DC 985 Past Christians, Contemporary Lessons
5 Saturdays: 9/11, 10/2, 10/23, 11/20, 12/4; 9:00am - 5:00pm

Through guided study and class discussion, students examine the lives of prominent men and women who have influenced the life and ministry of the Christian Church during the past 20 centuries. Students consider what lessons contemporary Christians can draw from the lives of people such as Ignatius of Antioch, Frumentius, Macrina, Boniface, Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Siena, William Wilberforce, Mother Teresa, and Billy Graham.

Dr. Johnson is a popular preacher and inspiring classroom teacher. He particularly enjoys taking students and other groups to study Reformation church history in Germany. He serves as an elder in the Presbyterian Church in America.
R.J. Gore, Professor of Systematic Theology and Ministry  
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**DN 958 Church and Sacraments**  
Full Semester  
This course examines foundational issues, such as the nature and centrality of the sacraments, the priesthood of the believer, and the mission of the church in the modern world. Students explore historical and contemporary attributes and marks of the church. Special attention is given to the biblical foundations of the church in light of sociological reflections and theological constructs. Each student will produce a personal theology of church and sacrament, making use of biblical, confessional, and ecclesial resources.

Daniel Janosik, Adjunct Professor of Missions  
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**DN 985 Advanced Apologetics**  
8 weeks; Fall 2  
This course builds on the student’s introductory study of Apologetics through targeted readings and research. Students will identify a significant historical or contemporary Christian apologist and investigate in-depth the apologist’s methodology, theological framework, and significant contributions to the apologetics enterprise. Students will make use of their findings to construct a critical response to some significant contemporary challenge to the Christian faith from among the following: contemporary cults, non-Christian religions, the new atheism, secularism, or scientism.
John Paul Marr, Adjunct Professor of Divinity
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Presbyterianism in the 18th Century: Scotland, Ireland, and the American Colonies
Online with in-person classes in DW & synchronous video conference on 8/26, 9/2, 10/21, 11/4, and 12/2, Thursday Evenings 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Marrow and ministry. Patronage and polity. New Light Ministers in Ireland and Old Side Ministers in Pennsylvania. Jacobite Rebellion and American Revolution. Once considered the quiet century, recent interdisciplinary studies have shown the “Cinderella” century has been too neglected. Come read the sermons and the pamphlets, explore the controversies and the compromises, and encounter three-dimensional ministry with all its contradictions and kingdom activities.

TH 090 Research Methodologies
Full Semester, Non-credit course; required for 1st Year ThM students

This non-credit seminar provides advanced guidance on the tasks of choosing and narrowing a research topic, conducting theological research, using technology in research, analyzing one’s findings and articulating their significance, and organizing and writing academic-level theological papers or theses.

A recipient of Aberdeen University’s Elphinstone PhD Scholarship, Dr. Marr’s 2019 dissertation examined how second-generation Associate/Seceder theology was outworked in Scotland, Ireland, and the American Colonies. Focusing specifically on the ministry and writings of the “Father of the Associate Reformed Synod of South,” Dr. Marr’s foray into eighteenth century Presbyterianism provides the foundation for understanding and evaluating primary sources from this era.