

Publisher's Foreword

Journal for Preachers only exists as a community effort. At its heart, *JP* is—and always has been—colleagues sharing with colleagues in service of each of us being able to proclaim the good news of the gospel in the most effective ways in our own individual context. I want to offer special thanks to two groups as we begin another year of *JP*.

Our associate editors—Chrystal Brigman, Matt Gaventa, Jasiel Hernandez, Amy Miracle, Adam Mixon, Jessica Patchett, Katie Nakamura Rengers, and Betsy Sweetenburg—work alongside Ted and me on each issue. These colleagues work together, identifying themes and helping recruit contributors who reflect the breadth and depth of diversity across the church. The future of *JP* is reliant on continuing to serve long-term readers while adding new voices and emerging generations of preachers. These eight pastors serving in this role are key to that work and we are deeply grateful for their dedication.

For the opening article in this issue, we reached out to over seventy preachers representing diverse backgrounds of race, gender, denomination, generation, tradition, and theological orientation. We asked them to share a few values (or cautions) that guide their preaching. These colleagues were generous in their thoughtful responses. We are so grateful for their insight and generosity. We hope this kind of insight becomes a semi-regular feature in *JP*. Our next project is to turn that question to church members who listen to sermons: What do they look for, what do they need, what do they hope for in listening to sermons?

We are also working on other projects. We will be keeping the print version of *Journal for Preachers* for the foreseeable future, but, corresponding to dramatically increased costs for printing and mailing, next year's subscription rate for the print edition will increase to reflect the actual cost of getting in mailboxes. (*JP* is still a bargain compared to any other publication!) The digital rate will remain the same and we hope to develop our online product and add a podcast featuring current contributors.

Thank you for your investment in this community of preachers.

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