



# Preaching from the Old Testament

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## Theme Speaker



### William Morrow

**William Morrow** (Ph.D. 1988) taught biblical studies in Queen's Theological College from 1987–2012, and in the department of Religious Studies of Queen's University until 2019. His research has focussed on biblical law in its ancient Near Eastern context, the history of complaint prayer, and the effects of violence on the development of biblical religion.

Active in leading biblical studies in area churches as well as in academic circles, his latest book is *An Introduction to Biblical Law* (Eerdmans 2017). First ordained to the Presbyterian ministry (1978), since 2015 he has been a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada. In 1976 he had the good fortune to marry his best friend Ruth; they have two adult children and two grandchildren.

## Surprised by God: Preaching from the Old Testament

In terms of the logical development of biblical religion, the Christ event came almost as a total surprise. No one really anticipated that the long awaited reassertion of divine presence in history would come through the likes of Jesus of Nazareth: crucified yet risen from the dead.

This observation can serve as a guide for preachers who seek to proclaim the presence of God using the body of scriptures the Church calls the “Old Testament.”

In this series, I will argue that a helpful way of appropriating this biblical heritage is by looking for how God's people were surprised: surprised by the events that scripture purports to record and by the writings in which those events are recounted.

Since most mainline denominations use a version of the Revised Common Lectionary, my lectures follow some of its major foci:

**Monday: Surprised by Biblical Historiography**

**Tuesday: Surprised by the Latter Prophets**

**Wednesday: Surprised by the Covenant**



## Guest Lecturer



### Rev. Dr. Pamela M. S. Holmes

**Rev. Dr. Pamela Holmes** was raised in Pentecostal churches and later became a Pentecostal pastor and church planter. After completing an MDiv at Queen's Theological College she pursued a doctoral program at the Toronto School of Theology focusing on feminist critical theory and Canadian Pentecostal ministering women. She taught at Queen's Theological College in the areas of spirituality, theology and practice of ministry. She also directed the Field Education program and coordinated the Flora Jane Baker Clergy Sabbatical Fellowship.

After prayerful discernment and preparation, Pam was ordained in the United Church of Canada in June 2019. Since 2016, she has been the minister at Rednersville Albury Community Church. Her presentation focuses on what she has learned along the way.

### Overall Theme:

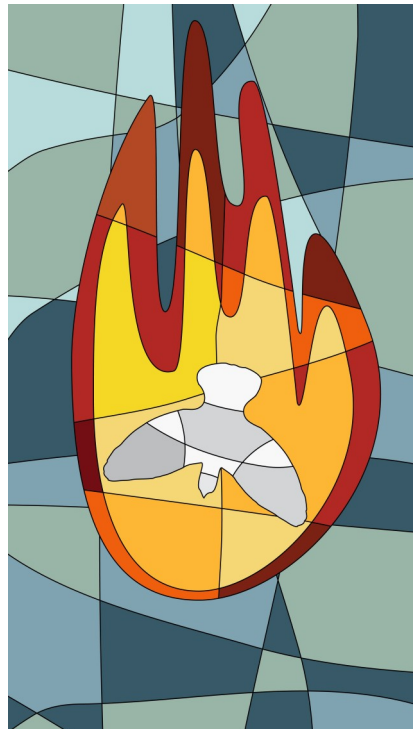
#### What Pentecostalism Taught Me About Preaching

##### Lecture One (Monday):

##### Testifying, Evangelism and the Preacher

##### Lecture Two (Tuesday):

##### The Prophetic Spirit and the Power of Preaching



## Schedule

### Monday, October 19th

- 12:45 **Opening Worship**  
1:00 **William Morrow** - 1st Lecture  
Followed by Questions and Answers  
3:30 **Rev. Dr. Pamela Holmes** - 1st Lecture  
Followed by Questions and Answers

### Tuesday, October 20th

- 1:00 **William Morrow** - 2nd Lecture  
Followed by Questions and Answers  
3:30 **Rev. Dr. Pamela Holmes** - 2nd Lecture  
Followed by Questions and Answers

### Wednesday, October 21st

- 1:00 **William Morrow** - 3rd Lecture  
Followed by Questions and Answers  
2:30 **Closing Worship**

## Cost and Registration

Lectures are \$25 each or \$85 for all five.

Theology students and ministry personnel laid off as a result of the pandemic: **\$30 for all five.**

This year you will be able to pay for the conference using either a credit card (via PayPal) or a cheque.

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## Any Questions?

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