



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

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The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God. Even as we support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, God is calling new leaders for our Church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color — offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come.



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The Christmas Joy 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 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



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— MATTHEW 1:23

THE PERFECT GIFT.

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God saw the great needs of the world and offered a perfect gift, a gift that brought God and humanity closer together. God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ, offered the power of *being with* us. According to Matthew's Gospel, one of the names given to Jesus is Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

In Jesus, we receive the perfect gift of God *being with* us, and of being with those who were often overlooked, left out, vulnerable, or in need. What a powerful gift, a perfect gift, the gift of... *being with*.

This is one of the reasons we share gifts during Christmas. We, too, want to share the power of *being with* those we love and those in need, by offering gifts like those we give to the Christmas Joy Offering.

50%

of your gifts make it possible
for students to learn and grow in faith
at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges
equipping communities of color.

50%

of your gifts assists current and retired church workers
and their families with critical financial needs.

Because God is with us –

We see the potential of students of color who will become our leaders and we seek to come alongside them, to encourage them, to be with them. Because of gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, the Acabal children — Marco, Celeste and Luis — were able to attend the Menaul School, a Presbyterian-related secondary school equipping communities of color, with scholarships. Nearly 60% of students at the school need assistance.

Because of your gift –

We see church workers who have critical financial needs and we come alongside them, to assist. We are with them. Because of gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, Rev. Shelley Wiley was able to continue her ministry with help from her presbytery and the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions through a shared grant, after an accident left her unable to drive for six months.



IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.