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of instruction, worship, and fellowship!*

HOW TO SING THE PSALMS

THEOPOLIS REGIONAL COURSE



with

Paul Buckley & Brian Moats

*“We are not simply to read Psalms; we are to be
immersed in them so that they profoundly shape how
we relate to God. The Psalms are the divinely
ordained way to learn devotion to our God.”*

– Dr. Timothy Keller

**FRI. NOVEMBER 10 –
SAT. NOVEMBER 11, 2023**

Presbyterian Church of Manchester
394 Lydall St. | Manchester, CT 06042

*“Every Christian who would abound in prayer and piety
ought...to make the Psalter his manual.”*

– Martin Luther

The Psalter is the hymnbook of the church. But for too long, the Psalter has taken a secondary place in the worship of God’s people.

What would it look like if the Psalms were more central to our worship?

In this two-day course, Paul Buckley and Brian Moats of the Theopolis Institute will give us a vision for reclaiming Psalms as the hymnbook of the church as we explore the biblical, theological, and practical reasons for singing the Psalms.

But more importantly, we will SING. We will sing A LOT.

We become what we sing. This course will help the church sing her way through life—in the face of mission, joy, righteousness, and despair—as we learn to chant and roar the Psalms.

For more information on this event, including recommended resources you can peruse ahead of time, please visit www.manchesterpca.org/psalms.html

*“If the Psalm prays, you pray; if it laments,
you lament; if it exults, you rejoice; if it
hopes, you hope; if it fears, you fear.*

Everything written here is a mirror for us.”

– Saint Augustine

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

4:00 PM Doors Open

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Pre-Conference Discussion & Singing Workshop
with Paul Buckley (*Optional*)

5:00 PM Dinner Break

6:00 PM Vespers Service (*Conference Start*)

6:30 PM – 8:45 PM Brian Moats & Paul Buckley: Evening Lecture,
Discussion & Singing Workshop

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 AM Doors Open (*Coffee available*)

8:30 AM Matins Service

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Paul Buckley: Discussion & Singing Workshop

12:00 PM Sext Service

12:15 PM Lunch Break

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM Paul Buckley: Discussion & Singing Workshop

5:00 PM – 5:45 PM Brian Moats: Evening Lecture

6:00 PM Vespers Service (*Closing*)

*“Whenever the Psalter is abandoned, an incomparable
treasure vanishes from the Christian church. With its
recovery will come unsuspected power.”*

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

REGISTRATION

Please visit www.manchesterpca.org/psalms.html to register.

Ticket prices will go to support costs as well as future conferences.

Adults: \$20

Youth: \$10

Questions? Reach out to us at psalms.conference@manchesterpca.org

PSALM 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

² Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

“The Psalms are the Manna of the Church.”

– John Donne

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Paul Buckley directs music at Colleyville Presbyterian Church (PCA) in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. For Theopolis, he teaches Psalm chant in the Fellows program and, with content director Brian Moats, conducts regional Psalm seminars. He is a former assistant religion editor for The Dallas Morning News and for thirteen years was the director of worship and music at Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Ocala, Florida. He is a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Brian Moats is a Bible teacher, photographer, and the content director at Theopolis Institute. He is also co-founder of Little Word, a publishing house for young Christians. Brian and his family are members of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama, where he is a pastoral intern and deacon.