

2025



# Thank Offering

of Presbyterian Women

*"Behold,  
I am doing  
a new thing;*

*now it springs forth,  
do you not perceive it?*

*I will make a way  
in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert."*

—Isaiah 43:19 (ESV)\*

*Go voy a hacer  
algo nuevo.*

보라, 내가 새 일을  
행하리라

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November 9, 2025

## 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

*"All that God desires with fierce longing and passionate dedication is entrusted to us to bring to fruition, here on Earth as it is in heaven. We are meant to be the expression of God's powerful, fierce, life-changing love in this world."*

— Rev. Cindy Kohlman, co-moderator of the 223rd General Assembly

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### TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

#### PRELUDE

"Thanks Be to God"

Philip Kreckel  
Organist, Larry Gillum

#### WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 66:16-20)

Liturgist, Betty Meyer

Come and hear, all you who fear God.

*Let us learn what God has done for us all.*

We have cried out to God and given praise with our tongues.

*Truly, God has listened and paid attention to our prayers.*

God has not rejected our prayers or withheld any love.

*Praise be to God, the source of steadfast love for all.*

#### \*OPENING HYMN NO. 4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God, you call us to be disciples, to carry out your work here on earth bringing hope and peace to others. Yet we confess that we are often idle and instead are merely busybodies who fail to do your work. Forgive us and help us live our lives as resurrection people filled with your grace and love. God hear us as we pray silently for sins that weigh heavily on our hearts.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE:**

**He Came Down**

**137**

He came down for our for - give - ness; he  
came down for our for - give - ness; he came down for our for -  
give - ness; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Leader: Why did he come?

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE**

*Isaiah 43:19, NRSV*

**CHANCEL BELLS**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

McChesney  
Director, Patti Dolezal

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

*John 13:31-35, NRSV*

**MESSAGE**

"Love Divine"

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY No. 716**

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from the Brief Confession of Faith)

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Renee Warren

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

"O Lord, Whose Mercies are Numberless"

Handel

**\*DOXOLOGY**

(Hymnal # 606)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Holy, generous, and merciful Lord, we give you thanks for the Thank Offering grants that are bestowed upon our sisters and brothers in Christ. May these gifts enrich their lives and point us all towards your unending goodness and mercy. Amen.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

*(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)*

**\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 366** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds" Hymntune, *Forest Green*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



*(Anita Betts is the author of the Call to Worship and the Prayer of Dedication. Anita serves as the Synod of the Covenant representative to the Churchwide Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women.)*

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Mimi Hardendorf - Jennifer Workman - Bruce Ellingwood  
Fred Thibodeau - Clerk of Session: Barb Cole

### Deacons

Diane Palmer - Chuck Bonza - Deborah Webb  
Chuck Slicker - Mike Dempsey - Brenda Gillum  
Jack Holmquist - Joanie Kleckner - Patti Dolezal  
John Davis - Larry Pierce - Marilyn Irwin

## ***Announcements***

**Greeters this morning** are Ann, Steve & Cindy Taylor.

**Fellowship Time**—Join us today for coffee and treats hosted by the Merry Marthas.

The Presbyterian Women's **Thank Offering** will be collected today. The ten projects selected to receive funds this year range from a community garden free meal restaurant in Texas to vocational training and mentorship to low-income parents in Sheridan, Wyoming. Our gifts of gratitude bring hope and safety to these vulnerable populations. Let's join together to give thanks for our many blessings by sharing our gifts with those in need across the United States.

**Merry Marthas**—Don't miss the display of beautifully crafted items made by the Merry Marthas, an ecumenical sewing group. These items will be distributed to various charities after this Sunday.

**Coffee update:** The coffee growers in southern Mexico have had a poor season this year, and Café Justo could not send us what we had ordered. We thus do not have coffee for sale this month.

**Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine** will be on Wednesday, November 12 at 12:00 noon in the church Library. This week's topic is "Dinah" Genesis Chapters 34. All are welcome to join!

**Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer —**

The Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) continues on Friday, November 14 at 10:00am. The group is doing an in-depth study of Matthew chapter 5. Listening to the panel of 3 experts (one teaches an entire class on Matthew), we are beginning to see past the quick read of the "red verses" - i.e. the words of Christ—and are deepening our understanding of this most loved Bible chapter. All are welcome!

**Next Sunday, November 16, is a special Thanksgiving Crossroads Donation Day.** Let's pay our blessings forward by filling our grocery cart to the brim with peanut butter, breakfast foods, hearty soups and paper products.

**The Presbyterian Women's Bible study will meet next Monday, November 17** in the church library to discuss the third lesson in the study book, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. This month we will be discussing how we find resilience in our lives and what helps us survive the difficult challenges we encounter. The lesson is based on Jesus' wilderness experience in Luke 4:1-13. We gather at 11:30 a.m. with the lesson beginning at 12 noon. The Bible study books are still available in the church office or at our meeting. We hope you can join us.



**Upcoming:**

**Monday, November 10**—Church Office closed in observance of Veteran's Day

**Friday, November 21**—Oratorio Society of Estes Park Concert at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

**Saturday, November 22**—Oratorio Society of Estes Park Concert at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, November 23**—Christ the King Sunday with a special service of communion

**Thursday, November 27**—Church Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

**Saturday, December 6**—Estes Valley Chamber Singers Christmas Concert featuring the PCCR bell choirs, Larry Gillum and the Highland Brass at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary

***The Week Ahead***

**Monday, November 10**

**Church Office Closed**

3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

**Tuesday, November 11**

10:00am Building and Grounds

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group

1:00pm Personnel Committee

3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

3:00pm Worship & Music Committee

4:30pm Deacons

6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers

6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

**Wednesday, November 12**

9:30am Finance Committee

10:00am Mission & Outreach

12:00pm Bible Study

1:00pm The Good Grief Group

4:00pm Joyful Bells

5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 77845

6:00pm Luciana Ensemble

6:30pm Estes Park Chorale rehearsal

**Thursday, November 13**

8:30am Estes Nonprofit Network Board

4:00pm Chancel Bells

5:00pm EVICS

6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

6:30pm Girl Scout Service Unit

6:30pm Chancel Choir

**Friday, November 14**

10:00am Adult Study Group

3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

**Saturday, November 15**

9:00am Girl Scout Troop 76904

5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

**Sunday, November 16**

**Crossroads Donation Day**

8:30am Journeys

10:00am Worship

5:00pm Oratorio Society of Estes Park  
rehearsal

*See the full church calendar on [www.pccrusa.org](http://www.pccrusa.org)*

## 2025 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

When we faithfully and joyfully give to the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women, we participate in a program with roots that go back to 1888. It was in Springfield, Ohio, where Eliza Clokey called upon women to give a "thank offering to her Lord" by offering one dollar in addition to their usual contribution to mission. Today thousands of people benefit from programs that receive support through Thank Offering grants from Presbyterian Women.

We celebrate Eliza's vision and her willingness to do "a new thing" by asking her friends to give more than they had before, and we continue her mission of making a way for others through our generosity today. The Thank Offering connects us to the leaders who came before us, setting the example of how to show gratitude to God through our giving to one another.

### List of Grant Recipients

#### SYNOD OF ALASKA-NORTHWEST

Olympia Presbytery  
Hope Housing Collaborative of Lewis County  
Shalom Village Tiny Home Duplexes  
Centralia, Washington  
hopehousingllc.com  
\$50,000

#### SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES

Homestead Presbytery  
Sleep in Heavenly Peace  
Building a Better Future:  
Providing Beds for Kids in Need  
Omaha, Nebraska  
shpbeds.org  
\$5,000

#### SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky  
Buckhorn Children and Family Services  
Play Area Fencing at Dessie Scott Campus  
Campton, Kentucky  
buckhorn.org  
\$33,935

#### SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

Presbytery of the Peaks  
Lynchburg Daily Bread  
Safe, Healthy Foods for All  
Lynchburg, Virginia  
lynchburgdailybread.com  
\$22,800

Presbytery of the Peaks  
Roanoke Justice Ministries  
Leadership Development for Racial Equity  
Lexington, Virginia  
roanokejusticeministries.org  
\$25,000

#### SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST

Albany Presbytery  
St. Peter's Presbyterian Church  
Church and Community Kitchen  
Spencertown, New York  
stpetersspencertown.org  
\$50,000

Presbytery of New York City  
First Jamaica Community and  
Urban Development Corporation  
Enhance Our Technology Infrastructure  
Jamaica, New York  
firstchurchjamaica.org  
\$6,000

#### SYNOD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Presbytery of Wyoming  
Lagniappe Ministries  
Leadership and Vocational Skills Lab  
Sheridan, Wyoming  
lagniappesheridan.org  
\$14,362

#### SYNOD OF THE SUN

Grace Presbytery  
Community Garden Kitchen of Collin County  
Empowering Futures: CGK Training Program  
for Foster Care Youth  
McKinney, Texas  
CommunityGardenKitchen.org  
\$45,800

Presbytery of South Louisiana  
First Presbyterian Church of Hammond, Louisiana  
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Hammond, Louisiana  
fpchammond.org  
\$5,000

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