Quarterly Resources Preview 2025

All your favorite resources in one place.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Typically received on Easter Sunday, which this year falls on April 20, the annual Offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. All three programs work to serve individuals and communities in need to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Find resources here on our new website, including worship, curriculum, and minutes for mission. All resources and information for Offering interpretation are present, just organized a bit differently. If you can't find something you are looking for, email us at special.offerings@pcusa.org. Special Offerings dates and seasons in 2025 are available on our website.

Cultivating Community

NEW: A youth-led community garden activity

Community gardens in Presbyterian congregations foster spiritual growth, leadership, environmental awareness, and social responsibility among church members of all ages and local communities.

This activity through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is designed to inspire and engage entire congregations through the creation of a community garden. The garden provides a way for all ages to connect with the earth, each other, and their faith while growing food, flowers, and relationships. It can begin at your church and then extend to your community, providing a nutritious bounty to members and those in your community.

Visit <u>presbyteriangifts.org/cultivatingcommunity</u> to learn how to get started and to download free resources.

PAM Worship & Music Conference: "Clothed In Love"

Join musicians and worship leaders for the most widely attended annual conference of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) denomination, June 15–20 and June 22–27, 2025, at the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina! Together, we will create music, learn, and worship. Your participation is an investment in the dynamic growth of our denomination as we explore the promising future together. Register now at presbymusic.org/conference.

What's new for the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium?

Check out the information sheet for the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Learn what is new for 2025 — including a new model for groups and two options for young adults! It also includes dates, cost, and how to connect with the National Registrar. This is a great promo piece for your youth, church, or mid council, and a concise way to learn more about the event in July! Get connected today: presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2024/11/PYT-2025-Info-Sheet-Printable-At-Home-1.pdf.

Invitation to the Vital Congregations Initiative

We are recruiting congregations for the Vital Congregations Initiative 2.0, designed for church leaders. This program offers growth and connection through group and individual coaching sessions. It supports leaders in creating clear visions and strategies for their congregations. The initiative provides tailored support, experienced leaders, and monthly meetings to address unique church challenges. Accessible to all with minimal financial obligations, we invite you to join us. For more information, email vitalcongregations@pcusa.org. Also available in Spanish.

Stony Point Center's 75th Anniversary and Social Justice Summit

Recognizing 75 years of service, Stony Point Center is hosting both a celebration of its history & a social justice summit. The anniversary festivities include stories, music, and images on Fri. evening, a gala on Sat. and worship/dedication of a memorial grove on Sun. From 10-6 on Sat. the social justice summit will help inspire, equip, & connect the current congregations and organizations who use this space. Primary topics include Racism & Immigration, Gender Justice, Poverty & Housing. Portions of the weekend will be streamed.

More: https://bit.ly/3WQeQMF

Reimagining & Reinventing Church Property

Explore these exciting resources from the Office of Innovation of the Interim Unified Agency (PC[USA]) designed to help churches transform property for mission:

- The Good Futures Accelerator gamifies interactive discernment for churches exploring social enterprise.
- "How-to" guides address essential considerations: partnership, development, rental, and tax information.
- Affordable Housing and Social Enterprise Inventories provide connections and inspiration for PC(USA) churches and presbyteries innovating with property.

Learn more: <u>pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/innovation/good-futures-accelerator.</u>

Coming November 2025: A mid council leader gathering on developing robust strategies for property reinvention and land stewardship. Stay tuned!

Around the Table Cohorts

Around the Table is a transformative initiative within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that nurtures Christian faith in children and youth by sharing our story and God's at home and in community. Through coaching, resources, and cohort learning, we equip faith leaders, parents, and caregivers to foster intergenerational faith formation and spiritual growth in God through Jesus Christ. New cohorts for faith leaders who support children and youth begin in fall 2025. Click HERE for more details. The deadline to apply is May 2. For more information, contact christian.formation@pcusa.org. Available in English, Korean, and Spanish.

Mission resources available for congregations

Whether you are planning a short-term mission trip, establishing a mission partnership, or evaluating your congregation's mission involvement, the

PC(USA) has resources to equip you as you prepare for, engage in, and reflect on God's mission. Visit <u>pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/world-mission/mission-resources</u>. Available in English, Korean, and Spanish.

Call to Worship

The Call to Worship Lectionary Companion offers lectionary-based worship and music resources for every Sunday and festival in the Christian year. Three thematic issues per volume address current topics in liturgy, music, preaching, and the arts, such as Collaboration, Liturgy in Times of Crisis, and Shared Space. A print plus online subscription is \$48 per year; an online-only subscription is \$40. New subscribers may use the coupon code 5offCTW to receive a \$5 discount. Visit calltoworshipjournal.org to learn more or subscribe.

Tread Lightly for Lent

The Presbyterian Hunger Program strives to walk with people in moving toward sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and Creation. We must commit to treading lightly on God's Earth. In Lent, we slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. Our hope is that this Lenten calendar will be the beginning of actions intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year. Visit pcusa.org/treadlightly. Available in English and Spanish.

Interactive Christian education and ministry catalog

Including Christian education options for all ages in your congregation, plus books for Advent and Lent, group study, children's ministry, preaching, and leadership, this interactive catalog provides a one-stop research tool for you and other leaders. Korean- and Spanish-language resources are also included. Visit indd.adobe.com/view/e0229603-67b8-4c71-b69c-f93439ed74ed. Available in English, Korean, and Spanish.

Upcoming Special Emphasis Days March

Celebrate the Gifts of Women (March 16, 2025)

<u>Self-Development of People Sunday</u> (March 16, 2025)

Justice Advocacy Sunday (March 16, 2025)

Mr. Rogers Day (March 20, 2025)

April

Matthew 25: Building Vital Congregations Sunday (April 6, 2025)

International Roma Day (April 8, 2025)

Black Maternal/Birthing Health Week (April 11–17, 2025)

Palm/Passion Sunday (April 13, 2025)

International Day of Farmers' Struggles (April 17, 2025)

Maundy Thursday (April 17, 2025)

Good Friday (April 18, 2025)

Easter Vigil (April 19, 2025)

Easter Day/Resurrection (April 20, 2025)

Easter Season begins (April 20, 2025)

Earth Day (April 22, 2025)

Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day (April 24, 2025)

May

Mental Health Awareness Month begins (May 1, 2025)

Foster Care Month begins (May 1, 2025)

National Day of Prayer (May 1, 2025)

May Friendship Day (May 2, 2025)

Older Adult Week begins (May 4, 2025)

Legacy Giving Sunday (May 4, 2025)

National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous

<u>Women, Girls</u>, and <u>Two-Spirit People</u> (May 5, 2025)

Holocaust Remembrance Day (May 6, 2025)

Fair Trade Day (May 10, 2025)

Mother's Day (May 11, 2025)

Palestinian Nakba Remembrance Day (May 15, 2025)

Mission Worker Sunday (May 18, 2025)

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday (May 18, 2025)

Africa Day (May 25, 2025)

Memorial Day (May 26, 2025)

Ascension of the Lord (May 29, 2025)

June

Intercultural Church Sunday (June 1, 2025)

1001 New Worshiping Communities (June 1, 2025)

National Gun Violence Awareness Day (June 6, 2025)

Pentecost (June 8, 2025)

Trinity Sunday (June 15, 2025)

Father's Day; Presbyterian Men (June 15, 2025)

Juneteenth (June 19, 2025)

World Refugee Day (June 20, 2025)

Season of Prayer and Reflection in the Korean Peninsula (June 25–Aug. 15, 2025)