the Brethren Academy Director.

Who should take this course:

This course is designed for:

- TRIM and EFSM students fulfilling BHTS, BTS credits.
- Pastors and lay leaders seeking CEUs.
- Individuals discerning a call to ministry.

Anyone longing to deepen their theological understanding and faith practice.

Course Format and Requirements:

This asynchronous online course allows for flexibility in scheduling while maintaining weekly participation and assignment expectations.

Time Commitment: 10–12 hours per week.

Technology Requirements: Basic computer skills and reliable internet. A device less than four years old is recommended.

For TRIM/EFSM Students:

- Fulfills **BHTS, BTS** requirements.
- Full participation, reading, and assignments are required.

For CEU Participants:

- Earns **2.0 CEUs**.
- Reading and participation required; papers and projects optional.

Distinctive Course Feature:

Through worship, prayer, and piety, the book of Psalms provides a rich spirituality for the people of God, both individually and corporately. Explore how you can apply this to your own context.

Instructor: Steven Schweitzer

Steven Schweitzer is Academic Dean and Professor at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Indiana, a position he has held since 2009. He earned his PhD in Theology (Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity) from the University of Notre Dame in 2005. He regularly teaches courses on various Hebrew Bible books and themes and on Science Fiction and Theology. Steven and his wife Jill attend Cedar Grove CoB in the Southern Ohio/Kentucky district.

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Best contact phone: _____

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I will be taking this course for: _____ TRIM credit _____ EFSM credit _____ CEU credit _____ PE

Course Fee: \$300 payable to Brethren Academy (BAML)

Registration Deadline: December 16