



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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**The Service for the Lord's Day — June 1, 2025**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Choir Appreciation Sunday**

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A special welcome to those visiting with us today!

We are grateful for your presence with us and hope you find this time of worship to be meaningful.

When you see an asterisk \*, please rise in body or spirit, however you are comfortable.

Children are welcome in worship! A nursery is also available for infants and toddlers in Room 119.

## We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

*Andante Sostenuto* from *Gothic Symphony*

Charles-Marie Widor

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PURPLE BAGS

PENTECOST OFFERING

Suzanne Baxter

CHIME

INTROIT

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

Sanctuary Singers

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**People: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

**People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Barbara Charlet

**Living God, your Word is holy and true. In Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, you have made your name known to us. Protect us from the power of evil, sanctify us in the truth of Christ, and make us one in the Holy Spirit, so that your joy may be complete in us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

(silent confession)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

To this peace we are called as members of a single body.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.***

***As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

## **We Proclaim God's Word**

**ANTHEM**

*John 3:16*

Genie Nilsson & Troy Nilsson

Treble Choir

*John 3:16 says that God so loved the world he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him will never die but have eternal life. He is the way, he is the truth, he is the life. So put your faith in Jesus Christ and your soul will never die.*

*You'll have eternal life, forever and ever.*

**DISCOVERY TIME**

Children are invited forward for a special message.

Cyndi Lockwood

Children seated on the Chancel steps will be in view of the livestream image;

those on the floor facing the steps will not.

Children—5 years old to 4th grade—are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 215.

Parents may pick up children after worship from those locations.

**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.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Case James Wallace

### PRESENTATION

### QUESTIONS TO THE PARENT

Lindsey Wallace

### QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Case by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

**We do.**

Will you support Lindsey as she seeks to raise Case in the faith?

**We will.**

### RENUNCIATIONS

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

### THE BAPTISM

### LAYING ON OF HANDS

Please join me as we pray together for Case. Let us pray.

**Loving God, uphold Case by your Holy Spirit. Give him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.**

### WELCOME

Case James has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**Case, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

### HYMN OF WELCOME 482

*Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

### ANTHEM

*The Image of God*

Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Singers; Isaac Jones, violin

Susan Bentall Boersma

*In the beginning God shaped and formed you. You are skillfully and wonderfully made. You are the image of your Creator. In every part of you His likeness is displayed. Life flows from life and love from loving; gifts of the Father by nature and by grace. A heart made glad, a soul unshaken; unbounded joy, in every breath a song of praise. For His own purpose, God shaped and formed you. You are His; you have a place within His plan. You are the image of your Creator. Your past and future are secure within His hand.*

## RECOGNITION OF THE CLASS OF 2025

Randi Elaine Lancaster and Luke Bryan Miller

### GRADUATION LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: We are gathered together to celebrate a milestone in the lives of members of our community.

**People: Randi and Luke, we give thanks to God for all that you have achieved in knowledge and wisdom and the exciting ways, yet to come, that you will learn and grow in mind and spirit.**

Leader: As you begin another phase of life that will likely take you to both imagined and unimagined places, we hope that you remember the ones in this place, who have loved and supported you throughout the years.

**People: We give you blessings of good will and love as you journey forth. We thank God for the laughter and fellowship that you have shared with us. We thank God for the joy we have experienced watching you grow in faith, love, and stature.**

Leader: Use your memories of what you have learned in this place as a beacon to guide you on your path. Look back fondly, but continue only forward—always looking for God's next new thing in your life.

**People: We thank God for relationships you have made with brothers and sisters in Christ here and pray that God will give you opportunities and determination to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord for the families and homes into which these graduating seniors were born and have been nurtured. Let us give thanks for our children and our parents, our homes and families where we learn to grow and experience all the wonders of this life.

**People: We thank you Lord for your leading, your encouragement, and your gifts of educators, teachers, friends, and neighbors who have helped and encouraged us in the opportunities of life.**

**All: Loving God, we give you thanks that your Holy Spirit is with them as they go and will strengthen them as they take on new responsibilities in this world. Give them, and us, faith and encouragement as we try to be your servants who live in joy and thankfulness for all we have received. Amen.**

### RESPONSE

*The Peace of God*

John Rutter

Sanctuary Singers

*The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.*

DUET

*Laudamus Te*

Antonio Vivaldi

Cady Lewis, soprano & Jennifer Coffman, mezzo-soprano from *Gloria* RV 589  
(Sung in Latin) *We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee.*

ANTHEM

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Conrad Kocher

Sanctuary Ringers

arr. Kevin McChesney

(Hymn 14) *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

ANTHEM

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Tom Fettke

Sanctuary Singers

(Paraphrase of Psalm 8) *When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers, the moon and stars suspended in space:  
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower  
than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. Oh, what is  
man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens.  
O Lord, our God; little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia!*

SOLO

*Adagio from Violin sonata in F major*

George Frederic Handel

Isaac Jones, violin

## We Respond to God's Word

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
The forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN 641

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

Sanctuary Ringers

arr. Dan R. Edwards

(Hymn 803) *My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.*

## 641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified



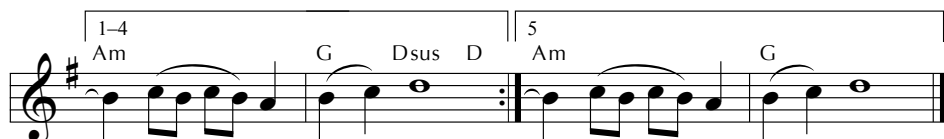
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,  
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found  
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night  
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,  
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,  
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,  
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?  
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found  
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:  
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Written to supply this tune with words suitable for occasions celebrating music, this text explores how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convey new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, how Jesus relied on the psalms, and how sound can be praise.

## OFFERING

### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

(Collection plates are located by the doors as you exit the Sanctuary.)

### OFFERTORY

*Gratitude*

Brandon Lake, Dante Bowe

Ronn Burton, baritone

and Benjamin Hastings

*All my words fall short; I've got nothing new. How could I express all my gratitude? I could sing these songs, as I often do, but every song must end, and You never do. So I throw up my hands and praise you again and again, because all that I have is a hallelujah.*

*And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king except for a heart singing, "Hallelujah." I've got one response,*

*I've got just one move: with my arms stretched wide I will worship you. Come on, my soul, don't you get shy on me.*

*Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs. Get up and praise the Lord!*

### \*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.***

***Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;***

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.***

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## We Go in God's Name

### \*HYMN 546

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter C. Lutkin

Sanctuary Singers

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you; and give you peace, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

### \*POSTLUDE

*Grand Chorus Dialogue*

Eugène Gigout

**Give to  
FPC today!**





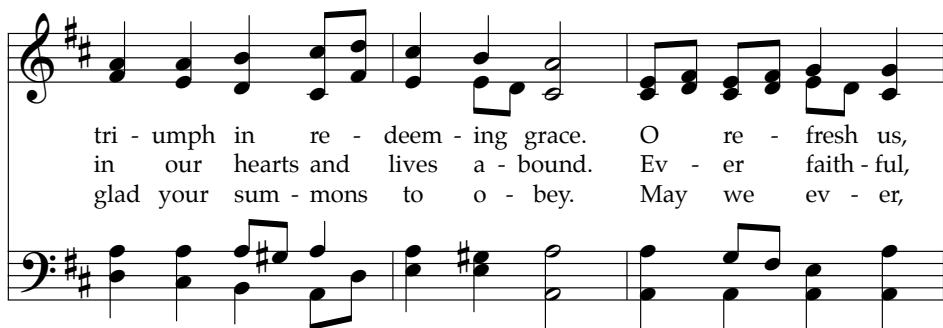
## 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

## Today

### Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (9:30 a.m.)
- Builders | Room B-8 (9:45 a.m.)
- High School | Youth Lounge (9:45 a.m.)
- Middle School | Room B-10 (9:45 a.m.)
- Children | Room 213 (9:45 a.m.)

### Coffee & Cookies Fellowship | 9:30-10:55 a.m.

Coffee, cookies, and fellowship are available in the Reception Center every Sunday before worship!

### Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

### Graduate Recognition Lunch | 12:00 p.m.

After the worship service, we'll gather in Watchorn Hall to enjoy a delicious meal organized by Junebug Catering and celebrate our recent graduates!

**Menu:** Lemon Chicken, Greek Orzo Salad, Biryani, and Loukoumades

## Upcoming Events

### Individual Prayer & Evensong Worship — Wednesdays | 5:00 & 5:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesdays for individual meditation and prayer at 5:00 p.m., followed by an Evensong service from 5:30–6:00 p.m. Evensong is a short worship service, featuring sung psalms, readings, and prayers, offering a period of respite and contemplation after the workday, to help transition into the restful night.

**After the service, we'll have a time of fellowship in the Reception Center from 6:00-6:30 p.m.**

### Free Yoga Class — Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m.

Our Free Yoga Class is available weekly on Wednesdays! Angela Rose leads the hour-long class in the Rec Room in the basement. All skill levels are welcome.

### Pentecost Worship — Sunday, June 8 | 11:00 a.m.

Easter is a season. Each year we celebrate the resurrection throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter. During this season, we remember Christ's rising from the tomb, his appearances, his ascension, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This is intended to be the most festive period of the church year. During the celebration of Pentecost, we will honor the gift of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us to bear witness to the resurrection, by partaking in communion.

## **Urban Mission Annual Golf Scramble — Monday, June 9 | 7:00 a.m.**

Sign up now to reserve your spot and save the date! Register your foursome together or let The Urban Mission put you on a winning team. Prizes include a RedView rangefinder, a Caribbean cruise, and even a 25k prize!

Registration is \$125 per person. All proceeds from this event go to benefit The Urban Mission's programs, which support Oklahomans in need. Register at [tinyurl.com/urbanmissiongolf25](https://tinyurl.com/urbanmissiongolf25).

## **Reserve the Third — Saturday, June 21 | 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Join the Reserve the Third Crew as we volunteer with *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*, an organization dedicated to building and delivering beds to kids in need. We'll be working at Crossroads Mustang, where volunteers will cut, sand, and drill wood to create beds for local families.

**To RSVP or learn more, contact Jim Tack at [jtack@robertsonwilliams.com](mailto:jtack@robertsonwilliams.com).**

APRIL 21-JUNE 8, 2025

## A FOUNDATION OF FAITH

established during  
childhood through  
young adulthood  
helps ensure lifelong  
faith and service.  
When you give to the  
Pentecost Offering,  
you are helping to  
provide opportunities  
for young people to  
grow and share in  
their faith in Christ.



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You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by the Pentecost Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700.

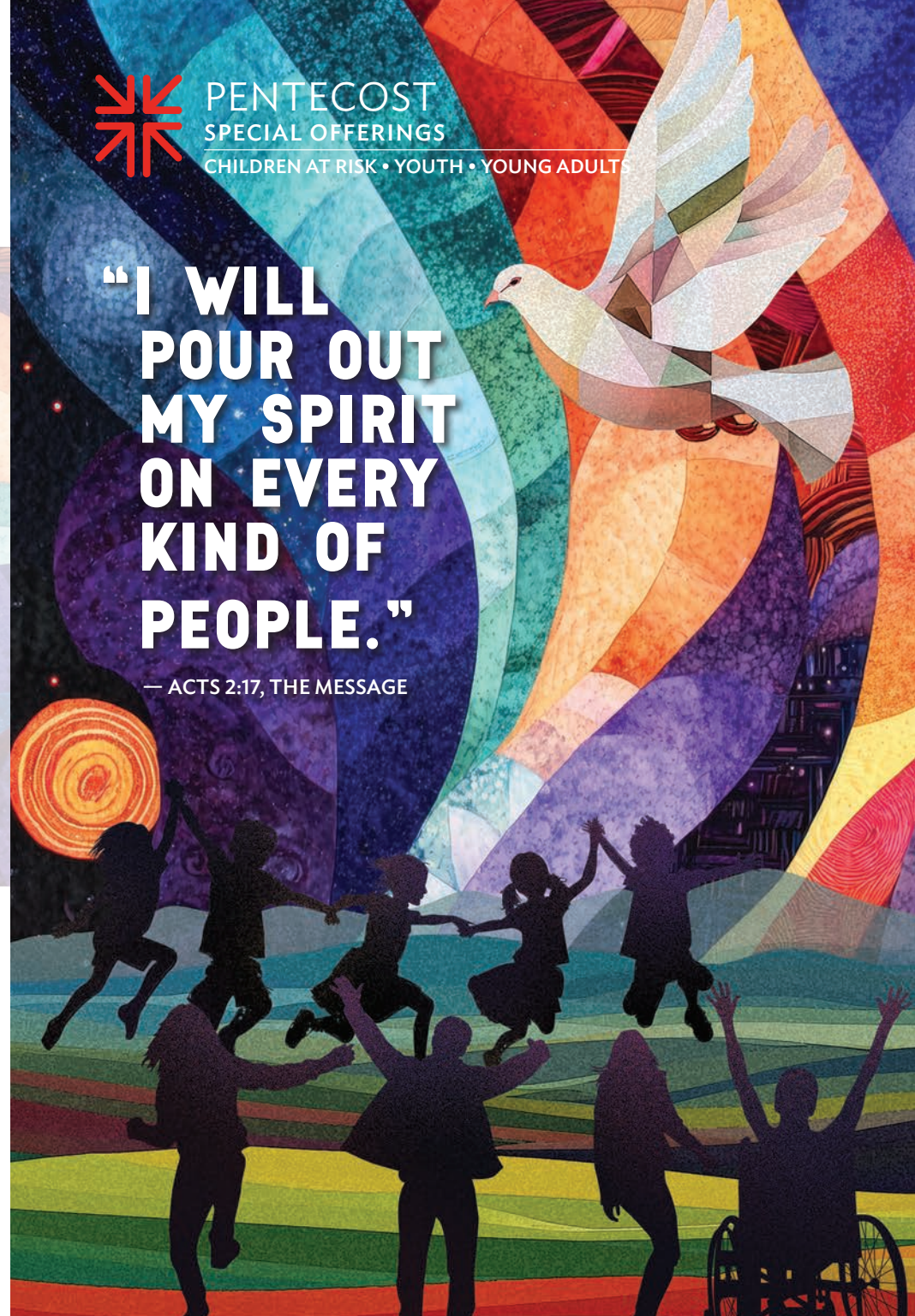


The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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**“I WILL  
POUR OUT  
MY SPIRIT  
ON EVERY  
KIND OF  
PEOPLE.”**

— ACTS 2:17, THE MESSAGE



Uniting Presbyterians in support of young people sharing their faith, ideas and gifts with the Church and the world.



*“Please give generously to the Pentecost Offering because it’s important that young people like me are given the resources we need to thrive within the church.”*

— Grack Blackstock, Presbyterian Youth Triennium Worship Ministry Team Member, Denver, Colorado

Held every three years, the Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a gathering that draws over 3,000 high-school-age youth, youth leaders and young adults from the U.S. and internationally for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach, and faith formation. The 2025 event will be held July 28–31 in Louisville.



GREGG BREKKE



YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS

The Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program is a faith-based year of service in sites across the U.S. and around the world that has been changing the lives of young people ages 19–30 for nearly three decades. YAVs work with local agencies to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation while exploring the meaning of their Christian faith.

*“Our slogan, ‘A year of service for a lifetime of change,’ is really true. I love the way the young adults are ‘transformed’ through their service.”*

— Destini Hodges, coordinator of the YAV program

## “I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT”

Through our gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we join together to support the faith of young people all around the world who enrich the Church with their creativity and vibrancy. We are there to work to correct the lack of access to education for children-at-risk, nurture the faith and vocation of youth and create space for young adults to explore and grow as leaders in Christ’s church.

This Offering helps our young people begin life with a strong start in the years from childhood through young adulthood that will last a lifetime.

40%

STAYS WITH YOUR  
CONGREGATION  
to support ministries  
with children, youth,  
and young adults.

25%

SUPPORTS YOUNG  
ADULT VOLUNTEERS  
(YAV), serving in communities  
around the world, and  
growing as leaders  
through transformative  
Christian service.

25%

SUPPORTS  
MINISTRIES  
WITH YOUTH  
including the  
Presbyterian Youth  
Triennium.

10%

IS DEVOTED TO  
CHILDREN AT-RISK  
and supports to improve  
education and provide  
safe havens.

## WON'T YOU JOIN US?

Please give generously...  
for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.