

HENDERSON LECTURES

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Witvliet is director of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and associate professor of music and worship at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. He also teaches in the religion department at Calvin College. His areas of interest include the history of Christian worship, worship practices in various denominations, biblical and systematic theology of worship, the role of music and the arts in worship, and consulting with churches on worship renewal. He earned his degrees from Calvin College (B.A.), Calvin Theological Seminary (M.T.S.), the University of Illinois (M.Mus), and the University of Notre Dame (M.A. and Ph.D.). Witvliet is the author of *The Biblical Psalms in Christian Worship: A Brief Introduction and Guide to Resources* (Eerdmans, 2007) and *Worship Seeking Understanding: Windows into Christian Practice* (Baker Academic, 2003) among others. He serves as editor for two book series: “Calvin Institute of Christian Worship Liturgical Studies Series” (Eerdmans) and “Vital Worship, Healthy Congregations” (Alban Institute).

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