CH/TH 664: HISTORY AND THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP
Summer Semester 2015 (Mondays, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.)
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course explores what biblical worship is, and what worship means for gathered Christians in
the context of the local church. It explores biblical and historical texts, as well as historic Christian
practice, with the aim of providing a richly contextualized foundation for healthy and strong
worshiping communities. The course considers various elements of congregational worship and
the role of worship leader as shepherd/pastor. Students will be encouraged to expand their
understanding of spiritual practice, both private and public, and to consider the significance of
beauty in faith practice.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
- Examine Old and New Testament texts to gain a sound theological understanding of
  biblical worship
- Explore biblical models for worship, with an emphasis on congregational priority and the
  structure of public worship
- Gain a solid understanding of biblical elements of worship and their function within the
  worship life of the Church
- Trace major historic developments in the practice of Christian worship
- Read and become familiar with ancient and historic documents related to Christian
  worship practice
- Discuss the value of aesthetics in worship, and how beauty delights the heart of God and
  God’s people