

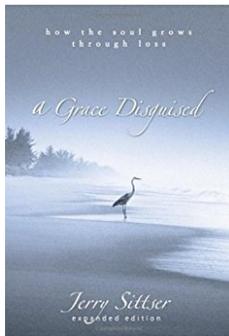


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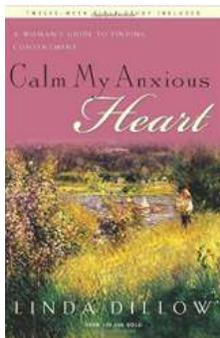
Books available for checkout from the book cart:



***A Grace Disguised* by Jerry Sittser**

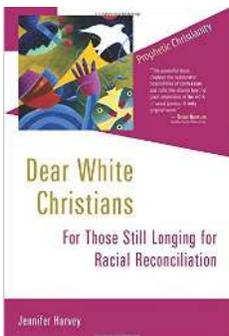
An expanded edition of this classic book on grief and loss—with a new preface and epilogue. Loss came suddenly for Jerry Sittser. In an instant, a tragic car accident claimed three generations of his family: his mother, his wife, and his young daughter. While most of us will not experience such a catastrophic loss in our lifetime, all of us will taste it. *A Grace Disguised* plumbs the depths of sorrow, whether due to illness, divorce, or the loss of someone we love. The circumstances are not important; what we do with those circumstances is. In coming to the end of ourselves, we can come to the beginning of a new life—one marked by spiritual depth, joy, compassion, and a deeper appreciation of simple blessings.

Recommended by Peter Barnes



***Calm My Anxious Heart* by Linda Dillow**

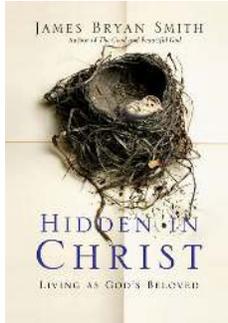
Even though we want to be content and trust God, we can still feel overwhelmed by worry. Filled with encouragement and practical help for overcoming anxiety, this 12-session Bible study for women explains what God says about contentment and offer ways to apply it to daily life. **Recommended by Carla Winter.**



***Dear White Christians* by Jennifer Harvey**

In this provocative book Jennifer Harvey argues for a radical shift in how justice-committed white Christians think about race. She calls for moving away from the reconciliation paradigm that currently dominates interracial relations and embracing instead a reparations paradigm.

A deeply constructive, hopeful work, *Dear White Christians* will help readers envision new racial possibilities, including concrete examples of contemporary reparations initiatives. This book is for any who care about the gospel call to justice but feel stuck trying to get there, given the ongoing prevalence of deep racial divisions in the church and society at large. **Recommended by Justice in Jesus SS Class**

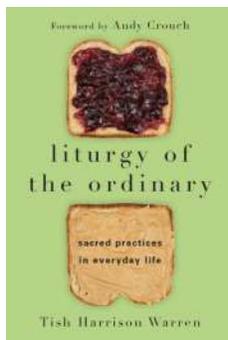


***Finding God in the Waves* by Mike McHargue**

From the host of the popular podcasts, The ***Liturgists Podcast*** and ***Ask Science Mike***, a story of having faith, losing it, and finding it again through science—revealing how the latest in neuroscience, physics, and biology help us understand God, faith, and ourselves.

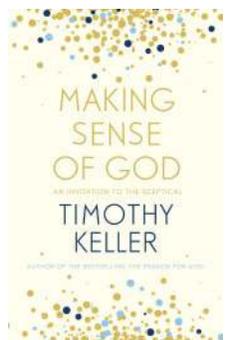
In *Finding God in the Waves*, “Science Mike” draws on his personal experience to tell the unlikely story of how science led him back to his faith. Among other revelations, we learn what brain scans reveal about what happens when we pray; how fundamentalism affects the psyche; and how God is revealed not only in scripture, but in the night sky, in subatomic particles, and in us.

For the faithful and skeptic alike, it is a winsome, lucid, page-turning read about belonging, life’s biggest questions, and the hope of knowing God in an age of science. **Recommended by Petey Crowder**



***Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren**

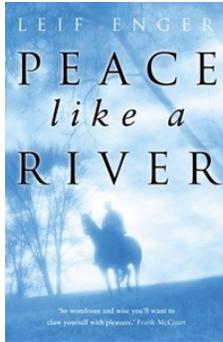
In the overlooked moments and routines of our day, we can become aware of God’s presence in surprising ways. How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred? Framed around one ordinary day, this book explores daily life through the lens of liturgy, small practices, and habits that form us. Each chapter looks at something-making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys—that the author does every day. Drawing from the diversity of her life as a campus minister, Anglican priest, friend, wife and mother, Tish Harrison Warren opens up a practical theology of the every day. Each activity is related to a spiritual practice as well as an aspect of our Sunday worship. Come and discover the holiness of your every day. **Recommended by Amy Carlan**



***Making Sense of God* by Tim Keller**

We live in an age of skepticism. Our society places such faith in empirical reason, historical progress, and heartfelt emotion that it’s easy to wonder: Why should anyone believe in Christianity? What role can faith and religion play in our modern lives?

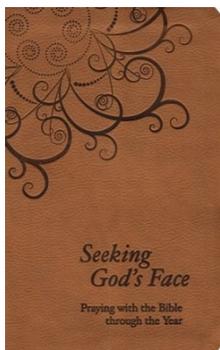
In this thoughtful and inspiring new book, Keller invites skeptics to consider that Christianity is more relevant now than ever. As human beings, we cannot live without meaning, satisfaction, freedom, identity, justice, and hope. Christianity provides us with unsurpassed resources to meet these needs. **Recommended by Petey Crowder**



Peace Like a River by Leif Enger (fiction)

Young Reuben Land has little doubt that miracles happen all around us, suspecting that his own father is touched by God. When his older brother flees a controversial murder charge, Reuben, along with his older sister and father, set off on a journey that will take them to the Badlands and through a landscape more extraordinary than they could have anticipated. Enger's novel is at once a heroic quest and haunting meditation on the possibility of magic in the everyday world.

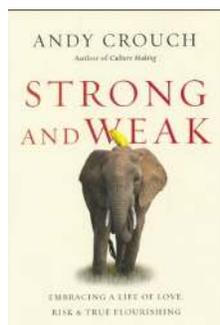
Recommended by Leighton Ford, Guest Preacher



Seeking God's Face: Praying with the Bible through the Year by Philip Reinders

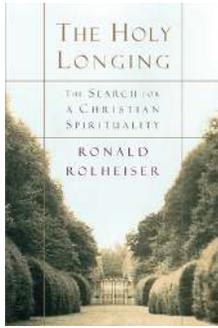
From the very beginning of the church, Christians have found it helpful to pause for prayer during various times of the day. Whether for morning or evening devotions or other fixed prayer times, such spiritual respites were deemed essential to worshipping God. Over the years, Christians developed a structure for such moments of worship, keyed to the time of day and season of the year. Part of its genius was the seamless integration of Scripture and prayer. This ancient practice, called the "Daily Office" has experienced a resurgence of use in our time.

Seeking God's face is a user-friendly approach to this form of prayer and devotion. Each office includes a psalm of praise, a passage of Scripture, and a brief set of prayers. **Recommended by 1st Pres Staff. This is a daily prayer book that the staff has been using together every morning.**



Strong and Weak: Embracing a Life of Love, Risk, and True Flourishing by Andy Crouch

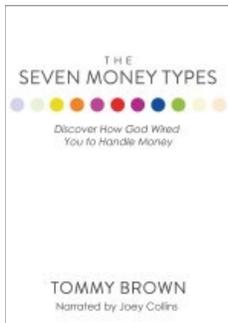
Flourishing people are strong and weak. Two common temptations lure us away from abundant living-withdrawing into safety or grasping for power. True flourishing, says Andy Crouch, travels down an unexpected path-being both strong and weak. We see this unlikely mixture in the best leaders-people who use their authority for the benefit of others, while also showing extraordinary willingness to face and embrace suffering. We see it in Jesus, who wielded tremendous power yet also exposed himself to hunger, ridicule, torture and death. Rather than being opposites, strength and weakness are actually meant to be combined in every human life and community. Only when they come together do we find the flourishing for which we were made. **Recommended by Gayle Ford**



The Holy Longing by Ronald Rolheiser

In *The Holy Longing*, Ronald Rolheiser probes the question “What is spirituality?”, cutting through the misunderstanding and confusion that can often surround this subject with his trademark clarity. Using examples and stories relevant for today, and with great sensitivity to modern challenges to religious faith, he explains the essentials of spiritual life, including the importance of community worship, the imperatives surrounding social action, and the centrality of the Incarnation, to outline a Christian spirituality that reflects the yearning and search for meaning at the core of the human experience.

Essential reading for anyone seeking to understand what Christian spirituality means and how to apply it to their own lives, *The Holy Longing* translates the universal struggle for love and integration of spirit into a language accessible to all, explaining God and the Church for a world that more often than no doubts the credibility of both. **Recommended by Frank McNair**



The Seven Money Types: Discover How God Wired You to Handle Money by Tommy Brown

True financial well-being involves more than getting out of debt and accumulating wealth. It’s about discovering how you’re wired by God, and how that wiring influences the way you think about, feel toward and handle money.

In the Seven Money Types, Pastor Brown leads you on a journey of personal discovery as he reveals the seven money types found in Scripture, helps you identify the type that best you by means of a 35 question assessment, and coaches you on understanding, affirming, developing, and enjoying your unique approach to money. **Recommended by Chuck Hobbs**



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