

Presbytery of Tampa Bay



Commissioned Lay Pastor Program

A Resource Sampler

Online Bible sites

- www.blueletterbible.org A goldmine of links to more than 165,000 pages of concordances, lexicons, dictionaries, commentaries, images, and Bible versions; Hebrew and Greek at your fingertips.
- www.BibleGateway.com A searchable online Bible in more than 100 versions
- www.Biblos.com Parallel Bible in many languages; easy to navigate
- www.textweek.com Lectionary and worship links and resources; a preacher's best friend
- www.bible.oremus.org Everything NRSV; one of the few online sources of NRSV texts

A Few Bible Bookshelf Classics

- Guthrie, Jr., Shirley C. *Christian Doctrine*, Westminster/John Knox Press
- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich - Multiple titles on the Christian life
- Barth, Karl - Multiple works on New Testament books
- Metzger, Bruce M. *The Oxford Companion to the Bible*, Oxford University Press...noted NT scholar
- Robinson, A.T., *Word Pictures in the New Testament* Virtually word-by-word through the NT;
- Barclay, William, *The Daily Bible Study Series* (NT book commentaries)

Notable Books on Life and Death (check www.Amazon.com for availability)

- Nouwen, Henri, Multiple titles on love, life, and loss
- Yancey, Philip, *Where Is God When It Hurts?* and other titles on life's dilemmas
- Koop, C. Everett and Elizabeth, *Sometimes Mountains Move* (out of print) coping with death of a son
- Gunther, John J., *Death Be Not Proud*
- Kuschner, Rabbi Harold, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*
- Angelou, Maya, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
- Tan, Amy, *The Joy Luck Club*

On Presbyterianism

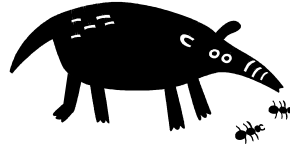
- ❖ *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part I: Book of Confessions; Part II: Book of Order*
- Smylie, James H. *A Brief History of the Presbyterians*. Westminster/John Knox Press
- Rogers, Jack. *Presbyterian Creeds: A Guide to the Book of Confessions*. Westminster/John Knox Press.
- Gray, Joan S. and Joyce C. Tucker. *Presbyterian Polity for Church Officers* (Third Edition). W/JK Press.

Worship

- *Directory for Worship (Book of Order)*. Read this before you read anything else on worship!
- Kline, Benton C. *Directory for Worship - Study Guide*. (PCUSA)
- ❖ *The Book of Common Worship*. Westminster/John Knox Press. Orders of Worship for the Lord's Day, etc.
- Ng, David. *Welcoming Children to the Lord's Table*. (PCUSA)
- McKim, LindaJo H. *Presbyterian Hymnal Companion*. Westminster/John Knox Press.
- Muck, Judith L. *Presbyterian Hymnal—Complete Concordance and Indexes*. W/JK Press.

- ❖ Available online or in software format

Where to look...



- Resource Center, Presbytery of Tampa Bay. Awesome collection! START HERE!
- PCUSA www.pcusa.org offers a wealth of resources and denominational links
- Retired clergy often have personal book collections in need of a new home
- Church libraries often stock many titles and hard-to-find editions
- Seminaries and colleges may offer online library privileges
- Religious bookstores are a good spot for new releases and current best sellers
- Abingdon, Cokesbury, Thomas Nelson, Christianity Today, web sites...

Ministry Partners

- The Alban Institute www.alban.org noted church consultants
- The Barna Group www.barna.org polls and analysis in faith context
- The Presbyterian Foundation www.presbyterianfoundation.org
- Board of Pensions www.pensions.org