

OP Church Preaching Minister
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What do I do?

As the Preaching Minister for the OP Church my primary responsibility is to preach messages from God's word. Like Timothy, I take my commission from the words of the Apostle Paul who wrote:

- *“Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.” ~ 1 Tim. 4:13*
- *“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” ~ 2 Tim. 4:2*

Through times of prayer, study, and discernment I seek the Spirit's guidance as to what God has prepared for me to preach on a weekly basis. The messages I preach each Sunday are intended to be:

- Challenging and Prophetic
- Educational and Insightful
- Encouraging and Pastoral
- Relevant and Applicable

As the primary preaching voice from the stage during our Sunday morning worship services, I hope to take you on a disciple's journey, seeking to discover what impact Christ crucified and resurrected might have on our daily walk.

In addition to serving as the primary preacher during our Sunday morning worship services, I also have other responsibilities and opportunities:

- I serve alongside the Executive Minister (Staff Leader/Administrator), leading the ministry team as a heartfelt encourager with a passion for collaboration in the work of Jesus for the good of our church and world. The Executive Minister and I receive the wonderful blessing of getting to watch our awesome ministry team use their Grace Gifts to do some truly amazing Kingdom work.
- I work closely with the OP Church Elders to make sure that the OP Church is making every effort to stay focused on its Mission and Purpose
- I serve as a voice and cheerleader for other OP Church ministers and ministries
- I am available for pastoral counseling and spiritual direction to both our staff and the church members
- I participate in the teaching ministry of our adult education ministry
- I participate in weddings and funerals as requested, also offering premarital counseling to engaged couples.
- I work in collaboration with our Worship Minister to plan the worship order and activities for our Sunday morning worship services