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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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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CELEBRATION OF MORNING WORSHIP

Women's Thank Offering Sunday
November 8, 2026 — 10:00 AM

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP WITH MUSIC AND THIS PRAYER

Lord, guide my feet while I run this race. Continue to call me and to help me to be your faithful disciple. May I trust your light to follow you with all my life. Amen.

WELCOME

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: 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.

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

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 419 "God of Our Fathers"

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

All: Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbors. When you have stretched out your arm to us, we have turned away. When you have given us opportunities to serve our world we have hardened our hearts. In denying our love to others, we have denied our love to you.

SILENT REFLECTION

Leader: For these and so many things we are sincerely sorry.

All: In your grace, wash us clean, replace our hearts of stone with hearts of flesh attuned to you and to your ways. Restore to us the joy of service and oneness with you, the wellspring of life eternal. This we ask in the name of Jesus who died and rose again to make us new. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Lamentations 3:21-25)

All: But this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," say my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

*HYMN 805 "Gloria Patri"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED [INSIDE BACK COVER OF HYMNAL]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Luke 10:25-37 pages 71-72

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 page 179

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Go and Do Likewise" Katy Dortenzo

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN 358 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*HYMN 809 "DOXOLOGY"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 416 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: Let's take a moment to greet each other in love. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dan Hulings by Deb Stewart.

Ushers today are Linda & John Fisher. Ushers next Sunday are Melinda & Lindsay Knarr.

Welcome to worship! May your experience today deepen your **love** of God, inspire you to **live** like Jesus Christ and yearn to always **learn** through the Holy Spirit.

~ Hearing assist devices are available for those who need them. Please visit the sound booth before the service, and a member of our A/V team will be happy to assist you.

~ A restroom is available in the Church Office. Exit the main Sanctuary doors and turn left. The Office is the next building to the north. The restroom is located on the left just past the kitchen.

~ WiFi Information - Network: Falling Spring Guest P.W: FallingSpring717!

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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