



Newsletter, October 2022

Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship



Gary Deddo President

Dear members of the T. F. Torrance Theological Fellowship,

Please join us for this year's annual keynote by Tom McCall. Join us live on Zoom at 1pm US Central time, Friday, November 4. A business meeting for members will precede the keynote beginning at noon US Central. See information below. We hope to see you there!

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

Gary W. Deddo

President, Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship



Thomas H. McCall, Tennent Professor of Theology at Asbury Theological Seminary, will deliver our annual lecture: "The Finality of the Cross Reconsidered: Thomas F. Torrance and the Barthian Legacy on the Soteriological Problem of Evil"

Abstract: Thomas F. Torrance makes the striking statement that "universalism and limited atonement are twin heresies," and he follows

this claim with the even more striking declaration that attempts at "logico-causal explanations" of the efficacy of Christ's work are nothing less than "blasphemy." In this lecture, I first contextualize Torrance's statement by locating it within his broader understanding of sin and atonement as well as the theological legacy of Karl Barth. I then compare Torrance's position with the arguments and conclusions of some contemporary biblical scholars and theologians who extend Barth's legacy in a decidedly universalist direction. Finally, I offer an analysis and evaluation of the debate, and I argue that Torrance's overall position remains defensible.

Previous to his position at Asbury Theological Seminary, he served as Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and as Professorial Fellow in Analytic and Exegetical Theology at the University of St Andrews. He is the author of several books on hamartiology, Christology, and the doctrine of the Trinity, most recently *Analytic Christology* and *Theological Interpretation of the New Testament*..

Friday, November 4 — join us for the live event.

On the day of the meeting, the Zoom info and link will be posted on the Fellowship website in the right margin of the [keynote page](#).

- Business meeting at noon Central Daylight Time US (6pm UK)
- Lecture at 1pm Central Daylight Time US (7pm UK). After the lecture there will be a time for Q&A.
- At a later date, a video recording will be posted on the keynote page of the Fellowship website.

Friday, November 18 — [AAR program](#): Friday, 1-3pm (in-person only). Stay tuned regarding the possible re-presentation of the keynote as part of the AAR program for Related Scholarly Organizations. Watch this page for more info.

2022 Annual Keynote page on the Fellowship website

Zoom info will be posted on the day of the meeting

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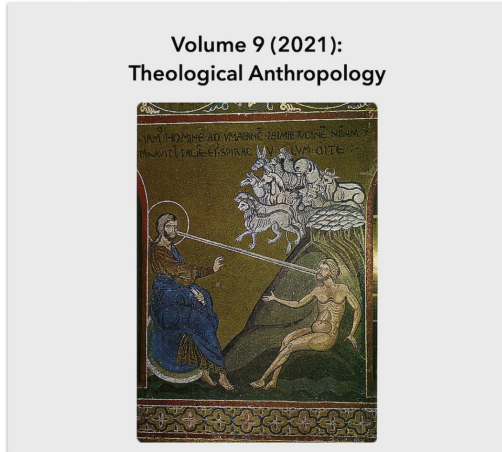
"Theological Anthropology"

New issue now available!

Volume editors Myk Habets and Geordie Ziegler.

Other contributors include David W. Torrance, Hakbong Kim, Daniel J. Cameron, Marty Folsom, Gary W. Deddo, and Paul Louis Metzger.

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PHOTOGRAPH: CREATION OF ADAM, MOSAIC FROM THE MONREALE CATHEDRAL, SICILY, 12TH CENTURY. Inscription: "Faciamus hominem ad imaginem et similitudinem nostrum et inspiravit in faciem eius spiraculum vitae" ("Let us make man in our own image and likeness; and he breathed into him the breath of life").

[Forthcoming issues](#)

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Vol. 10 for 2022. "The Holy Spirit and Christian Experience."
Volume editor: Jerome Van Kuiken.

Vol. 11 for 2023. "Papers from the Pandemic."
Volume editors: Kerry Magruder and Brent Purkiple.

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"T. F. Torrance's Theological Influences."
Volume editors: Todd Speidell and Jason Radcliff.

"T. F. Torrance and the Natural Sciences in Historical Context" and
"T. F. Torrance and the Natural Sciences in Ongoing Dialogue"
Volume editors: Kerry Magruder and Brent Purkiple. [More](#).

9-11 November 2022

Firbush In-Person Retreat

Theme: The Presence of God

Location: Firbush Study Centre, near Killin, on Loch Tay, in the Highlands of Scotland.

Speakers include Jennifer Floether, Stephen May, Robert Walker, Kerry and Candace Magruder, Robin and Karin Noad.



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See the [Retreat page](#) for more info.

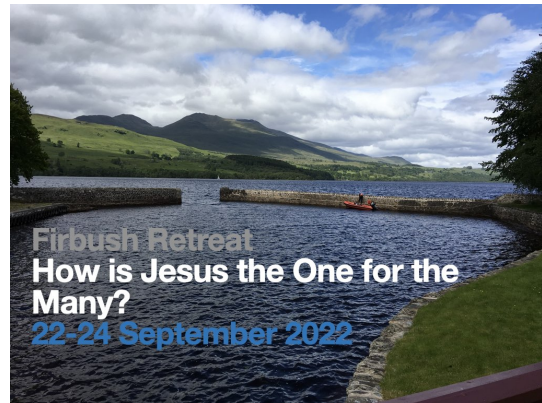
Retreat page: The Presence of God

September 2022

Firbush Virtual Retreat

How is Jesus the One for the Many?

Speakers included: David W. Torrance, Bob Walker, Jerome van Kuiken, Tom Noble, Jennifer Floether, Stavan John, Julie Canlis, Lance Stone, Matthew Young.



Videos coming soon

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