

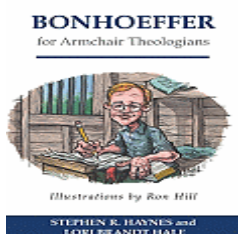
Resource Center News

Hooray! The Fall Subscription from Presbyterian Publishing has arrived! There are twelve new titles from Westminster John Knox Press included in this publication. So choose a book, pour a mug of something warm and settle into your favorite armchair for some winter reading and let the snowflakes fly!



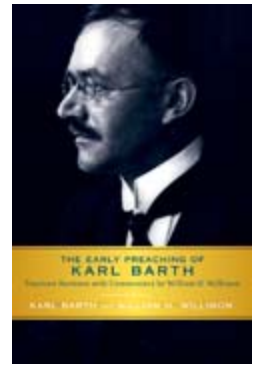
Bonhoeffer for Armchair Theologians by Stephen R. Haynes and Lori Brandt Hale

This latest volume in the ever-popular WJK Armchair series turns its sights on contemporary theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945). Born in Breslau, Germany, Bonhoeffer led quite a colorful life. This book, with dozens of illustrations by artist Ron Hill, highlights Bonhoeffer's background and theological education, his time at Union Seminary in New York City, and his involvement in the resistance. His life and thoughts continue to have an enduring impact on Christianity today.

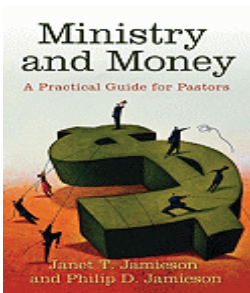


The Early Preaching of Karl Barth: Fourteen Sermons with Commentary by William H. Willimon

WJK is proud to present this special collection of fourteen of Karl Barth's World War I-era sermons- the only English language collection of Barth sermons preached between 1917 and 1920 when he was a parish pastor in Safenwil, Switzerland. William H. Willimon provides expert commentary on the theological and homiletical substance of each selection and points to the many ways in which Barth's early preaching can enrich the work of preachers today.



Ministry and Money: A Practical Guide for Pastors by Janet T. Jamieson and Philip D. Jamieson

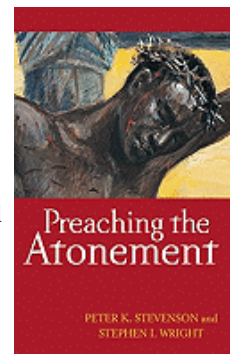


No doubt, money is a key issue in today's Christian faith communities but it can be a touchy subject to address. Most clergy do not receive extensive training in church finance and the practical aspects of working with a church budget and dealing with financial leaders in a congregation. The authors address issues such as how we understand the nature of money, how it should be used, and the ways in which responsible stewardship of money can be carried out in the local church. This book is an excellent primer on accounting practices, church financial reports, and church budgets to help clergy readers work through these issues. No doubt, money is a key issue in today's Christian faith

Preaching the Atonement by Peter K. Stevenson and Stephen I. Wright

Preaching the Atonement is a unique teaching tool that offers a theological discussion of ten important Bible passages connected with the sacrifices of Christ. In each chapter, a complete sermon on the passage in question is presented, followed by a commentary that sets the sermon in the context within which it was preached and highlights the strategy of the preacher in the theological interpretation of the text and its incorporation into the rhetoric of the sermon.

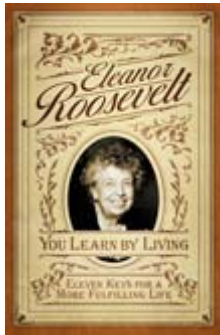
Sermons are provided by the authors as well. These include David Southall, Spurgeon's College, London, UK; Kent Anderson, Northwest Baptist Seminary, British Columbia, Canada; A. Katherine Grieb, Virginia Theological Seminary; and David Schlafer, Episcopal priest and preaching consultant, Washington, D.C.



We Get to Carry Each Other: The Gospel According to U2 by Greg Garrett

On the heels of their latest studio album *No Line on the Horizon*, comes this engaging and informative examination of the spirituality that drives the band U2 and its music. The author, takes us from their upbringing in Ireland, to their dominance over the music scene in the early 1990s, and then to their role as spiritual ambassadors to post-9/11 America. Throughout we get a picture of the spirituality that flows out of U2's music and how their influence has spread beyond music into issues such as AIDS activism, debt relief for developing nations, and the crisis in Darfur. *If you care at all about the role of music in western Christianity today, you'll want to read this book.* - Phyllis Tickle, author of *The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why*.

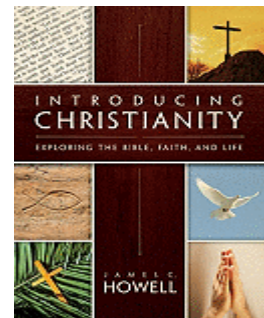
You Learn by Living by Eleanor Roosevelt



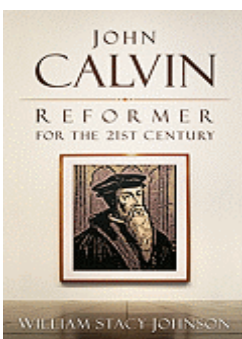
One of the most admired people of the twentieth century, Eleanor Roosevelt remains a role model for a life well lived. At the age of seventy-six, just two years before her death, Roosevelt penned this simple guide toward a more fulfilling life. The commonsense ideas and heartfelt ideals presented in this volume are as relevant today as they were five decades ago.

Introducing Christianity: Exploring the Bible, Faith and Life by James C. Howell

This introductory-level book on Christianity looks clearly at what the church believed and taught throughout its history. Hard questions about the Bible, theology, and the Christian life are dealt with from the perspective of faith. The author explores what it means to live as a Christian, as part of the church community, and also what it means to live with the hope Christian faith provides, even for those who "previously believed there was no hope." Includes study questions for discussion.

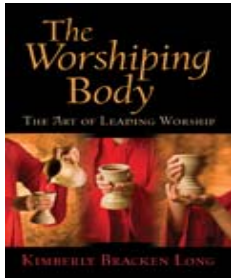


John Calvin: Reformer for the 21st Century by William Stacy Johnson



William Stacy Johnson, a leading theologian, offers this clear and fundamental study of Calvin's insights as a primer for those with little or no knowledge of his work. Calvin's life and work were both infused with his passion for the reform of the church and had a continuing impact through the centuries, not only on the church but on society in general. Enhanced with questions for discussion and a handy glossary, this volume is sure to be a valuable resource for those who seek an accessible way into a deeper understanding of Calvin's role in the development of today's Christian faith.

The Worshipping Body: The Art of Leading Worship by Kimberly Bracken Long



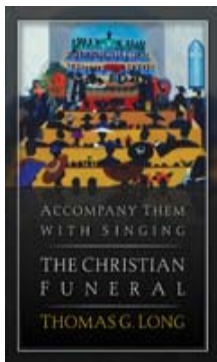
Kimberly Bracken Long, focuses on what presiders do with their bodies, eyes and ears, lips, hands, feet, and heart and describes an attitude and style of worship leadership that is both firmly rooted and blessedly free. A wonderful offering for all worship presiders, seminarians, commissioned lay pastors, new pastors, and experienced pastors. The *Worshipping Body* is essential reading for anyone interested in how their presence and movement during worship make a difference.

50 Ways to Help Save the Earth: How You and Your Church Can Make a Difference by Rebecca Barnes-Davies

This guide outlines fifty ways in which you, your congregation, and your local community can help fight global warming and enjoy participation in a vital part of Christian discipleship. *50 Ways to Help Save the Earth* makes a clear connection, in a practical and unthreatening way, between stewardship of the earth and living one's faith. This easy-to-follow book consists of seven chapters on topics related to global climate change: Water, Energy, Transportation, Food and Agriculture, People, Other Species, and Wilderness and Land Planning. This book offers a lighthearted way to address global warming while teaching us to reshape our lives to honor rather than destroy God's creation.



Accompany Them With Singing: The Christian Funeral by Thomas G. Long



Thomas G. Long, one of America's most trusted and thoughtful pulpit voices, provides a theological and cultural critique of today's Christian funeral, by describing how the Christian funeral developed historically, theologically, and liturgically, and then discusses recent cultural trends in funeral practices, including the rise in both cremations and memorial services. He describes the basic pattern for a funeral service, details options in funeral planning, identifies characteristics of a "good funeral," and provides thoughtful guidance for preaching at a funeral. But Long also notes disturbing new trends toward funeral services that depart from the primary aims of the Christian funeral. He argues that a new, less-theological and less-satisfying metaphor that focuses on the mourner has begun to erode the Christian view. *Accompany Them with Singing* is a practical and theologically sound resource for Protestant and Roman Catholic clergy and for funeral professionals

Hymns for Today by Brian Wren

Few can argue with the power of music to touch the heart. Voices shared in worshipful song allow us to honor God in a truly beautiful way. Now, in *Hymns for Today*, by renowned hymn writer Brian Wren helps us understand why this is so. Wren surveyed hundreds of hymns written since the 1960s to compile this discussion of forty hymn poems and to share the insights they provide for Christian faith. Grouped in chapters titled "Hymns? For Today?" "Jesus," "Spirit," "Church," "Worship," "Witness," "Praise," and "Treasure," these contemporary hymns are analyzed for how they express Christian faith and traditional themes in fresh ways. Questions for discussion are included for each chapter, making this book an excellent group study resource.

