

Sunday, April 27
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
12:15 p.m. - Youth Team (Paneras)
4:00 p.m. - Youth Pool Party (Willards)
4:15 p.m. - Chancel Bells
6:00 p.m. - PGS Concert (Sanc)
Monday, April 28
10:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Women (HR)
4:30 p.m. - PGS (Sanc)
4:30 p.m.- Committed Prayers (Chapel)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
Tuesday, April 29
9:15 a.m. - Staff
7:00 p.m. - Chorlae (Sanc)
Wednesday, April 30
7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
8:00 a.m. - Muffins with Moms (AH)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA bible Study (BR)
5:30 p.m. - WNF (AH)
6:00 p.m. - SHinE Base)
6:00 p.m. - Youth (YR)
6:00 p.m. - Adults (HR/FISH/Conf Rm)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday, May 1
10:00 a.m. - Emerald Bells
6:00 p.m. - NA End of the Year Program (Sanc)
Friday, May 2
Saturday, May 3

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by Robert Gooding and Family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harriet Gooding and in celebration of their wedding anniversary on April 29th.

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!
So, whether they are bumping, shuffling, whispering, or giggling,
they are welcome in worship!
And we also adore service dog rattles and sighs.

Children's Opportunities
Sundays

Infants-K2
Nursery room 119 (8:45-12:15)
with Dawsey, Bess, Payton, & Ella

10:00
K3 – 5TH
Sundays@10 from 10 – 10:45
(Root Cellar)
4/27 with Ms. Michelle

Last night of SHinE
5:15 - 7:00
Join us for
an ice cream bar
and lots of fun!

11:00
K3-K5 are welcome in worship or may participate in extended session in room 120 if they like.

1st – 5th grade in worship until the sermon during which they may choose to adjourn to Children's Chapel and return following the sermon.

4/13 – Mrs. Cindy & Mrs. Linsey
4/20 – Mrs. Elise & Dawsey

Apr 27	Luke Penney
May 4	Sarah Pinson and Jenna
May 11	Merrie Wright and Olivia
May 18	Beth Justesen-Pruitt, Quay and Maddie Ray
May 25	Cindy Leary and Linsey Anderson

Presbyterian Women Sunday

April 27, 2025
11:00 am



Youth
Sunday, April 27th – **Sunday School** in the youth room from 10:00 – 10:45.

Sunday, April 27th – **Pool Party** at the Willard's (125 Cedar Dr N) from 4:00 – 6:00

Wednesday, April 30th – **WEY** from 5:30 – 7:00

Youth Group Mission Trip to East Bank, WV.
July 6th – 12th
FPC youth will be part of 400 youth who will be serving those in need of home repairs. This is for rising 9th to completed 12th. Deadline to RSVP is Thursday, May 1st. Your registration confirmation is your \$50 nonrefundable deposit that can be paid on Realm or to Nan.

Please pray for all our college students who will be having exams soon.

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Presbyterian Women Sunday Service

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER Lisa Yarbrough

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS (Birthday/Thank Offerings) Glenda Davis

PRELUDE “This Joyful Eastertide” arr. Grotenhuis

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 150) Louise Sligh

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary,
praise him in his mighty heavens.
ALL: Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to His surpassing greatness!
LEADER: Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
ALL: Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
LEADER: Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
ALL: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the Lord.
Amen

*OPENING PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER Betsy Collins

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.

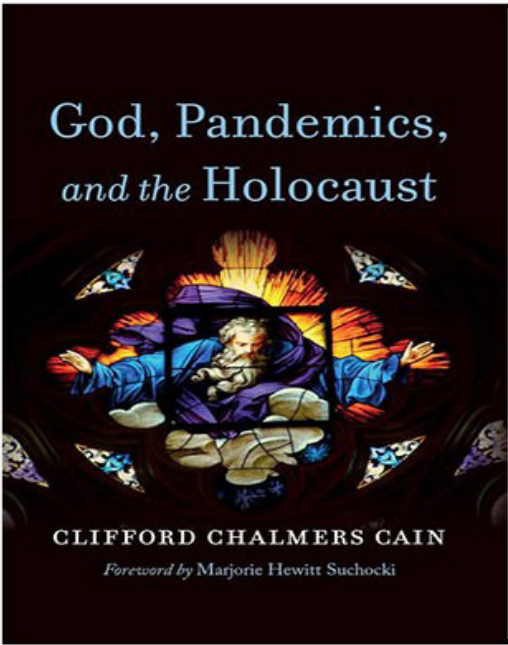
*OPENING HYMN ** #245 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!” LLANFAIR

(At this time during the hymn, all the new and returning PW officers, committee leaders, circle leaders and all continuing to serve, please come forward for the installation.)

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Last WNF until the fall!
April 30th:
5:30 dinner (Hamburgers, hotdogs, all the fixins’ and an ice cream bar!)
6:00 programming for all ages
(nursery available)
(\$5/children, \$10/youth & adults)
Please RSVP by Monday at noon. Check your Spire for details.
Beginnings next week, we will be meeting at Mig’s!

Mark your calendars early!
Camp Fellowship Worship & Picnic will be May 18th!
11:00 service followed by lunch, fun, and fellowship.
Families with last names A-L, please bring a side.
Families with last names M-Z, please bring a dessert.
We will provide the meat! Lifeguard on duty 12:00 - 2:30.
9:00 Service will be in the Sanctuary.
Festivities already being planned – got ideas? Contact Elise or anyone on CE.



*God, Pandemics,
and the Holocaust*

by our very own

Rev. Dr. Clifford
Chalmers Cain

Available on Amazon

Book Launch
with Reading and Signing

Sunday, May 4th
3:00 pm
Alexander Hall

Rev. Teresa Reed, our guest preacher, lives in Winnsboro with her husband Steve, and they will celebrate 33 years of marriage in May. They have three adult children and three grandchildren. Teresa enjoys spending time with her family and scrapbooking with her best friend. Teresa is a graduate of Erskine Theological Seminary and the University of South Carolina. She is currently serving in validated ministry as a Chaplain at Prisma Health Richland in Columbia and also serving as Designated Supply Pastor at Providence Presbyterian Church in West Columbia.

Palmetto Girls Sing!

presents

Faith, Family, and Friends



2025 SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church

Tickets are available for purchase by scanning the QR code below or visiting our website at

www.palmettogirlssinggreenwood.com



INSTALLATION OF ELECTED PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LEADERS

Lisa Yarbrough

LEADER: As faithful Presbyterian Women, we know that we are called to respond to God's love for us by loving one another. We trust that we are equipped to serve and to lead without fear because God dwells within our hearts and compels us to act with perfect love. As a body of Presbyterian Women, let us now confirm our commitment to God and to each other by affirming together our PW Purpose.

ALL: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study
- To support the mission of the church worldwide,
- To work for justice and peace, and
- To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom

LEADER: Let us pray.

LEADER (TO ELECTED LEADERS): Will you be faithful to the PW Purpose and do your best to lead your fellow Presbyterian Women with the love, compassion and courage that we encounter in Christ Jesus?

ELECTED LEADERS: We will be fearless, as God calls us to be.

LEADER: Will you learn from those you are leading – being open to different or uncomfortable points of view – and respond with grace when disagreements arise?

ELECTED LEADERS: We will be loving, as God calls us to be.

LEADER: Will you motivate others to follow you, demonstrating the joy and enthusiasm that you receive from the Holy Spirit?

ELECTED LEADERS: We will be inspiring, as God call us to be.

LEADER (TO THE CONGREGATION): Will you draw closer to these leaders whom God has raised up, offering them support and grace as they take on this task?

CONGREGATION: We will be one, as God calls us to be.

ALL: As God’s people, we will walk together in hope, loving one another as God calls us to do.

LEADER: You are duly installed leaders of Presbyterian Women. As we are reminded by the words of 1 John, may you be bold in your leadership, because God is love, and abide in God. You can trust that as you abide in God, you abide in love and God abides in you. You have nothing to fear as you lead, for perfect love casts out fear.

ALL: We love because God first loved us. We will support your calling to lead and will follow God’s commandment to love God, and all our siblings, as well.

LEADER: May we remember to work together, knowing that God has created us for joyful ministry to this world. Christ has freed us to serve our neighbors without fear, and the Holy Spirit blows through us with the power of unquenchable love. Let’s all go forth in love and gratitude for the blessings of courage and determination to serve others that God has bestowed on us.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD Donna Thompson

CALL TO CONFESSION CONFESSIO Janice Elliott

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God,
forgive our doubts and disbelief.
You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof.
We expect more when you have already given us enough.
Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude.
Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

LEADER: Hear the good news of God’s promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

PEOPLE: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

Since 1988, the Thank Offering has funded \$27,782.761 with grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 to support ministries such as providing food and water, alleviating homelessness, providing education opportunities, promoting health and improving the lives of women and children throughout the world. At least 40% of the offering funds health ministries.

Fall of 2024 Thank Offering Recipients
NATIONAL

Wanlyetu Consulting, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation: Dakota Presbytery. This grant will fund a program to bring back the Welcoming of the Baby Ceremony, significant in the Lakota culture, that celebrates the child’s birth and provides an opportunity to teach parenting skills to new mothers. \$18,000

Voices of Jubilee: Presbytery of the James. Voices of Jubilee brings together incarcerated youth and their families with mentors who have experienced incarceration and with interested others who want to help. The project provides support for Virginian youth who are in detention and in prison and for their families. \$37,160

SAFEchild (Stop Abuse for Every Child): Presbytery of New Hope. SAFEchild is a leading voice for child abuse prevention through evaluation, intervention and treatment in Wake County, NC. The grant will provide technology for the advocacy center. \$50,000

Forward Paths Foundation, Inc., Central Florida Presbytery: This organization works to positively influence at-risk youth in Lake County, Florida, with support to complete high school, attain a consistent work history and learn financial management skills. The grant will expand services to homeless, unaccompanied youth and those who are 18 and no longer eligible for foster care. \$50,000

Peace Promise: Presbytery of Carlisle. Peace Promise offers advocacy, education and economic empowerment to survivors of sexual exploitation and human trafficking in the Harrisburg, PA area. The grant will help equip and renovate a kitchen and employ survivors offering them on-the-job-training. \$25,000

General Assembly’s Office of Immigration Issues. This office helps PC(USA) churches by providing advice and resources toward a more just immigration system. The grant will provide advocacy software that tracks legislation and gives users a deeper understanding of the issues and the ability to contact their lawmakers directly. \$15,000

INTERNATIONAL

Democratic Republic of Congo, Presbyterian Ministries with Vulnerable Children: This ministries protects and cares for at-risk children in congregations, neighborhoods and schools. The grant will provide training for an updated community-based model that builds on social safety nets so that this ministry to vulnerable children will become more effective and sustainable for years to come. \$50,000

Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope in Haiti: sponsored by Heartland Presbytery. The Higgins Brothers Surgicenter provides the only 24/7 trauma and surgical care available in Fond Parisien, a rural region near the Haitian Dominican border. Funds from this grant will be used to purchase an ambulance to transport rural patients to the Surgicenter and will enable medical practitioners to visit distant villages to offer treatment. \$25,000

The Thank Offering supports ministries such as providing food and water, alleviating homelessness, providing education opportunities in promoting health, and improving the lives of women and children throughout the world in many ways. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40% of the offering funds health ministries.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GIVING MINISTRIES

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN is the women’s organization in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the PCUSA, of which our church is a member. ALL women members of our church are included as members of Presbyterian Women (PW). Leadership for Presbyterian Women is provided in our church by our Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team which is made up of the officers, committee chairmen, and circle leaders. Our ministry is aligned around a shared purpose, the PW Purpose (PCUSA), which states, in part, that we support the mission of the church worldwide and build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengths the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God’s kingdom.

Presbyterian Women Give!!
Throughout the year, our Circles donate to multiple agencies. Donations go to local, national and international agencies in need. Every year in late spring, our PW Finance Committee designates funds, which are generated from Circle pledges, to be dispersed to our chosen benevolences through local, national, and international agencies in need.

To help support projects like these, we ask that you give as you have been blessed. Please address checks to: **First Presbyterian Church** for with Birthday/Thank Offering in the memo line and place them in the pew envelope noting “Women’s Sunday”.

2025 Birthday Offerings Recipients

Since 1922, the **Birthday Offering** has funded \$38,266,583 in mission projects that continue to impact people in the United States and around the world.

Windward Volunteer Housing Facility: Leland Presbyterian Church: Leland, MS. Much of the population struggles with barriers to adequate housing, healthcare and food access, particularly when disaster strikes. This grant will help build a housing facility at the church to offer safe and comfortable accommodations including showers, laundry equipment and a kitchen to residents and volunteer disaster recovery groups. \$150.00

Red Cloud Renewable, Lakota Thiyuha Dome Home Project: Pine Ridge, SD: Tribal communities in the U.S. are experiencing a housing crisis, and the Pine Ridge Reservation alone needs an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 homes. This project aims to increase housing availability through construction of three innovative dome homes that are energy efficient, economical, simple in design and construction. Construction apprentices will gain experience in this building technique that can be used for other Lakota families in need. \$150,000

RESPONSE HYMN #817 “We Walk by Faith” DUNLAP’S CREEK
Stanzas 1, 2

TIME WITH CHILDREN Cindy Leary
Children may choose to exit at this time:
K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children’s Chapel

GIVING of TITHES AND OFFERINGS
CALL TO OFFERING Lynda Thurman

OFFERTORY “Draw Near, All Ye People” Mendelssohn
David Holmes, Bass

*DOXOLOGY #609 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

OFFERING PRAYER Lynda Thurman

PROCLAMATION
SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 Meg Stevens

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SERMON “Do Not Doubt, But Believe” Rev. Teresa Reed

*CLOSING HYMN #23 “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” PLEADING SAVIOR

*BENEDICTION (please remain for the Sung Benediction) Rev. Reed

*SUNG BENEDICTION “We Are Yours” GLICK

*POSTLUDE

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals, reading glasses, and wireless hearing devices are available from the ushers.

*Congregation Stands
**Late comers may be seated

Thank you to these ladies who have completed their Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Service.

Circle 3	Rebecca Wise, Gigi Smith
Circle 4	Marilyn Towne

Welcome to the following ladies who are joining the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team.

Moderator Elect	Meg Stevens
Bereavement Committee	Hunter Bell
Historian	Anna Welborn
Circle 4	Carol Umphress
Circle 5	Michelle Barksdale

2025-2026 Coordinating Team:

Moderator	Lisa Yarbrough
Vice Moderator	Louise Sligh
Secretary	Cindy Leary
Treasurer	Sandy McCord
Devotionals	Rebecca Wise
Historian	Lynda Thurman
Mission Committee	Glenda Davis
Search Committee	Sally Anderson, Kappy May
Spiritual Enrichment/Babies	Kellar Lightsey, Ray Steifle
Culinary Committee	Betsy Collins, Cathy Mays
Bereavement Committee	Martha Ann Davis, Betty Williams, Betsy Collins
Retreat/Intreat	Patti Gagstetter
All Leaders/Co-Leaders of each Circle	

2025-2026 Circle Leaders

Circle 1	Jean Mabe, Leader
Circle 3	Kappy May, Leader, Kathy Snyder, Rebecca Wise, Alice-Jo Dickey
Circle 4	Carol Umphress, Leader, Carolyn Taylor
Circle 5	Meg Stevens, Michelle Barksdale, Tara Gibson-Co Leaders, Laine Orcutt
Circle 6	Nickie Murphy, Jessica Willard
Circle 7	Becky Bryson, Leader, Jill Koczwara
Circle 8	Betty Williams, Leader

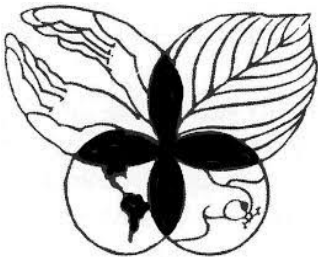
IN MEMORIUM

<i>Gloria June Dougherty</i>	<i>July 5, 2024</i>
<i>Jean Jones Park</i>	<i>October 1, 2024</i>
<i>Patricia “Pat” Elizabeth Fronzak</i>	<i>November 11, 2024</i>
<i>Mary Louise “Mary Lou” Wilde</i>	<i>November 16, 2024</i>
<i>Martha Harvley Dunlap</i>	<i>February 23, 2024</i>
<i>Jeannette Beisley Craig</i>	<i>March 6, 2025</i>
<i>Diane Jones Fradella</i>	<i>April 4, 2025</i>



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SYMBOL MEANINGS:

- 1.) Forgiven and freed by grace through faith, the central figure stands in praise.
- 2.) Rooted in faith, the trio of women emerges. The outline of the central figure forms a cross.
We are Presbyterian women, engrafted in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.
- 3.) The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying or meditating.
- 4.) The left figure reaches out to care for others as she shares, nurtures and heals. The circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of the global community.
- 5.) The uplifted arms of the central figure reach out to embrace a just peace for the world.
The relationship between the three figures depicts lives of wholeness rather than turmoil.
- 6.) The three women have no distinct features and represent all women. The shapes surrounding them express energy, strength and openness.
- 7.) Our name, Presbyterian Women, ties us to our denomination. The Bible represents the Bible depicted in the PC(USA) Seal.
- 8.) Guided by our Purpose, we witness to the reality of God’s realm.



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN MEANINGS:

The caring, supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ, who is the center of our lives. The overall design is of a butterfly, the symbol of newness in Christ.