

### **Theological**

*Worship in Spirit and Truth* - John Frame. A good introduction to the definition and application of worship.

*With One Voice* - Reggie Kidd. An outline of the diverse voices that God embraces, and their unity.

*Heaven is a Place on Earth* - Michael E. Wittmer. Great intro to a biblical worldview, asserting creation in itself is not evil.

*Worship, Community and the Triune God of Grace* - James B. Torrance. A deeper theological work looking at how the Trinity practically shapes our theology and lives.

*Jesus in Trinitarian Perspective* - Fred Sanders and Klaus Issler, editors. The Person and Work of Christ put forth in terms of the Trinitarian relationship.

### **Philosophical**

*Theology, Music and Time* - Jeremy Begbie. A good sized philosophical work that bridges the three ideas in the title within a Christian worldview. Worth the effort!

*Resounding Truth* - Jeremy Begbie. A more accessible work on the topic of what theology can do for music.

*Art in Action* - Nicholas Wolterstorff. Delving into the areas of theology and art in a Christian's life.

*On Beauty and Being Just* - Elaine Scarry. Inspiring little book on the significance of beauty.

*Art and Scholasticism* - Jacques Maritain. A philosophical look at art, coming from a Christian perspective.

### **Practical**

*Culture Making* - Andy Crouch. Probably the most helpful and most readable book on how the church ought to engage culture.

*For the Beauty of the Church* - David Taylor, ed. Probably the most helpful introduction to the interplay of the arts and the church.

*Worship by the Book* - D.A. Carson, editor. Looking at a few contemporary liturgical practices and their grounding in the word. Contributors include Mark Ashton, R. Kent Hughes, Tim Keller.

*Contemporary Worship Music* - John Frame. Responding to the contemporary vs. traditional music debate, Frame is thoroughly biblical and even-handed.

*Worship Matters* - Bob Kauflin. Practical aspects of worship, especially for those who lead music.

### **Historical**

*Worship in the Early Church* - Ralph P. Martin. A brief overview of how the early church worshiped God.

*Liturgies of the Western Church* - Bard Thompson, editor. Utilizes original sources to paint a brief history of our liturgical roots, from Justin Martyr (ca. 155 A.D.) to John Wesley.

*The History of the Church in Art* - Getty Publications. Quick and image filled snapshots of the church's history.

## **Artists**

*Refractions: A Journey of Faith, Art, and Culture* - Makoto Fujimura. A book of essays reflecting upon art, its power and necessity, for the believer.

*Rouault: A Vision of Suffering and Salvation* - William A. Dyrness. Interacting with the life and work of the French painter, Georges Rouault. An incredible book for anyone interested in how to be a Christian and an artist, or how to appreciate art as a Christian.

*Early Christian Painting* - Pierre du Bourguet. Written by the curator of Christian Antiquities at the Louvre, an overview of the early Christian art and their interaction with the world around them. Includes many examples.

## **For Creative Inspiration**

*Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* - Annie Dillard. Embracing the world of seeing.

*Sex, Economy, Freedom & Community* - Wendell Berry. Eight essays in various areas that, even if you don't come to his final conclusions, his process will stir your mind to contemplate.

*A Timbered Choir* - Wendell Berry. A collection of his Sabbath poems.

*The Return of the Prodigal Son* - Henri Nouwen. Using Rembrandt's painting, Nouwen meditates on the power of the parable and its artistic representation.

## **Websites**

**ZacHicks.com** - Zac has done some great stuff with rewriting old songs and writing new ones, he has some good resources on his site.

**Cardiphonia.org** - another church and arts resource site

**InternationalArtsMovement.org** - really incredible organization that seeks to resource artists in the church.

**IGraceMusic.com** - Indelible Grace includes lots of artists who (mostly) rewrite old hymns in an Americana type style.

**BifrostArts.com** - They have released a couple albums, but are now focusing more on conferences.

**TheKindlings.com** - The Kindlings Muse runs a podcast on all things culture, arts and philosophy. They also have a conference.

**LiturgyFellowship.org** - good resources and thoughtful commentary.

**Facebook.com/groups/LiturgyFellowship/** - the Facebook version of the previous link: a good place to ask questions, find new stuff, made up of people who lead music.

**Worship.Calvin.edu** - good resources, also offers grants

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