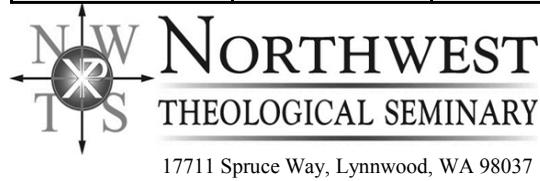


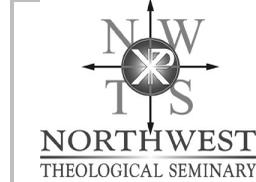
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
10:00-11:00 Homiletics 1A		10:00-11:00 Homiletics IA		10:00-12:00 Homiletics and Polity
11:00-11:30 Lunch break		11:00-11:30 Lunch break		12:00-12:30 Lunch break
11:30-1:00 Old Test Intro		11:30-1:00 Old Test Intro		12:30-2:00 Hebrew I
1:10-2:10 Patristics I	12:45-1:45 Medieval Church History	1:10-2:10 Patristics I	12:45-1:45 Medieval Church History	
2:15-3:15 Westminster Confession	2:00-3:30 Pentateuch	2:15-3:15 Westminster Confession	2:00-3:30 Pentateuch	
3:25-4:25 Vos Readings	3:30-5:00 Gospels	3:25-4:25 Vos Readings	3:30-5:00 Gospels	
4:30-6:00 Greek IA	5:00-5:30 Dinner break	4:30-6:00 Greek IA	5:00-5:30 Dinner break	
	5:30-7:30 Doctrine of God and Man		5:30-7:30 Doctrine of God and Man	
	7:30-9:00 Hebrew I		7:00-9:00 Epistle to Hebrews	



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NORTHWEST THEOLOGICAL
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His story is...

Our Story

NWTS Celebrates Ten Years: 2001-2011

Once upon a time, J. Gresham Machen articulated the function of a theological seminary with this summary: the penetration of the inspired Scriptures; the perpetuation of the Calvinistic system of doctrine; the interaction with the latest critical and even antithetical systems of liberalism so as to defend the Scriptures and the Calvinistic system. 2011 marks the 75th anniversary of the denomination Machen founded; 2011 marks the 10th anniversary of the opening of NWTS. Our mission duplicates Machen's précis—we are devoted to these elements as the marks of an educated theological student and seminary graduate. Hence, our concurrence with the orthodox Biblical and Reformed tradition Machen articulated. We are not ashamed of the system of doctrine in the Reformed Confessions, even as we are not ashamed of the inerrant Word of God. And we are diligent in the defense of these truths in the face of modern critical unbelief.

But we also have a unique calling—a peculiar identification. We are devoted to heaven: heaven's Triune God; heaven's heaven-descended Savior-Son; heaven's Holy Spirit possession of the heart of the believer by in-dwelling regeneration; heaven's arena as the place where our life is hidden with Christ in God; heaven's fruition as the everlasting locus of the beatific vision—the eschatological Sabbath of perfect communion of saints, Savior, Trinity. In this, NWTS is *non pareil*—heaven, now/not yet! This story is our story because it is our Reformed fathers's story and, more pertinently, our Lord's story.

Our Board, Faculty, Graduates and Students express sincere thanks to all who have made these ten years possible for us. You have been wonderful instruments of the grace of God in our lives and reciprocally, we trust, are continuing to live out of the grace of God yourselves.

Happy 75th Birthday OPC!

The Faculty of NWTS has extended a gift in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (1936-2011). J. Gresham Machen launched the magazine, *The Presbyterian Guardian*, in 1935. It ran until 1979 and contains much historical and theological material on the life of the OPC. An exhaustive index to the pages of the *Guardian* was compiled and published by Jim Dennison in 1985 as a help to his late brother, Charlie (OPC Historian at the time), in reviewing the history of the church for its semi-centennial celebration (1986). This index has been mounted at nwts.edu in digital format and is free to all who wish to consult it. The actual pages of the *Guardian* are now completely available in digital format at opc.org. Hence, the index to and the text of Machen's magazine are now free and available to the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Fall Enrollment:** We are pleased to welcome two new students to NWTS. Carlo Saulzallido (M.T.S.) is a graduate of Covenant College where he was a student of Adjunct NWTS Professor, Dr. Bill Dennison. Jeremy Cook (M.Div.) was attracted to NWTS by listening to the Daniel lectures this past spring (nwts.edu). We welcome these newcomers who are eager to plumb the depths of the Word of God.

They will join our returning students: Stephen Lauer and Steve MacKenzie (David McPherson is taking a year off). Please pray for these men as they study to grow in the knowledge, grace and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Scholarship Award:** The Faculty announces the award of a one-year tuition scholarship to Jeremy Cook. The award is given to an M.Div. applicant and covers the tuition costs for the academic year 2011-2012.

***Board Actions:** At its July 16 meeting, the Board of Directors re-elected Revs. Robert Van Kooten and Randy Bergquist for three years (Class of 2014). A budget of \$140,000 was adopted, paring some \$8000 from the previous fiscal year budget. Savings come from: digital publication of the seminary journal (Kerux); non-renewal of a leased copy machine (we were able to purchase a new machine which we will maintain in-house).

***Summer Classes:** Dr. Bill Dennison, Adjunct Professor of Apologetics and Systematic Theology, was present from August 1-19 to conclude the first-year program for our students. He lectured four hours each evening during the three weeks on Apologetics and Prolegomena to Systematics.

***Fall Bible Study:** Beginning Thursday night, Sept. 8, we will resume the study of the epistle to the Hebrews (a series which was launched in the first semester of 2010; see nwts.edu for the audio of the previous studies). Picking up at chapter 6:13, we hope to finish the entire book by the end of the Fall semester. The public is welcome to join us at the Lynnwood OPC from 7-9:00pm each Thursday. As with all Bible exposition on Thursday evening, these presentations will be available for listening via the Internet at nwts.edu.

***Reformation Celebration:** The annual NWTS Reformation Day celebration will occur Friday, October 28, at 7:30pm in the Lynnwood OPC. This year, we will feature an illustrated (Power Point) presentation of "John Calvin's Italian Church." This refugee congregation was nurtured in Calvin's Geneva from 1542 and contributed arguably the greatest Calvinist of the 17th century to the Reformed faith. Francis Turretin (or Turretini) was a descendant of the Italian Protestants who fled Lucca, Italy during the 16th century Roman Catholic Inquisition. They settled north of the Alps in small groups in various Reformation cities of Europe (Zurich, Wittenberg, Basel, even London). After several years in Zurich, Francis's grandfather, Francesco, settled in Geneva in 1592. His grandson became pastor of the Italian Church in Geneva in 1648 and served faithfully until his death in 1687. At the same time (from 1653), he was Professor of Theology at the Academy in Geneva, for which he wrote his most famous work *The Institutes of Elenctic Theology* (English edition edited by James T. Dennison, Jr.). "Elenctics" refers to comparative systematic theology, i.e., comparing Calvinism with Catholicism, Lutheranism, Arminianism, Amyrauldianism, Socinianism, paganism, etc. The public is welcome to join us for this interesting evening reflecting on the immigrant Calvinists of 16th century Geneva.

***KERUX: THE JOURNAL OF NORTHWEST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:** The September issue of the seminary journal has been posted at kerux.com. The contents include: an exposition of Rev. 12 (Pete Vosteen); a review of Paul's hermeneutics (Scott Sanborn); a reflection on the Presbyterian Adopting Act of 1729, featuring the position of John Thomson, who urged subscription to the Westminster Standards (Benji Swinburnson); the narrative or pilgrim biblical-theological paradigm of the epistle to the Hebrews (Jim Dennison); book reviews on a work about Ignatius of Antioch and a paperback about the "friends of John Calvin". The journal is free of charge and may be viewed and downloaded online at kerux.com.

***The NWTS Series of Scripture Exposition:** The following audio presentations in which the Word of God is opened for God's people are available free of charge at nwts.edu. You may listen online at your computer or use your iPod or other device. Many lectures contain downloadable outlines and handouts. Remember too our "List of Bible Commentaries" on all the books of the Bible, also at nwts.edu.

Book of Ruth	Gospel of John
Life of David (1 Samuel 16-1 Kings 2)	Epistle to the Galatians
Song of Solomon	Epistle to the Hebrews
Book of Daniel (especially chapters 1, 2, 7, 9, 11)	

***Coming Spring 2011:** The Life of the Prophet Jeremiah