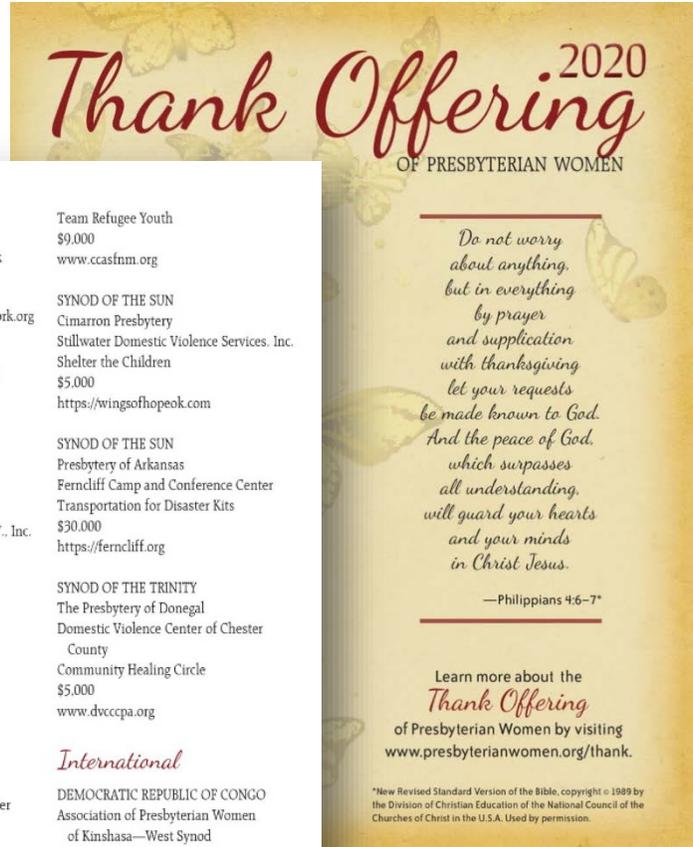


THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PENDLETON, OREGON NOVEMBER 15TH 2020 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



2020 Thank Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

In 1888, when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to her Lord," women responded, and the Thank Offering was born. Women gave sacrificially and were credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church at that time. Since 1988, Presbyterian Women has granted more than \$26 million to nearly 1,700 different projects worldwide through the Thank Offering.

Grant Recipients

National

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT
Presbytery of Cincinnati
Contact Center
Health Care Empowerment Project
\$15,000
www.contactcentercincinnati.org

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRES
Presbytery of South Dakota
All About U Adoptions, Inc.
Nevaeh House: A little piece of heaven
\$50,000
www.aauadoptions.org

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS
Mid-Kentucky Presbytery
Lifeshouse Maternity Home
Kitchen Renovation
\$27,000
www.lifeshouselouisville.org

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC
National Capital Presbytery
Crossroads Community Food Network
Community Kitchen Enhancements
\$25,000
www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC
Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Faith 4 Justice
Trauma-informed Ministry
\$20,000
www.faith4justiceasheville.org

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST
Presbytery of Geneva
Family Promise of Wayne County, N.Y., Inc.
Day Resource Center Renovations
\$22,500
<http://fpwayne.org>

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC
Presbytery of Nevada
Northern Nevada Dream Center
Reach the Hungry
\$25,000
<https://nndreamcenter.org>

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
Presbytery of Tampa Bay
Cedar Kirk Camp and Conference Center
Setting a Place for All
\$27,000
<https://cedarkirk.org/>

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
AND HAWAII
Presbytery of the Pacific
Critical Mass Dance Company (CMDC)
Dance Empowerment Programs
\$12,500
www.criticalmassdancecompany.org

SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST
Presbytery of Santa Fe
Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese
of Santa Fe

Team Refugee Youth
\$9,000
www.ccasfnm.org

SYNOD OF THE SUN
Cimarron Presbytery
Stillwater Domestic Violence Services, Inc.
Shelter the Children
\$5,000
<https://wingsofhopeok.com>

SYNOD OF THE SUN
Presbytery of Arkansas
Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center
Transportation for Disaster Kits
\$30,000
<https://ferncliff.org>

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY
The Presbytery of Donegal
Domestic Violence Center of Chester
County
Community Healing Circle
\$5,000
www.dvcccpa.org

International

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
Association of Presbyterian Women
of Kinshasa—West Synod
Complete the Women's Centre and
Training of Women
\$14,813

ETHIOPIA
Gidada Theological College
Construction of Girls' Dormitory
\$43,650

Give through your PW group or on line at
www.presbyterianwomen.org/give. For
additional information about the 2020
Thank Offering recipients, see the July/
August issue of *Horizons* magazine, or go
to www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

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*Do not worry
about anything,
but in everything
by prayer
and supplication
with thanksgiving
let your requests
be made known to God.
And the peace of God,
which surpasses
all understanding,
will guard your hearts
and your minds
in Christ Jesus.*

—Philippians 4:6-7*

Learn more about the
Thank Offering
of Presbyterian Women by visiting
www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

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PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell
LITURGIST – John Turner
VOCALS – Steve Muller
ORGAN/PIANO – Sue Nelson

2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us.
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer:
and gladly ours songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Matthew 25

God calls us to us our gifts for the building of God's kingdom.

But we're afraid.

Christ urges us to find our courage and not look back.

But our gifts seem so small.

The Spirit offers us everything we need.

But what if we fail?

Trust the gifts you have been given.

We will celebrate our gifts as we worship God this day.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful One, you bless us with gifts that are uniquely our own.

We long to use the talents you bestow upon us to build your kingdom.

**We yearn to live with gratitude
for all that you have done for us
and the opportunities you place before us.**

But often we are paralyzed by fear and selfishness.

**Clear our vision, Holy One, and help us see the good
we can do with the gifts and talents we have received.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rejoice sisters and brothers!

We have been given the gift of grace and reconciliation.

Join me in these words of forgiveness:

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

From 1 Thess. 5

Called to live as children of light,
let us build one another up as we share
signs of peace and words of love.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ANTHEM

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

Gifts

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN #305

Come sing, o Church in Joy!

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
3. Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in Song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata: Praise to the Lord, Hans Friedrich Micheelsen
the Almighty, the King of Creation