

Publisher's Foreword

Last year, when Erskine Clarke asked Ted Wardlaw and me to assume the stewardship of *Journal for Preachers*, we were honored and gladly accepted so we could try—along with all our readers and contributors—to continue the wonderful legacy of this project. With this issue, we have gone “once around the track.” Here are a few of my impressions:

- We have big shoes to fill! Erskine and his colleagues had a vision for a vibrant collaboration about preaching that they fulfilled from issue to issue for 40+ years. We have discovered that is way more complex than it looked as a subscriber!
- Those in the *JP* universe who help birth every issue do so with such grace and expertise. Thank you Tom Long, Cam Murchison, Rosemary Raynal, Joan Murchison, and Anna Louise Murchison for your devotion to the *JP* and for sharing your gifts so generously!
- Likewise, thank you to our associate editors who help imagine themes and recruit writers for every issue: Jerry Cannon, Matt Gaventa, Bridgett Green, Amy Miracle, Adam Mixon, Jessica Patchett, Katie Nakamura Rengers, and Betsy Sweetenburg. Literally, we couldn't do it without you.
- Over the summer, we are going to examine the finances and logistics for how we best can deliver *Journal for Preachers* to you in a timely and effective way. We have much exploration to do in this regard, and we will try to communicate with you regularly about what we are discovering.

Finally, Ted and I are planning to co-author an article for the Advent 2023 issue on “Ten Essential Values Preachers Need to Attend To” (or something like that). We would love your ideas and insights. What are the “rules of the road” for your preaching in your context? Please send those to me at mramsey@mministry.org. Thank you!

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