2026 Thank Offering

OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

"Little children, *let us love* not in word or speech but *in deed and truth*."

—1 John 3:18*



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Christ the King Sunday

"Mission is no longer from the West to the East, or from the North to the South. It is now from anywhere to everywhere."
— Kirsteen Kim, Paul E. Pierson Chair in World Christianity and Associate Dean for the Center for Missiological Research in the School of Mission and Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary

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TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

PRELUDE Variations on "All Creatures of Our God and King" Denis Bédard
Organist, Jill Hunt

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adopted from Psalm 100) Liturgist, Karen Daugherty

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord, with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 15** "All Creatures of Our God and King" verses 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have crowned Jesus Lord of all, and yet we are slow to acknowledge him. Instead, we give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by your law of love. Forgive us and help us acknowledge God's rule where peace and justice reign and hope is the law of our lives. And God, as we give ourselves to your perfect leadership help us be loyal ambassadors to care for all of your creation.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**



***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHANCEL BELLS ENSEMBLE "Let All Things Now Living", p. 37 arr. Sandra Eithun
Director, Patti Dolezal

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES *Ephesians 1:15-23, NRSV*

CHANCEL CHOIR "For the Fruit of All Creation" arr. Mark Hayes
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31-46, NRSV*

MESSAGE "When Somebody Loved Me" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 737 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY Meditation on "All Creatures of Our God and King" Denis Bédard

***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**

God of grace, we thank you for the opportunity to bring a glimpse of your magnificent love to those in need by sharing and dedicating the 2026 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women. We thank you for the desire to bless others. May this offering serve as a reminder of your deep, abounding and unconditional love which transforms our lives and those of others. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The congregation responds, ***"Hear our prayer."***
Following each petition which concludes, "God, in your grace…"

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

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 757** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Please stand if you are able.*

*The **Call to Worship** and **Prayer of Dedication** used in today's service are taken from "Loving in Deed and Truth" 2026 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women Dedication Service by Corinne Quinn*

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Lois & Bruce Ellingwood.

Fellowship Time—Join us today for coffee and treats hosted by the Christian Education Committee.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine will meet on November 25th at 12:00 noon in the church library. This week's topic will be "Festivals" Leviticus 23. Everyone is welcome, all you need is your Bible!

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer — Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) will NOT meet on Friday, November 27th but will resume on December 4th at 10:00am in the church library. Back by popular demand, we will study the course titled "Listening to the Land of the Bible." Each class stands alone so if you want to come once in a while, that is fine. All are invited!

The **Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering** will be collected today. The nine projects selected to receive funds this year range from addressing food insecurity in North Carolina by developing a food pantry and soup kitchen to supporting the development of a residential option for women and children escaping domestic violence in New Jersey. In Arizona a Native American group will focus on preventing substance use and suicide among their youth while a Backpack Program for children in Arkansas experiencing food insecurity will provide access to meals outside school days. 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.

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.

Upcoming:

Thursday, November 26 – Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 12 – Estes Valley Chamber Singers Concert at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary

Monday, December 21 – Blue Christmas Service at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary

Monday, December 28 – Church Office Closed for Christmas

The Week Ahead

Monday, November 23
- 7:00am AA Early Worms
- 11:00am Prayer Team
- 3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, November 24
- **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- 7:00am AA Early Worms
- 12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 12:00pm Quota Club of Estes Park
- 1:30pm Nada Quartet Rehearsal
- 3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
- 6:00pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers
- 6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, November 25
- 7:00am AA Early Worms
- 12:00pm Bible Study
- 4:00pm Joyful Bells

Thursday, November 26
- Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 7:00am AA Early Worms
- 6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Friday, November 27
- 7:00am AA Early Worms
- 3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
- 6:30pm Mixed Nuts Al-Anon Group

Saturday, November 28
- 7:00am AA Early Worms
- 10:00am Advent Study at Fred Thibodeau & Rebecca Chopp's house
- 10:30am EVICS Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, November 29
- 8:30am Journeys
- 10:00am Worship
- 5:30pm Advent Study on Zoom
- 6:00pm Advent Study at Brenda & Pete Perez's house

See the full church calendar on
www.pccrusa.org

Advent Study Groups

Saturdays at 10:00am with Fred Thibodeau & Rebecca Chopp
11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 - Location: 991 Black Canyon Drive
(class registration is full)

Sundays at 6:00pm with Rebecca Chopp on Zoom
11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 ***Space Available-sign up in the Narthex***

Sundays at 5:30pm with Brenda & Pete Perez
11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20
Location: 1600 Wapiti Circle Unit 5
Space Available-sign up in the Narthex

Tuesdays at 2:00pm with Lena Holmes
12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22
Location: PCCR Lounge
(class registration is full)



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2026 *Thank Offering* of Presbyterian Women

In 1888, Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each participant in her women's group to add one dollar to her usual mission giving as a "thank offering to her Lord." The Thank Offering was born and through their sacrificial gifts, women helped save Presbyterian worldwide mission endeavors at that time. Since then, givers to the Thank Offering have supported thousands of projects and raised tens of millions of dollars for ministries in the U.S. and across the world.

The Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women carries on this long tradition of binding together to make a greater difference than we could as individuals. Through monetary support, we send love "in deed and truth," for people on the margins, particularly women and children. This year the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women presents nine worthy recipients of Thank Offering grants.

Grant Recipients

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT

Presbytery of Lake Michigan
Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity
Rural Home Repair for Allegan County
Holland, Michigan
lakeshorehabitat.org
$40,000

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES

Presbyteries of Northern Plains, Northern Waters, Minnesota Valleys, Twin Cities Area
Clearwater Forest
Camp for ALL
Deerwood, Minnesota
clearwaterforest.org
$50,000

SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA

Missouri Union Presbytery
Women of Faith PW at First Presbyterian Church
Baby Grace Ministries
Fulton, Missouri
fpcfulton.org
$7,600

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

Salem Presbytery
The Greater Mount Airy Ministry of Hospitality
Flat Rock Presbyterian Pantry Expansion Project
Mount Airy, North Carolina
helpinghandsofsurry.org
$40,000

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST

Presbytery of The Highlands of New Jersey
Good News Home, Inc.
Mommy & Me Domestic Violence Shelter
Tewksbury, New Jersey
goodnewshome.org
$23,080

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC

Presbytery of Boise
Agency for New Americans: Self-Sufficiency for Refugees
Literacy for Women Project
Boise, Idaho
anaidaho.org
$45,796

SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST

Presbytery of Grand Canyon
Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA)
Transforming Tomorrow's Youth
Mesa, Arizona
nativeamericanfathers.org
$18,000

SYNOD OF THE SUN

Presbytery of Arkansas
Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas
Nourish and Thrive: Backpack Program for Children Experiencing Food Insecurity
Jonesboro, Arkansas
foodbankofnea.org
$5,100

INTERNATIONAL

Kenya
Nyanza Area African Inland Church
Basic Needs, Simple Solutions, U.S. fiscal sponsor
God's Green Resourceful Earth Ministry: Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds
basicandsimple.org
$40,000

Give through your PW group or online at presbyterianwomen.org/give. For additional information about the 2026 Thank Offering recipients, see the Fall issue of *Horizons* magazine, or visit presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

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