

# Presbytery Worship: The Kingdom of God is like...

*An asterisk (\*) indicates that you are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

\*Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Our God has gathered us here,  
among the treasures of the Kingdom, to rejoice in faith.

**Our hearts are open  
to the life-giving possibilities faith can bring.**

Let none of us be afraid.

The harvest of faith belongs to God the Giver.

**Thanks be to God. Our confidence is in the One  
who made heaven and earth!**

\*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration  
of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

\*Hymn #401 "Here in This Place"

## Here in This Place

401

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



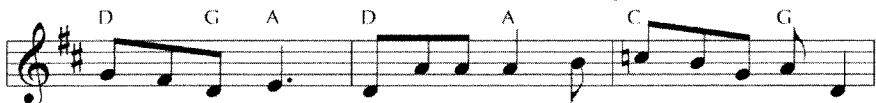
van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## \*Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

God's merciful arms are open,  
 even before we repent and turn from our present course.  
 Let us join together in confessing our sin.

## \*Unison Prayer

Loving God, give to us thankful hearts  
 for all that has been beautiful and good,  
 and give us the love to repent  
 for that which has been ugly and evil.

Help us to turn sharply away from all that is twisted and wrong,  
 from all that neglects others and all that hurts others.  
 Help us to turn away from all that harms our own souls,  
 from everything that mars the inner divine image  
 which is our truest nature and priceless treasure.  
 Help us to turn completely towards you  
 and move towards the beauty of your holiness.

This is our need, and this is our prayer.  
 Through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen!

## \*Assurance of Pardon

Our God is the one who speaks through Christ Jesus and says:

**“Woman, man, your sins are forgiven you.”**

Hear the very word of the Lord. It is spoken for the likes of you.


**Thanks be to God!**

## \*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

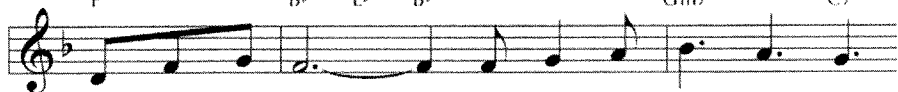
# 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F



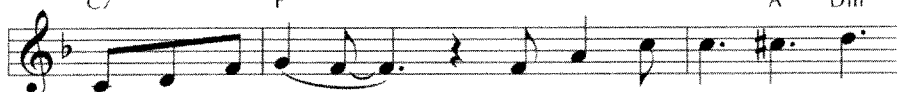
1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:18-19

Proclamation in Music

\*Hymn: "To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared"  
(TO GOD BE THE GLORY) by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

To what can the kingdom of God be compared?  
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,  
And there, where predictable plantings should be,  
There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!  
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:  
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.  
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,  
Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:  
A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,  
A church reaches out to the youth in the town,  
A man shares his faith and God's blessings around.  
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:  
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.  
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,  
When even a few faithful lives change the rest.

While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,  
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.  
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;  
A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.  
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:  
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.  
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;  
May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

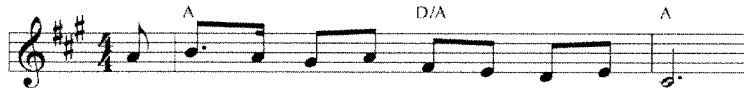
Scripture Reading: Luke 15

Proclamation in Art

Hymn: #173 "A Woman and a Coin"

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# 173 A Woman and a Coin



1 A wom - an and a coin: the coin is lost!  
2 A shep - herd and a sheep: the sheep is lost!  
3 A par - ent and a child: the child is lost!  
4 Dear God, you sought us when the world was lost;



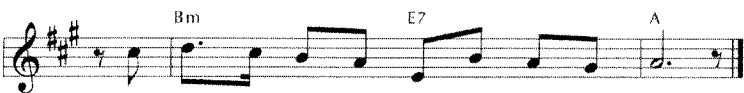
How much it means to her, what time and toil,  
Far from the flock, the one in hun - dred cries,  
The par - ent feeds on mem - o - ries and hope,  
you gave your on - ly son at what a cost;



what part it was to play in her bright dreams!  
then, risk - ing life, the shep - herd's voice and staff!  
the prod - i - gal on husks and one last chance.  
your Spir - it wel - comes home the tem - pest - tossed:



Am I that trea - sured coin worth search - ing for?  
Am I that trea - sured sheep worth dy - ing for?  
Am I that trea - sured child worth wait - ing for?  
now we can be all you were dream - ing of.



I'm found, and you re - jice! What love! What love!  
I live, and you re - jice! What love! What love!  
I'm home, and you re - jice! What love! What love!  
We're safe, and you re - jice! What love! What love!

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:1-8

Proclamation in Word: One Phrase Parables

Hymn: #90 "Wait for the Lord"

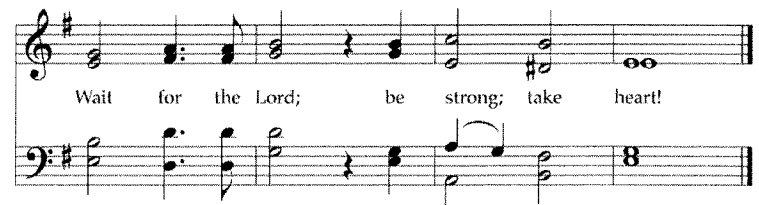
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# 90 Wait for the Lord (Psalm 27)

Refrain



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

Presbytery Offering

*offering plates are available by the doors*

\*Hymn #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

# 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Em D G A Em G A D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*Prayer of Dedication

Lord's Supper

*Elders will serve communion in the pews.  
Sealed gluten free communion will be available.  
Members of the Healing Prayer Network will be stationed  
in the back of the sanctuary following communion  
for individual prayer and anointing.*

Hymn during Communion:

# Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

Prayer after Communion  
\*Hymn #175 "Seek Ye First"

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Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

This system contains the first three lines of the hymn. It features a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment with chords and moving lines, and a descant line with a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,  
seek, and you shall find;  
but by ev - ery word

This system continues the hymn with the second and third lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment includes a dynamic marking of 'p' (piano).

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

This system contains the fourth and fifth lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

This system concludes the hymn with the final two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord.

*The business portion of the meeting resumes.*

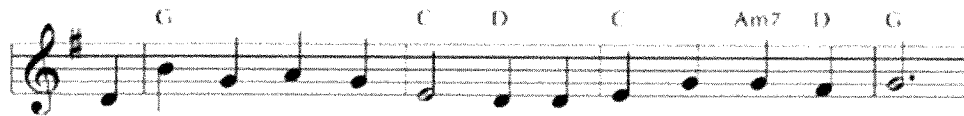
At the close of the meeting: Benediction by Rev. Andrew Wirt

\*Hymn: #378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

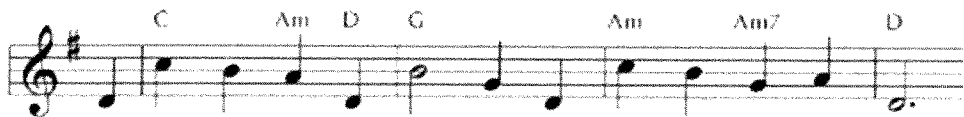
# We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



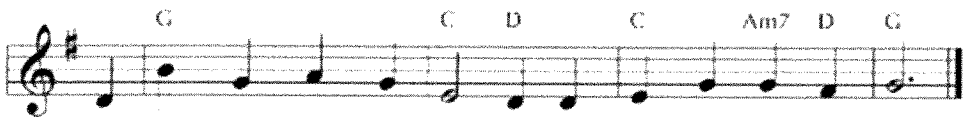
1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie  
 2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?  
 3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,  
 4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a fear or sigh.  
 We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.  
 when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"  
 to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.



when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;  
 Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:  
 still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:  
 The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.  
 we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.  
 sha-lom for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.  
 to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

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GATHERING

## Here in This Place 401 Gather Us In

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1979  
Text and Music © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.

GATHER US IN  
10.9.10.10.D

SERVICE MUSIC

## 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008  
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008  
Text Adapt. and Music © 2008 Paul M. Vasile

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

"To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared"  
Tune: William Howard Doane, 1875 ("To God Be the Glory")  
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## 173 A Woman and a Coin

This text is a summary and interpretation of the three parables of Jesus recorded in Luke 15:3–32. The order has been partly rearranged (the second and first are interchanged) to create an ascending order of significance and to provide a context for the well-known third parable.

TEXT: Jaroslav I. Vajda, 1990  
MUSIC: Fred Kimball Graham, 1995  
Text © 1990 Concordia Publishing House  
Music © 1995 Fred Kimball Graham

LIFE RESTORED  
Irregular

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

## 90 Wait for the Lord (Psalm 27)

Refrain

The refrain for this psalm, drawn from Psalm 27:14, comes from the ecumenical Community of Taizé in France and is most effective when sung in parts. With repeated singing, it can also be used by itself as a contemplative prayer and is especially appropriate in Advent.

TEXT: Ref. Taizé Community, 1984  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984  
Text and Music © 1984 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)  
Responsive Reading © 1993 The Order of St. Benedict (admin. The Liturgical Press)

WAIT FOR THE LORD  
8.8

SERVICE MUSIC

## 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1989  
MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1998  
Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company  
Music Harm. © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
LM with alleluia  
(alternate harmonization, 10)

LORD'S SUPPER

## Let Us Break Bread Together 525

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

TEXT: African American spiritual  
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988  
Music Arr. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

LET US BREAK BREAD  
10.10 with refrain

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

## 175 Seek Ye First

Descant

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971; all: stanzas 2–3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.;  
Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee  
MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971  
Text and Music © 1972 Universal Music – Brentwood Publishing/Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa (dba CCCC Music  
(admin. Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing)

LAFFERTY  
Irregular

## We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6–9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its "little child" with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer's sister, his first piano teacher.

TEXT: Kathleen R. Moore, 2010  
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983  
Text © 2010 The Home School, admin. Hope Publishing Company  
Music © 1983 Hope Publishing Company

MERE'S TUNE  
7.6.7.6.D

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/ Associate Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Full or Part Time: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*For Installed Teaching Elder, Effective Salary, Board of Pensions dues, SECA offset, Study Leave, Vacation and Mileage reimbursement are requirements; For Pastors serving under contract (TE or CP), all are required except Board of Pensions, but it is recommended that provision for insurance and retirement be addressed). (Minimums for Certified Christian Educators should be at least 80% of these minimums).

**This is a minimum requirement for all incoming pastors. Continuing pastors should meet/exceed this amount.**

2026 Terms of Call	2026 Projected	2025 minimum
<b>EFFECTIVE SALARY</b>	<b>\$53,023</b>	<b>\$51,478.46</b>
1. BREAKDOWN - Base Salary; Manse (including utilities) or Housing Allowance - minimum of 30% of salary/deferred/allowances		
2. Deferred Compensation [Tax Deferred Annuity]		
3. Un-vouchered allowances, gifts from employer, bonuses, etc.		
4. Other allowances:		
5. ONE TIME Moving Expenses (if church paid or reimbursed) this total may need to be included in the total salary reported to the IRS. (Please review with your accountant)		
6. SECA <u>above</u> the normal 7.65% offset		
<b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE SALARY (total of 1,2,3,4, and 6)</b>	<b>\$53,023</b>	<b>\$51,478.46</b>
7. Board of Pensions Medical coverage--- Pastor (17.5%); Spouse(12250) or Family (22200) <b>OR</b>		
9,279.02 (pastor only)	8,236.55	
21,529.02 (pastor /spouse)	19,236.55	
31,479.02 (pastor/family)	28,835.55	
Transition Plan (Family-37%) (minimum dues \$18500) (only available 2025-2027 for those whose call began <u>before</u> 2025)	19,619	16,987.89
Pension (8.5%), Disability (1.5%) =10%	5,302	5,147.84
<b>Board of Pensions Total</b>	<b>14,581.02----36,781.02</b>	<b>13,384.39----33,983.39</b>
<b>8. Social Security Contribution (7.65% of Effective Salary)</b>	<b>\$4,056.26</b>	<b>\$3,938.10</b>
9. Additional Group Plan Coverage Premiums		
10. Mileage Reimbursement (At current I.R.S. rate)		
11. Study Leave/Reimbursement (cumulative to 6 weeks/\$3,000)	2 weeks +\$1,000	2 weeks+\$1,000
12. Vacation (accrued quarterly, not cumulative across years w/o permission)	4 weeks - 4 Sundays	4 weeks - 4 Sundays
13. Other Professional Expenses:		
Book/Media Reimbursement		
Pastor's Professional Expense		
Vouchered Reimbursements		
<b>TOTAL COST TO CONGREGATION</b>	<b>\$72,660.28 (pastor only)</b> <b>84,910.28(pastor/spouse)</b> <b>94,860.28 (pastor/family)</b> <b>83,000.26 (transition)</b>	<b>\$69,800.95</b> <b>80,800.95</b> <b>90,400.95</b> <b>78,552.34</b>

The Pastor and the congregation agree to the above terms and to abide by any policies of the Presbytery of Redstone regarding compensation, any form of leave (vacation, study, medical, etc.) and expenses.

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_



NEW PRODUCT COLLECTION VOL. 1

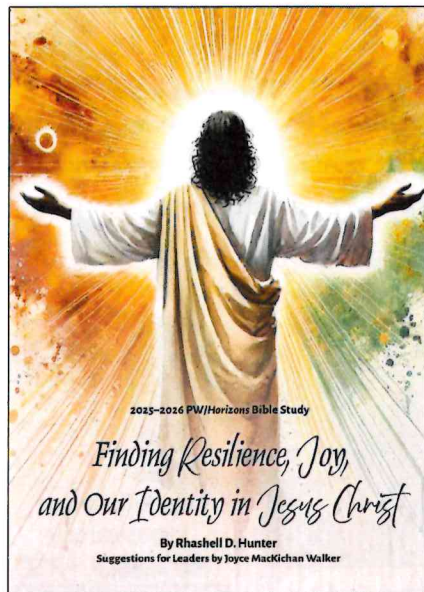
# HERE'S WHAT'S NEW, PW!

## A NEW BIBLE STUDY!

Within the nine lessons of the **2025–2026 PW/Horizons Bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ***, by Rhashell D. Hunter, we'll consider how we as Christians can find (or rediscover) our resilience and even joy in the midst of stressful life circumstances. By fully embracing and celebrating who we are as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, we can navigate even the most difficult times joyfully and in service to others.



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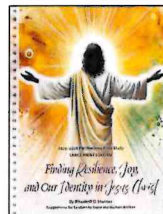
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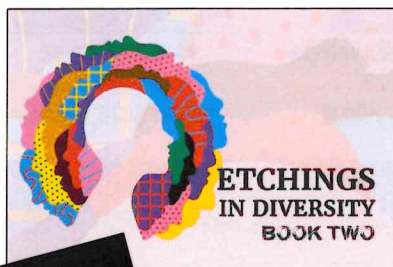


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meeting information  
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## A CONTINUING CONVERSATION . . .



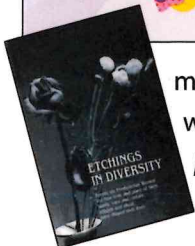
***Etchings in Diversity: Book Two***  
Presbyterian women from different cultural backgrounds share their faith stories in this second book in the series; the 1999 classic is still available too! Designed for study and group discussion so that PWs

may discussion so that PWs may expand their vision of what it means to be an "inclusive, caring community."

**Book Two, PWR24209, \$7;**

**Book Two (PDF edition), PWR24210, \$7**

***Etchings in Diversity* (1999), PWR22202, \$2**



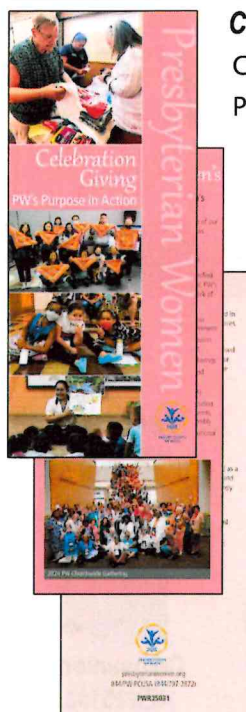
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Shop online at [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop), search with item numbers for best results.

Or call 800/533-4371, Monday—Friday,  
10 AM—5 PM EST.

Note: Prices do not include shipping or handling (\$6.25 minimum on most orders; some items ship free); international orders and orders to Puerto Rico incur additional shipping charges. All sales for Kentucky and California will be charged sales tax.

## NEWLY REVISED!



### Celebration Giving Brochure

Celebration Giving can be described as PW's Purpose in action! This brochure introduces the five components of PW's Celebration Giving program— Celebration of ... Mission Through Women's Pledges (the Annual Mission Fund); Creative Ministries (offerings and grants); Believers (honorary and recognition gifts); Christian Community (ecumenical giving); and Together in Service (hands-on mission). Ideal for new members, gatherings, pastors, or anyone and everyone who would benefit from understanding the way PW celebrates God's love through giving."

PWR25031 (print edition), **FREE**

PWR25032 (PDF download), **FREE**



PWR24405,  
\$15

### PW Insulated Small Tumbler

The PW insulated small (12 oz) tumbler keeps beverages warm or cold for hours. The tumbler's narrower base fits most standard cup holders so plan to take it on the go. BPA free and hand-wash only.

## A LOOK BACK WHILE WE LOOK AHEAD



**The 2024 Annual Report** provides a glimpse at PW's mission and ministry in the previous year as we shape a new story in 2025.

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## 137<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF PW'S THANK OFFERING

### 2025 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women resources



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download available in Korean and Spanish

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## AVAILABLE SUMMER 2025

### 2026 Annual Mission Fund Promotional Resource

Funds received by PW's Annual Mission Fund make possible PW's programs and ministries, from PW groups at all levels, national PW programming, and denominational support (and so much more). This promotional resource celebrates Presbyterian Women and answers the often-posed questions: what is the Annual Mission Fund, why it matters, and how do we support PW? This **FREE** resource will mail to PW treasurers and other PW leaders and will be available as a **download** (PWR25012) or a **print item** (PWR25011).