



December 2025 Issue

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Foothills Presbytery Area Highlights:

1. Celebrating that after faithful discernment and conversation, Foothills Presbytery has entered a new Covenant Partnership with **One Community Church (Greenville)** to lease the Nicholtown Church property. This partnership is a beautiful continuation of ministry in the Nicholtown neighborhood — a way of keeping that sacred space alive with worship and community outreach.

2. A new "**worshipping community**" called **Re:Center** is developing in Greenville, described as a Christian organization with a focus on helping those in need. This includes programs for preventing and rehabilitating homelessness, providing free meals, and offering biblical teaching and counseling. The organization is building a new campus that will serve as a hub for worship, outreach, and ministry. See Video

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tjOBdgDm1BBcbf3IO6BHq3awj8v17Vak/view>

Re:Center's mission and programs

- Mission: To reconcile people to God, family, and community.
- Programs: Focus on helping the homeless, including prevention, rehabilitation, and relief.
- Activities: Offer free meals, biblical teaching, and counseling.

New campus development

- Goal: To establish a vibrant "Center of Influence" for worship, outreach, and ministry.
- Features: The new campus will include a worship center, multi-purpose spaces for all generations, and dedicated areas for community engagement.
- Timeline: The new campus is expected to begin being used in 2026, following a final fundraising push.

How the community is involved

- Volunteering: Opportunities exist to work alongside the LifeChange program, create a hospitable environment, collect supplies, and share God's Word.

- Donations: The organization accepts donations of personal toiletries, cleaning supplies, and other essentials.
- Contact: Those with ideas are encouraged to contact Re:Center Ministries.

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“He’d Come Here”

based on a story written by Harriett Richie

2025 Christmas Pageant

December 21, 2025, 10:15 a.m.



North Anderson Community Church Presbyterian

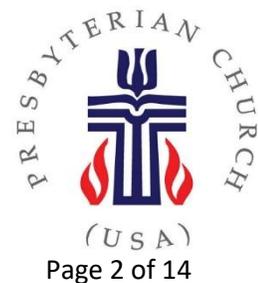


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Anderson, SC 29626
www.naccpchurch.org**

***Reformed & Always Being Reformed* - Presbyterian Church
(U.S.A.)**

<https://pcusa.org/>

<https://pcusa.org/daily/devotion>



What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?
Author *Micah 6:8 (NRSV)*

Environment

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) believes that caring for the earth is an integral part of our faith. Through education and advocacy efforts across various ministries, and the policymaking of the General Assembly, we support economic, environmental, and missional decisions that reflect our values.

Presbyterians are concerned about the devastating effects of climate change. We acknowledge that people living on the margins are often the most impacted by displacement, property damage, and other climate-related harms, and that powerful entities have been significant contributors to global warming. The church has social witness policy on issues related to the environment and engages with an array of groups to promote socially responsible practices and behavior.

Mission Responsibility Through Investing with Faith-Based Investing and the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy are two PC(USA) groups leading the church's response to climate change. The Presbyterian Hunger Program supports the 300+ PCUSA congregations who are certified as [Earth Care Congregations](#), provides preaching/teaching/study resources on climate and other environmental issues, partners with grassroots Presbyterian environmental networks, and connects issues of climate and environment to issues of hunger, poverty, racial and gender justice.

Join us in promoting environmental justice and sustainable living as an expression of our discipleship and commitment to God's creation.

The program of Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns accompanies all who wish to reflect on, live out, and act on economic and environmental decisions as part of our faith and values. We create and provide resources and presentations for reflection on economic and environmental justice issues, including environmental racism. We offer avenues for living in a more justice-focused economy, such as fair trade coffee and palms, and for connecting earth care and Christian worship through Earth Day Sunday and Tread Lightly for Lent resources. Finally, we act via taking the Climate Care Challenge, becoming a Climate Ambassador, signing up for Action Alerts, or accompanying our congregation in becoming an Earth Care Congregation.

Embodying, Equipping & Investigating

Embodying practices that bring about active transformation like:

- Taking the [Climate Care Challenge](#)
 - Participating in the [Blessed Tomorrow Ambassador training](#)
 - Certifying your congregation as an [Earth Care Congregation](#)
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Equipping Presbyterians to make informed, faithful choices through:

- Empowering participation in [Fair Trade](#) like the Coffee Project and [Eco-Palms](#)
 - Providing resources that encourage contemplation about our role in the world, including ecumenical [Earth Day Sunday worship materials](#) & [Tread Lightly for Lent](#)
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Investigating environmental and economic inequities through:

- Providing resources and presentations on economic & [environmental justice issues](#) to consider as part of our daily choices & lives, including [environmental racism](#)
- Writings that lift up a variety of voices on those issues via our [Eco-Journey Blog](#)

Get Involved

[Climate Change](#)

[Earth Day Sunday](#)

[Become an Earth Care Congregation](#)

[Blessed Tomorrow](#)

[Eco-Journey Blog](#)

[Make a "carbon offset" by supporting the Tree Fund](#)

[Presbyterians for Earth Care \(PEC\)](#)

<https://presbyearthcare.org/>



2025 Advent Daily Devotional

NOW AVAILABLE

New Daily Advent Devotions based on the Revised Common Lectionary texts from Creation Care Perspectives: We hope this devotional will help preachers, lectionary Bible study groups, families and individuals with new insights on these beloved texts during this special season. We hope the devotions will inspire more people help care for God's creation in these challenging times. Thank you to all of

those who wrote and contributed to this year's devotional!

PEC has partnered with [Red Presbiteriana Para el Cuidado de la Creación](#) as a collaboration with both English and Spanish Advent Devotionals to share. Both translations are available on the PEC website. [CLICK HERE](#) or the buttons below to view or download your copies in both languages today.

Ten Ways to Help Promote the Creation Care Advent Devotionals:

- 1. Send a link to its online posting to family and friends with a description about it.**
- 2. Ask to include the description and link in your church's weekly email.**
- 3. Include a sample from it in your congregation's Advent devotional.**
- 4. Read a devotion in Sunday worship and/or ask preacher to include it in their sermon.**
- 5. Have a week's PEC devotions available each week for those who do not use computers.**
- 6. Give printed copies (or email) to homebound members.**
- 7. Email copies to college students.**
- 8. Share with it with local environmental groups in your area.**
- 9. Read it at Bible and PW groups.**
- 10. Encourage its use by your church's prayer chain.**

[CLICK HERE for English Devotional](#)

[HACER CLIC AQUÍ para Devocionario en Español](#)

National Council of Churches of Christ - Eco-Justice Program Office

<http://www.creationjustice.org/>



JUSTICE FOR GOD'S PLANET
AND GOD'S PEOPLE

Advocacy

Action Rooted in Faith

At Creation Justice Ministries, we believe that advocacy is an act of faith. In a time of ecological crisis and moral urgency, we equip Christian communities to take bold action for God's creation. Through our monthly action center, policy alerts, and grassroots advocacy network, we provide opportunities to engage with timely legislative and regulatory issues—ranging from public lands and clean water to ocean protection and a just energy transition.

Whether you are ready to contact your elected officials, organize your congregation, or testify at a public hearing, we offer the tools, training, and theological grounding to turn faith into action. Join us in shaping policies that reflect our deepest values of justice, stewardship, and love for all creation.

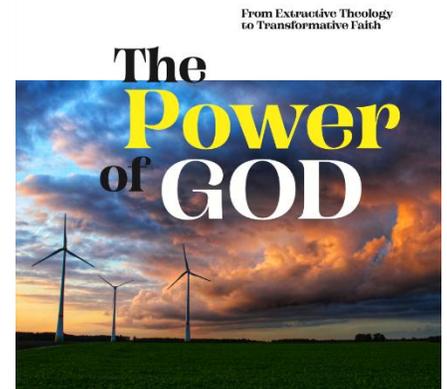
VISIT OUR ACTION CENTER

<https://www.creationjustice.org/truthhealingrepair.html>

Newest Resource: The Power of God Earth Day 2026

"The Power of God: From Extractive Theology to Transformative Faith emerges at a critical moment in the story of creation and church. As Christians living through cascading ecological crises, this is a moment we might rediscover and reimagine how God's power moves through all of creation — from the mighty cedars to the smallest fungi, from raging floods to gentle rains, from electrons moving through our power lines to the quiet energy that flows through every living cell."

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**Frontera
de
Cristo**

<https://fronteradecristo.org/>

Order Your Café Justo Photo Book

THE CAFÉ JUSTO PHOTO BOOK is still available! Order yours now and learn about the founding families who brought the dream to fruition, and the process of growing coffee from seed to cup. It will give you a new appreciation for your morning cup of coffee!



Read about the benefits of Café Justo in the community and the unique ways some of their customers sell and serve the coffee. Get a glimpse of the activities that make the Café Justo y Más coffee shop a place for creativity, comfort, and camaraderie in Agua Prieta. And reminisce over photos of the fabulous 20th anniversary celebration.

The photo book is just \$20. **Or you can buy a box of 12 for \$200.** Shipping is included. Just scan the QR code above or [click here to order online](#), download this [order form](#) to pay by check.

Love Mercy, Do Justice, Order Coffee



FRONTERA DE CRISTO AND CAFÉ JUSTO CREATED the "Love Mercy, Do Justice" (*Amar Misericordia, Hacer Justicia*) initiative to provide coffee for migrant shelters along the southern border. Thousands of women and men each week are greeted with a cup of coffee, a meal, and vital medical attention when they are repatriated into Mexico. You can help support this effort with a donation to [Love Mercy, Do Justice](#).



In the mean time, why not [order some coffee for yourself today](#)? You will enjoy delicious 100% organic coffee cultivated, freshly roasted, and shipped by the Café Justo cooperative. **Online orders placed by Tuesdays at 8:00am Mountain Standard Time will be shipped the same week.** Scan the QR code to order online or download [this form](#) to order by mail



Jubilee House Community, Inc.

Jubilee House Community – Center for Development in Central America

<https://jhc-cdca.org/>



A close look at our Earth!

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>

For more than 26 years, Earth Observatory has been located at earthobservatory.nasa.gov. Now, as part of our next chapter, we are moving to a new home at science.nasa.gov/earth/earth-observatory. We have been working hard to migrate our content, and as of December 2, all new Image of the Day stories are being published exclusively at our new location.

We still have a few remaining items to transfer, but we expect to complete the move during the week of December 8, after which earthobservatory.nasa.gov will be turned off. All URLs will redirect at that time, so most of your existing bookmarks will point you to the correct pages. However, to ensure quick and seamless access, you can start now by updating your favorite bookmarks:

- [Earth Observatory Home](#)
- [Image of the Day](#)

- [Natural Events](#)

See you at science.nasa.gov/earth/earth-observatory/!

Latest Natural Event Images

(All of the links below will go to our new home at science.nasa.gov/earth/earth-observatory/)



A Direct Hit on Jamaican For

Hurricane Melissa left the island battered, but they won't stay

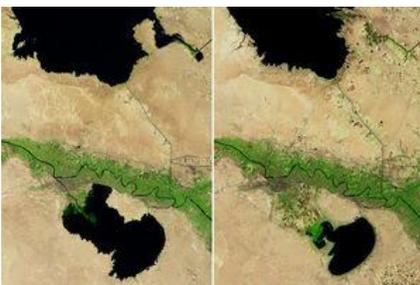
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Krasheninnikova Remains

The volcano on Russia's Kamchatka erupts after centuries of quiet

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Iraq Reservoirs Plunge to

A multi-year drought has forced managers in the Middle East to

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Reservoirs Dwindle in South Texas

Drought in the Nueces River basin is reducing reservoir levels, leaving residents and industry in the Corpus Christi area facing water shortages.

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<http://justiceunbound.org/>

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<https://www.amatteroffaithpodcast.com/>





MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

More Light Presbyterians' mission is to center and celebrate the lives, gifts, and leadership of LGBTQIA+ people in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and beyond. We accomplish this by igniting the prophetic witness of our ministry partners and by cultivating relationships rooted in mutual accountability and care. Together, we journey toward God's promised liberation and flourishing for all creation.

Welcome to More Light Presbyterians

More Light Presbyterians is a non-profit organization dedicated to allowing the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society. You are welcome here, and you are loved.

We seek to serve Christian communities and center God's abundance in all we do and all we are.

We are currently in a stage of transition and will be working on a brand-new website. In the meantime, you may contact us for more information or locate a congregation / campus ministry near you.

We would love to connect with you! Whether you are interested in starting a conversation on inclusion in your congregation, would like to have a More Light staff-member visit your church to preach or teach a class or workshop, or if you are looking for a resource and can't locate what you need, we'd love to hear from you.

<https://sites.google.com/mlp.org/tempsite/find-a-church-or-ministry>



COVENANT NETWORK
OF PRESBYTERIANS

<https://covnetpres.org/> Office Address: [Kansas City, MO 64109](#) Contact: [816-605-1031](tel:816-605-1031)

<https://covnetpres.org/find-a-church/>

info@covnetpres.org

Confident in God's hopeful future and grateful for the ever-widening welcome of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Covenant Network of Presbyterians seeks an equity still not fully realized for LGBTQIA+ people in church and society, by

- Engaging the church to invite all of God's children into safe and welcoming congregational spaces of affirmation, healing, dignity and purpose;
- Educating the church to expand our welcome of LGBTQIA+ people, to affirm their gifts for ordained office, and to uphold marriage equality for all; and
- Equipping the church to bear witness to justice through advocacy and activism at the international, national and local church levels; speaking a prophetic word in anxious and divided times; and standing with others in fighting hate and oppression against any of God's children.

The Covenant Network of Presbyterians calls the church to bear a unified witness to generous hospitality and faithful justice.

Interested in joining the Covenant Network of Presbyterians? By affirming the above statements, a church Session can make the decision to affiliate with our inclusive network of congregations. Executive Director Brian Ellison would love to answer any questions you may have and talk to you or your church's Session about this decision.

National Audubon Society (<http://www.audubon.org/>)

[Help Birds With Native Plants](#)

[Bird-Friendly Communities](#)
[Get to Know Native Plants](#)

Whether you're looking to attract birds to your home or increase your awareness outdoors, let this primer be your guide.

[Search our database to find native plants for your ZIP code »](#)

Audubon Society of South Carolina (<http://sc.audubon.org/>)

If you are stuck indoors and need a birdy-distraction, [For the Love of Birds](#) is a beautiful page filled with Audubon South Carolina's favorite bird photos, videos, and stories!



The *National Wildlife Federation* ~ <https://www.nwf.org/>

<https://www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/>

<https://www.nwf.org/en/Kids-and-Family/Connecting-Kids-and-Nature>

<https://www.scwf.org/>

Keep South Carolina Wild



“We will be known forever by the tracks we leave.”

This Native American saying conveys the importance of making decisions now to have a long-lasting positive impact for wildlife.

Contact Angi Fuller Wildt at 803-256-0670 or angi@scwf.org to learn more about smarter ways to give that benefit you now and build a legacy for the future!

Thank you for ensuring that we can continue our work to restore key habitats and advocate on behalf of wildlife well into the future.



National Environmental Education Foundation

<https://www.neefusa.org/>

<https://www.neefusa.org/nature/>

[Animal Migration Activity Guide](#)

Designed for elementary age kids, this activity guide can be used in a classroom or at home for fun and easy ways to learn about animal migration. [Read More](#)

[Resources and Opportunities](#)

Online accessibility to locate trails, parks, recreational facilities, etc:
See links: <https://upcountrysc.com/explore/>

https://www.trailink.com/?gclid=CjwKCAiAqIKNBhAIEiwAu_ZLDkxoXaDsNKo0_zubejkEHPIZpfmizNyOZDehbEIC7AIjQwyunrWOpXoCm-oQAvD_BwE

SC Health and Planning Tool Kit

<https://www.dph.sc.gov/sites/scdph/files/Library/SCHealthPlanningToolkit.pdf>

Want to find local produce and free range beef and chicken products, check out the website:

<https://certifiedsc.com/>

This website allows a search by SC county and type of products, other options as well. The Certified South Carolina program is an exciting cooperative effort among producers, processors, wholesalers, retailers and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) to brand and

promote South Carolina products. Our goal is for consumers to be able to easily identify, find and buy South Carolina products.

Join in on Facebook and Website

God has provided us with a vibrant world in which to live. He wants us to appreciate and take care of His Creation, which includes each of us as well!

<https://www.facebook.com/Stewardship-of-Creation-Foothills-Presbytery-SC-138564229544090/>



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