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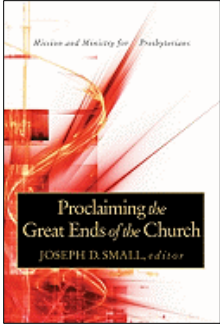
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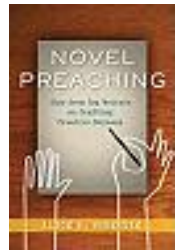


**252.05137Sma Proclaiming the Great Ends of the Church; Mission and Ministry for Presbyterians by Joseph D. Small, Editor**

Prominent Presbyterian pastors and leaders address each of the Great Ends of the Church in sermons that both challenge and uplift readers. For decades the Great Ends of the Church, a historic listing of ways Presbyterians have understood the role of the church, has helped to establish church directions in mission and ministry. The Great Ends of the Church are (1) the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; (2) the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; (3) the maintenance of divine worship; (4) the preservation of the truth; (5) the promotion of social righteousness; and (6) the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world. These sermons focus the church's understandings of its purpose and inspire us to dedicate ourselves to the church's work in the world. This is a book that every Presbyterian should know and is ideal for study by church groups and sessions. 167 pages.

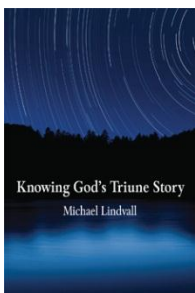
**251.01McK Novel Preaching; Tips from Top Writers of Crafting Creative Sermons by**

*Alyce M. McKenzie* In this lively and accessible book, the author explores how fiction writers approach the task of writing novels: how they develop ideas, find their inspiration, and turn the spark of a creative notion into words on paper that will captivate the masses. McKenzie shows how preachers can use the same techniques to enhance their own creativity and to turn their ideas into powerful, well-crafted sermons. This book offers a wealth of advice from successful fiction writers, including Isabelle Allende, Frederick Buechner, Julia Cameron, Annie Dillard, Natalie Goldberg, Stephen King, Toni Morrison, Joyce Carol Oates, and Melanie Rae Thon, and also includes sample sermons from McKenzie. 180 pages.



**285Pre Who are We Presbyterians by PC(USA)** Just what does it mean to be Presbyterian? We come in all shapes, sizes, ages, ethnicities, and so forth. While we are diverse in many ways, we share a common history, form of government, and set of beliefs. Our purpose centers on sharing the love of God in Jesus Christ in word and deed and with the entire world. This DVD is an excellent tool for church school, officer training, new members class, confirmation class, retreats, midweek gathering, and much more. Running time: 17 minutes and comes with study guide.

**285Ng Welcoming Children to the Lord's Table; A Manual for Sessions by David NG** "In its responsibility to maintain the spiritual government of the Church, the Church Session shall welcome baptized children to the Lord's table and shall provide appropriate educational and nurturing opportunities for parents and children, aiding and encouraging them to understand the meaning and significance of the Lord's Supper. Suitable recognition of person welcomed to the Lord's Table should be made in the presence of the congregation."—Book of Church Order, 209-10. This manual provides help for sessions, developing creative and responsible approaches to welcoming children to the Lord's Table. 14 pages.



**231Lin Knowing God's Triune Story by Michael Lindvall** Imagine the transformation of God's church called into a common learning. *Knowing God's Triune Story*, by Michael Lindvall, invites readers to explore the whole story of our Maker, from beginning to end. It examines why the Trinity consists of three persons, and reflects on how true knowledge of the Trinity affects our relationship with God. 98 pages.



**285Pre** *The Power to Change; US Energy Policy and Global Warming*, approved by the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PC(USA), published by the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. *The Power to Change* is the first major update of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s energy policy in more than 27 years. This General Assembly policy offers moral guidance and provides practical steps that individual Presbyterians, groups and communities may take to change unhealthy energy practices to ensure that there is an abundant supply of God's good energy for future generations of the whole creation to enjoy. 28 pages.

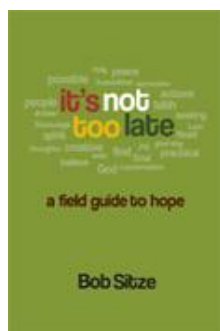
**231.7Mor** *The Long War Against God, The History and Impact of the Creation/Evolution Conflict*

by Dr. Henry Morris Considered to be a classic work, this book by the late Dr. Henry Morris, long an opponent of Christian compromise with evolution, presents in riveting detail the very old plan to undermine God's Word. Drawing from the text of the Greeks, Babylonians, and other ancient philosophers, Dr. Morris shows the path that has led to today's neo-Darwinists, and how evolution—the philosophy of death—is in itself dying. Millions of Christian have seen their faith diminished and left fragile by aggressive arguments for evolution, but few know the true story of a belief system that seeks to ultimately eliminate God. Dr. Morris reveals within these pages this compelling story, and reiterates the power of scriptural truth. Learn how the Sermon on the Mount illustrates how God has nothing to do with "survival of the fittest." Has science proven evolution? Where are all the transitional fossils? 344 pages.



**AS285Lien** *A Brief Statement of Faith* by Donald K. McKim & PC(USA) (This is from the *Being Reformed, Faith Seeking Understanding Series*) This study of A Brief Statement of Faith, added to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Confessions in 1991, explores the meaning of this accessible theological document. The background and context of the Brief Statement is discussed, along with its Trinitarian structure, and three main sections. A final session on "Being Presbyterian" relates the Brief Statement to beliefs of the ecumenical church, the Protestant Reformation, and the Reformed theological tradition. This study will be useful to long time Presbyterians as well as especially helpful to new members or persons who have recently become members of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Participant's book is 43 pages and the leaders guide is 28 pages.

**262.0017Ste** *A Door Set Open; Grounding Change in Mission and Hope* by Peter Steinke & The Alban Institute We resist change less when we associate it with mission and fortify it with hope. So argues longtime congregational consultant Peter Steinke in his fourth book, as he explores the relationship between the challenges of change and our own responses to new ideas and experiences. Steinke builds on a seldom-explored principle posited by the late Rabbi Edwin Friedman: the "hostility of the environment" is proportionate to the "response of the organism." The key, Steinke says, is not the number or strength of the stressors in the system—*anxiety, poor conditions, deteriorating values*—but the response of the individual or organization to "what is there." Drawing on Bowen system theory and a theology of hope, as well as his experience working with more than two hundred congregations, Steinke makes the case that the church has entered an era of great opportunity. Theologian and sociologist Ernst Troeltsch said the church had closed down the office of eschatology. Steinke reopens it and draws our attention to God's future, to a vision of hope for the people of God. The door is set open for exploration and new creation. 141 pages.



**234.25Sit** *It's Not Too Late; A Field Guide to Hope* by Bob Sitze & The Alban Institute A "field guide" is a small, pocketable book that accompanies you on an adventure or journey. *It's Not Too Late* is a field guide to hope—sized so that you can carry it along with you on your daily journey of faith. The entries in this book will help you find hope, whether it's right in front of you or it remains elusive despite your searchings. The "field" for this guide is the deterioration of the earth's environment and the economic well-being of humankind. Sitze wrote this book to thwart Despair and provides practical helps for pilgrims who are hungry for hope and want to find it. Sitze approaches hope-seeking in an appreciative way—believing hope already exists, that it awaits your discerning eye and receptive spirit. Because you are looking for hope, you will soon find it to be present all around you—no matter what the field might look

like. 178 pages.