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# PREACHING AMAZING GRACE

**OCTOBER 22ND TO OCTOBER 24TH, 2023**  
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

**Keynote Speakers:**

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Han

The Rev. Dr. Ken Shigematsu

The Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis

The Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon

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# PREACHING AMAZING GRACE

**Why aren't more people amazed by God's grace?** We continue to receive "grace upon grace" (1 John 1:16), and the world's need is clear. Still, many seem repelled by the church and its message, sometimes with good reason. On the 250th anniversary of the hymn "Amazing Grace," we reflect on what grace might mean today for polarized nations, divided communities, and the church itself. If God's love in Christ really is unconditional and freely given, and the Holy Spirit is our ready helper, what can the church do better to communicate this?

The 2023 Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship focuses on what God is doing, on our good works as an expression of grace, and on the significance of, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12.9.) Many excellent leaders will give testimony to the role of grace in preaching. Together we will discover, no matter where our journey takes us, that we have far more "ways to sing God's praise than when we first begun".

# SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

		<b>LOCATION</b>
5:00 pm:	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b>	YP Centre
7:00 pm:	<b>WORSHIP*: Ken Shigematsu</b> <i>Becoming Your True Self</i> (Ephesians 3:16-19) Liturgists: Peter Holmes, Paula Willis, Will Ingram, Lorraine Diaz Music: William Maddox, Sharon Beckstead, and the YP Choir	Sanctuary
8:00 pm:	<b>Break</b>	
8:15 pm:	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION*</b> Sarah Han, Karoline Lewis, Ken Shigematsu, and William Willimon Moderator: Scott Hoezee	Sanctuary

## MONDAY OCTOBER 23

8:00 am:	<b>REGISTRATION</b> <b>Coffee and Refreshments</b> Coffee, tea and cold continental breakfast, book tables and displays	YP Centre Gym
9:00 am:	<b>WORSHIP: Karoline Lewis</b> <i>Can Any Grace Come Out of Nazareth?"</i> (John 1:36-51) Liturgist: Cheryl Palmer / Organist: William Maddox	Sanctuary
9:40 am:	<b>Lecture: Ken Shigematsu</b> <i>Life Giving Rhythms</i> (Daniel 6:10)	Cameron Hall
10:40 am:	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 am:	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION ONE</b> <b>1. Stuart Blythe:</b> <i>Fit for Purpose</i> <b>2. Laura de Jong:</b> <i>Preaching Toward Resilience</i> <b>3. Terry Fallis:</b> <i>Speaking, Preaching, and Engaging</i> <b>4. Sarah Han:</b> <i>Coaching Listeners to Self-actualization of their Eternal Identity through Grace</i> <b>5. Paul Scott Wilson:</b> <i>Interpreting the Bible for Grace</i>	Chapel Youth Zone Cameron Hall Admin Board Room Friendship Room
12:15 pm:	<b>Lunch</b>	Heritage Room
	<b>AFTERNOON</b>	
1:20 pm:	<b>LECTURE: Will Willimon</b> <i>The Perils of Preaching with a Gracious God</i>	Cameron Hall
2:20 pm:	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION TWO</b> <b>1. Casey Barton:</b> <i>Finding Grace in Graceless Places</i> <b>2. Scott Hoezee:</b> <i>Dangerous Grace?</i> <b>3. Karoline Lewis:</b> <i>Amazing Grace in the Gospel of John</i> <b>4. Wanda Malcolm:</b> <i>A Foundation for Grace: Building a Sustainable Ministry Life</i> <b>5. Thérèse Samuel:</b> <i>Grace and Truth: Preaching Christ with a decolonizing look at the prologue to John's gospel</i>	Friendship Room Chapel Cameron Hall Red Board Room Youth Zone
3:35 pm:	<b>Break</b>	

## SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

3:50 pm:	<p><b>Panel/Group Discussion:</b> Testimonies of Grace: An opportunity to share stories of God’s transforming grace in ministry that will encourage and equip us in the preaching task. Featuring: Paul Scott Wilson (facilitator), Casey Barton, Sarah Han, Erin Oxford and Das Sydney</p> <p><b>Panel/Group Discussion:</b> How have hybrid worship and preaching changed and challenged the church and preachers? Featuring: Stuart Blythe, Katie Givens Kime, Scott Hoezee</p>	Sanctuary  CCDP
4:45 pm:	<b>Reception</b>	CCDP
5:30 pm:	<b>Dinner</b>	Heritage Room
<b>EVENING</b>		
7:00 pm:	<p><b>WORSHIP: Will Willimon*</b> <i>Grace For People Like You</i> (Luke 16:1-13) Liturgists: Peter Holmes, Gail Ricciuti Music: Eric Robertson, piano; Anne Lindsay, fiddle; Sharlene Wallace, Celtic harp</p>	Sanctuary
8:00 pm:	<b>Coffee House</b>	Cameron Hall

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 24

8:00 am:	<p><b>Coffee and Refreshments</b> Coffee, tea and cold continental breakfast, book tables and displays</p>	Gym
9:00 am:	<b>LECTURE: Sarah Han</b> <i>Everyday Grace</i>	Cameron Hall
10:00 am:	<p><b>WORKSHOP SESSION THREE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>William Willimon:</b> <i>Preaching About Grace Amazing</i></li> <li>2. <b>Ken Shigametsu:</b> <i>Meditation: How Silence Makes Our Mind and Soul Whole</i></li> <li>3. <b>Susan Sparks:</b> <i>The Universe is Singing: Leveraging the Grace of Natural Creation for Preaching</i></li> <li>4. <b>RH Thomson:</b> <i>Searching for our Authentic Voice</i></li> <li>5. <b>Andrew Stirling:</b> <i>What People Want to Hear? or What People Need to Hear?</i></li> </ol>	Cameron Hall Red Board Room Friendship Room Chapel Youth Zone
11:15 pm:	<b>Break</b>	
11:30 pm:	<p><b>LECTURE: Karoline Lewis</b> <i>A Grace-Filled Homiletic: Preaching for a Polarized World</i></p>	Cameron Hall
<b>AFTERNOON</b>		
12:30pm:	<p><b>WORSHIP: Sarah Han</b> <i>Grace in the Flesh</i> (John 21:1-17) Liturgist: Cheryl Palmer / Organist: William Maddox</p>	Sanctuary
1:00 pm:	<b>Lunch</b>	Heritage Room
2:15pm:	<p><b>FINE-TUNED PREACHING</b></p> <p>Group 1 led by Scott Hoezee      Group 4 led by Susan Sparks Group 2 led by Gail Ricciuti      Group 5 led by Emily Bisset Group 3 led by Peter Holmes</p>	Friendship Room

## LESTER RANDALL PREACHING FELLOWSHIP 2023 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### **SARAH HAN**

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Han is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Director of the Tyndale Centre for Pastoral Imagination at Tyndale University Seminary and brings practical ministry experience as an ordained minister and theological expertise as an academic. Dr. Han considers herself to be “third culture” Canadian-Korean-Chinese and her formative theology was shaped on the mission field abroad. She has provided leadership in the Canadian immigrant church context for over a decade and has diverse experience in the Canadian public and private sectors.

Dr. Han’s vocational commitment and theological passion are to critically observe and reflect on how ecclesiology shapes and informs missiology and her research focuses on an intercultural, intergenerational, missional ecclesiology for Canada.



### **KAROLINE LEWIS**

The Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis is a theologian, speaker, teacher, scholar, author, and preacher. She answered a calling to pursue theology, preaching, and teaching 25 years ago. Her experiences ignited a passion to empower leaders in the church to find fulfillment in their calling, too. The heart of her work is helping church leaders realize or rediscover their true voices and joyfully embody their roles as spiritual leaders. She offers personalized consulting and coaching toward a deeper grounding in theology and practice to enhance preaching and leadership skills.

Karoline is committed to advocacy, accompaniment, and affirmation for leaders who seek to lead others with compassion, integrity, and confidence. Karoline is the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, where she has taught since 2007.



### **KEN SHIGEMATSU**

The Rev. Dr. Ken Shigematsu has served as the Senior Pastor of Tenth Avenue Church in Vancouver since 1996. Sunday after Sunday, Ken’s energetic and creative communication style brings his sermons to life, setting the congregation at ease while challenging them with the gospel. Ken is a global thinker whose leadership style draws on both eastern and western leadership philosophies and his outward energy is fed by a deeply contemplative personal life. He enjoys reading spiritual classics and pursuing monastic ideals. Before entering the ministry, he worked for the Sony Corporation in Tokyo. Ken loves exploring nature through sailing and hiking.

He received the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013, and a World Vision Ken McMillan Hero for Children Award in 2017. Ken is the author of the award-winning, international bestseller, *God in My Everything*, and *Survival Guide for the Soul*, which was named the 2019 Christian living book of the year by the Word Guild. His most recent book is *Now I Become Myself: How Deep Grace Heals our Shame*.

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### **WILLIAM WILLIMON**

The Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon is an American theologian and retired bishop in the United Methodist Church. He is Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Duke Divinity School. He is former Dean of the Chapel at Duke University and is considered by many as one of America's best-known and most influential preachers. A Pulpit & Pew Research on Pastoral Leadership survey determined that he was one of the two most frequently read writers by pastors in mainline Protestantism alongside the Roman Catholic writer Henri Nouwen. His books have sold over a million copies. He is also Editor-

At-Large of *The Christian Century*. His 2019 memoir *Accidental Preacher* was released to wide acclaim, described by Justo L. Gonzalez as "An exceptional example of theology at its best."

## WORKSHOP LEADERS



### **CASEY BARTON**

The Rev. Dr. Casey Barton serves as Assistant Faculty and Director of the Pastoral Ministry Program at Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary and Graduate School, in Lancaster, PA. He is Ordained to Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Covenant Church and, before joining the faculty of LBC|Capital in 2022, served in various roles in pastoral ministry in Mississauga, ON, San Jose, CA, and Hilmar, CA. He is the author of *Preaching Through Time: Anachronism as a Way Forward for Preaching* (Cascade, 2017), and various articles focused on preaching hope and lament, preaching and eschatology, and preaching with courage. Mostly, Casey

enjoys spending time with his wife Sarah and two sons, Eugene and Theo, snowboarding, riding bikes and kayaking. He also enjoys loudly rooting for the Red Sox, especially against the Yankees.

A California native, Casey attended college at Briarcrest College; then Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (M.Div, ThM: Homiletics); earned an MTh in Practical Theology (Homiletics) at New College, University of Edinburgh, Scotland; and a PhD in Homiletics from Emmanuel College of Victoria University, in The University of Toronto, in 2010.



### **EMILY BISSET**

Emily Bisset is a graduate of Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. She received her Master of Divinity (M.Div) degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and was ordained in the PC(USA) in March 2000. After serving at North Shenango Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania, she came to Toronto to pursue her Doctorate of Theology (Th.D.) in homiletics (preaching). She served Knox (Oshawa) Presbyterian Church as their minister for 5 years before coming to Calvin Presbyterian Church in 2012. Emily teaches preaching at Knox College (Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto). She leads workshops

and preaches for national events in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, such as the Canada Youth Conference, as well as more local events, retreats, and seminars. She is married to the Rev. Alex Bisset.

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### STUART BLYTHE

The Rev Dr. Stuart Blythe is the John Gladstone Professor of Preaching and Worship at Acadia Divinity College, in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. Previously he served as a pastor in two congregations in Scotland. These were Springburn Baptist Church and Kirkintilloch Baptist Church. He describes them as a small urban Church and a large suburban Church. He has also taught and held leadership positions at the Scottish Baptist College in Paisley near Glasgow and as the Rector of the International Baptist Theological study centre in Amsterdam. His current research interests include rhetoric, preaching as public speaking and Tommy Douglas.

Stuart is married to Susanne, and they have two grown up children who live in Glasgow Scotland. For much of their married lives they have owned one rescue dog or another. The current one is called “Japie.” This is a Dutch name meaning “little Jacob” and belongs to a rescued Romanian street dog. A quirky fact is that Stuart has played at the World Pipe Band Championship in Glasgow Scotland with a Dutch Pipe Band.



### LAURA DE JONG

The Rev. Laura de Jong is a pastor in the Christian Reformed Church of North America with a passion for worship and ecclesiology. She served as pastor of Second CRC in Grand Haven, Michigan, for four years before returning home to Southern Ontario where she now serves as Pastor of Preaching and Pastoral Care at Community CRC in Kitchener. Laura is a regular contributor to the Reformed Journal Blog, and enjoys reading, writing, and watching the Jays. Laura is a graduate of Calvin University (History and Congregational Ministry Studies) and received her M.Div from Calvin Theological Seminary.



### TERRY FALLIS

Terry Fallis is a two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour. He is the author of eight national bestselling novels – including five #1 bestsellers – all published by McClelland & Stewart. *The Best Laid Plans* was the winner of the Leacock Medal for Humour in 2008, and CBC’s Canada Reads in 2011. It was adapted as a six-part CBC-Television miniseries, and a stage musical. *The High Road* was a Leacock Medal finalist in 2011. *Up and Down* was the winner of the 2013 Ontario Library Association Evergreen Award and was a finalist for the 2013 Leacock Medal. His fourth novel, *No Relation* (2014) won the 2015 Leacock Medal.

His fifth, *Poles Apart* (2015) was a Globe and Mail bestseller and a finalist for the 2016 Leacock Medal. *One Brother Shy* (2017) and *Albatross* (2019) were both national bestsellers. His latest, *Operation Angus* (2021) was a national bestseller and a CBC Best Books of 2021 selection. His ninth novel, *A New Season* (2023) will be released in August 2023. He’s given over 1,000 book talks across Canada and beyond, since his debut novel was released in 2008. In 2013, The Canadian Booksellers Association named Terry Fallis the winner of the Libris Award as Author of the Year. Terry has written for many publications including Maclean’s, Canadian Geographic, Reader’s Digest, Toronto Life, The Globe and Mail, the National Post, and the Toronto Star. He also teaches in the Creative Writing Program at the University of Toronto’s School of Continuing Studies.



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### SCOTT HOEZEE

The Rev. Scott E. Hoezee is an ordained pastor in the Christian Reformed Church in North America and has served two congregations. He was the pastor of Second Christian Reformed Church in Fremont, Michigan, from 1990-1993. Then from 1993-2005 he was the Minister of Preaching and Administration at Calvin CRC in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In the spring of 2005 Scott accepted the Seminary's offer to become the first Director of the Center for Excellence in Preaching. He has also been a member of the Pastor-Theologian Program sponsored by the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, New Jersey, where he was pastor-in-residence in the fall of 2000. From 2001-2011 Scott served on the editorial board of *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought* and was co-editor of that journal from 2005-2011. He blogs regularly for *The Reformed Journal* and along with Darrell Delaney is the co-host of the *Groundwork* radio and podcast program from *ReFrame Ministries* of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Rev. Hoezee is the author of several books including *The Riddle of Grace* (1996), *Flourishing in the Land* (1996), *Remember Creation* (1998), *Speaking as One: A Look at the Ecumenical Creeds* (1997), *Speaking of Comfort: A Look at the Heidelberg Catechism* (1998), *Proclaim the Wonder: Preaching Science on Sunday* (2003), *Grace Through Every Generation* (2007), *Actuality: Real Life Stories for Sermons That Matter* (2014), and *Why We Listen To Sermons* (2018).



### PETER HOLMES

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes has served on the ministry team of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto since 1995 and as the Minister of the Congregation since 2001. Peter was raised and educated in Victoria, B.C. and holds degrees from the University of Victoria, Wycliffe College (U. of T.), and Acadia Divinity College (Acadia University). Peter's D.Min. thesis work was in the area of preaching at funerals and was done under the supervision of Dr. Paul Scott Wilson. Peter has contributed to two recent series of commentaries, *Feasting on the Word*, and, *Feasting on the Gospels*. He has also been published in Joel C. Gregory's, *Baptist Preaching, A Global Anthology*, and contributes a weekly entry to *Walking Together*, Yorkminster Park's weekday online devotional.



### WANDA MALCOLM

Dr. Wanda Malcolm has recently retired from her position as Professor of Pastoral Psychology at Wycliffe College where her teaching focused on the knowledge and skills essential to forging a sustainable life of faithful ministry. She continues to write and speak about the crucial roles prayerful self-responsibility and self-understanding have in sustaining practices that replenish spiritual and psychological resilience.

Wanda continues to work as a clinical psychologist in private practice, and takes joy in being a wife, mother, and grandmother. She and her husband especially enjoy family gatherings at their cottage, where kayaking, gardening, crafting, reading fiction, and playing board games are among Wanda's favourite restorative pastimes.

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### **GAIL RICCIUTI**

Rev. Gail Ricciuti (Presbyterian Church USA) is Professor Emerita at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, where she taught preaching and practical theology for 23 years. During the 25 years preceding her teaching career, she and her husband (the Rev. Anthony Ricciuti) pioneered the field of co-pastoring in Byron, New York and at the Downtown United Presbyterian Church in Rochester. A native of the Pacific Northwest, she earned degrees from the University of Puget Sound and Princeton Theological Seminary, with an honorary Doctor of Divinity conferred by Keuka College. She co-authored the two-volume *Birthings and Blessings: Liberating Worship Services for the Inclusive Church*.



### **THÉRÈSE SAMUEL**

The Rev. Thérèse Samuel was born and raised in the Canadian prairies. She identifies as Black, but her ancestry is also European, Carib and South American Indigenous, with racial mixture on both sides of the family going back several generations. Here on Turtle Island, she experiences colonialism and racism in ways that are very different from the relative privilege her family experiences in Trinidad. It is from these complex intersections of oppression and privilege that she engages in ministries of decolonization, anti-oppression, and right relations.

Thérèse has undergraduate degrees in physical education and physical therapy from the University of Alberta, a MA in Spirituality and Liturgy from St. Stephen's College, Edmonton and an MDiv from St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon. She is ordained in The United Church of Canada and serves as Minister, Right Relations and Social Justice for southwestern Ontario. She and her wife live on the territory of the Anishnabek nation and Treaty 18 of 1818, in Thornbury, ON.



### **SUSAN SPARKS**

The Rev. Susan Sparks spent ten years as a trial lawyer, and now more than twenty years as a professional stand-up comedian and ordained minister. She is America's only female comedian with a pulpit. She attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and wrote an honours M.Div. thesis on humour and religion. In May 2007 Susan was installed as the 15th Senior Minister of the historic Madison Avenue Baptist Church in New York City. She was the first woman pastor in its 175-year history, and she remains there to this day.

An internationally known preacher, speaker (including TEDx), and comedian, Susan is also an award-winning, nationally syndicated columnist and the author of five books. Her work with humour, healing, and spirituality has been featured in *O (The Oprah) Magazine*, the *New York Times*, and on such networks as ABC, CNN, CBS, and the History Channel. Susan is also the recipient of numerous awards. Most importantly, Susan and her husband Toby love to fly-fish, ride their Harleys, eat good BBQ, and root for North Carolina Basketball and the Green Bay Packers.

## WORKSHOP LEADERS



### ANDREW STIRLING

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling is the Ambassador for the Canadian Bible Society. Prior to that appointment in 2022, he served as the Senior Minister of the historic Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church in Toronto from 1998 to 2021. Born in the UK, he received his education in England, Bermuda, Canada and South Africa. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Comparative African Government and Law from the University of Cape Town (South Africa), a Master of Divinity from the Atlantic School of Theology (Halifax, Nova Scotia) and a Doctor of Ministry in preaching from Acadia Divinity College (Wolfville, Nova Scotia).

In 2008 Wycliffe College (Toronto), recognized his contribution to preaching with an honorary Doctor of Divinity. In 2016 Dr. Stirling was appointed a Lifetime Fellow of Acadia Divinity College. He has written over 60 articles and essays and has edited and written 3 books.

For fun, for the past 15 years, he has been an Indycar Chaplain and loves sportscars, playing with his black Labrador Retriever, Oban and is fanatical about Manchester United F.C.



### RH THOMSON

Canadian stage and screen actor RH Thomson was awarded the Governor General's Performing Arts Award and is a Member of the Order of Canada. He has appeared in theatres across Canada and has filmed in Canada, the US, Greece and the Czech Republic. He has earned multiple awards for his work as an actor. He directed the award-winning production of *The Crucible* at Theatre Calgary and performed in *The Message* by Jason Sherman and *This Was The World* by Ellie Moon, both directed by Richard Rose at the Tarragon Theatre Toronto. He played Matthew Cuthbert in the CBC/NETFLIX series *Anne With An E* for which he received

two Canadian Screen Awards. As well as being an advocate for the arts, Mr. Thomson has worked on many history/education/arts projects. He has built *The World Remembers-Le Monde Se Souvient*, an international WWI names Commemoration exhibit with twenty-one participating nations, that is now installed at the Canadian War Museum – [www.theworldremembers.org](http://www.theworldremembers.org).



### PAUL SCOTT WILSON

The Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson, Professor Emeritus of Homiletics at Emmanuel College in the University of Toronto, is the author of many books including *The Four Pages of the Sermon*. His common emphasis is putting God at the centre of preaching.

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For twenty-five years some of the finest preachers and teachers of the Word were among the LRPF Fellows. In 2012, the organizing committee determined that it was time to reformat the event to better meet the changing needs of ordained clergy and the Church they serve.

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