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Effective Preaching



Lecture By

The Rev. John Killinger, Ph.D., Th.D.

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~~Preaching in Our Time: Finding Forms for the Story~~

"THE USE OF THE STORY IN PREACHING"

Concordia Seminary is pleased to present as its speaker for the 1980 Wenchel Lecture the Rev. John Killinger, Professor of Preaching, Worship, and Literature at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee.

A popular lecturer, writer, and preacher, Dr. Killinger received his education at Baylor University (A.B.); the University of Kentucky (M.A., Ph.D.); Harvard University (S.T.B.); and Princeton Theological Seminary (Th.D.). He has served pastorates in Kentucky, Massachusetts, and New Jersey; has taught at Georgetown College and the University of Chicago; and has served as instructor of homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He also served one year as Theologian in Residence at the American Church in Paris, France.

Dr. Killinger is the author of numerous books, including the widely known *Bread for the Wilderness*, *Wine for the Journey*, *The Centrality of Preaching in the Total Task of the Ministry*, *The Failure of Theology in Modern Literature*, and *The Word Not Bound*.

Dr. Killinger and his wife Anne, an accomplished musician, have collaborated on the composition of numerous hymns and anthems, as well as two musical plays. They have two teenage sons.



"We live in an age of consummate energy and imagination," says Dr. Killinger. "It demands that we be energetic and imaginative in our preaching, that we bring the best we have to the task of making the sermon."

Dr. Killinger's lecture will include a discussion on such aspects as the following:

- . . . The narrative quality of all Scripture
- . . . The importance of *listening* before speaking
- . . . Breaking old habits of seeing
- . . . Finding new forms to tell the story
- . . . Helping people to see how their stories and THE story converge.

DOCTOR J. FREDERIC WENCHEL

Concordia Seminary holds in grateful remembrance the late J. Frederic Wenchel, for many years pastor in Washington, D.C., who established a foundation to provide for annual lectures on effective preaching.

Himself a preacher and author of note, Doctor Wenchel was anxious that his church and its ministry should excel in the quality and force of its parish preaching. In addition to establishing the foundation which provides these lectures, the generosity of Doctor Wenchel has provided many volumes now located in the Concordia Seminary Library.