

## Mercer School for Ministry TH1 Introduction to Theology

### **Course description:**

The theology series of courses begins with an examination of the meaning of theology and its many resources. Using David Ford's *Theology: A Very Short Introduction*, we consider the place of theology in biblical and historical studies and its importance for understanding faith, the spiritual life, and the proclamation of the gospel in everyday life.

### **Texts:**

Ford, David. *Theology: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2013  
McIntosh, Mark. *Mysteries of Faith*. Cowley Publications, 2000.

### **Procedure:**

There is no syllabus *per se*, rather, we will hold a series of discussions supported by but not limited to the reading assignments as they develop. Our purpose is to help students understand what it means to think theologically, what are the criteria for understanding theological statements and writings, and what is the usefulness of theology in practical ministry and spiritual development.