

Liturgical Theology

Convener: Jan Schnell is Associate Professor of Liturgics at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

Members in Attendance: Julie Canlis, Cory Dixon, Doris Donnelly, Joris Geldhof, Kevin Irwin, Judith Kubicki, Benita Lim, Martha Moore-Keisch, Bruce Morrill, Neel Presa, Jan Schnell, Rhoda Schuler, Amy Schilfrin, Frank Senn, James Starke, Mark Taylor, David Williams, Andrew Wright

Visitors in Attendance: Clayton Faulkner, Marissa Sotos, Byron Wratee

Description of Work: Our seminar discussed two books: *Embodied Existence: our Common Life in God* (Pavol Bargar) and *Theological Dimensions of the Liturgy: A General Treatise on the Theology of the Liturgy*, chapters 1, 11, and 21 (Cipriano Vagaggini). We also discussed five papers by seminar members.

Papers and Presentations:

- Joris Geldhof: "Systematic Heortology: A Proposal."
- Benita Lim: "The Eucharistic Theology of the Presbyterian Church of Singapore."
- Bruce Morrill: "Formation for and by the Liturgy: The Practical-Theological Challenge in Pope Francis's *Desiderio Desideravi*."
- Neal Presa: "We Believe: The Creed as Divine-Human Encounter: A Liturgical Reassessment."
- David Williams: "Toward a Transcultural Adventist Liturgical Theology."

Other Work and Plans for the Future: Looking ahead to the 2026 meeting, we decided to continue our pattern of reading two authors (one historic, one contemporary) and to adjust the pattern away from two full-length books and to one book and one article or chapter. We will continue discussing group members' works-in-progress. Four members (Julie Canlis and Mark Lloyd Taylor, Bruce Morrill, Amy Schiffrin) have expressed openness to offering papers in 2026. We are also interested in reflecting theologically on the NAAL Vice-Presidential addresses into the future. We will set aside time to discuss seminar work on a collaborative writing project.

Our historically-impactful author for 2026 will be: Marie Dominic Chenu (an essay).

Our contemporary author for 2026 will be: Bruce Morrill's *Anamnesis as Dangerous Memory: Political and Liturgical Theology in Dialogue*.