



## Merry Christmas from Presbyterian Women (to a faithful Presbyterian woman!)

*"Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'" —Luke 2:9–11*

# "Good news of great joy," indeed.

As we celebrate these hope-filled days of Advent and the promise of a new year, let's also celebrate our PW ministry. Please enjoy this light but full-hearted carol that lifts up our mission of spreading "good news of great joy" through our PW ministry.

*Sing the words in bold to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" (and please excuse a bit of poetic license)—*

## On the twelfth day of Christmas celebrating our PW ministry, we lift up

### **12** months of PW, caring, working, nurturing

Presbyterian Women is at work in the world 12 months of the year, every day of the week; PW's annual fund (the Mission Pledge), makes so much of this work possible. As you consider year-end giving, please consider that the PW's annual fund does a lot of heavy lifting for our PW ministry.

### **11** Churchwide Gatherings

Since 1988, Presbyterian Women as a body have gathered together 11 times, to chart the course for the next triennium, meet, learn, celebrate, shop and discover. (The 2021 Churchwide Gathering will be the 12th Gathering and will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 5–8, 2021.) And yes, PW's annual fund makes Gatherings possible and registration fees reasonable.

### **10** committees working

PW at the national level represents PW at the local level! The following 10 committees (with a bit of creative math) on PW's national board discern how PW can bring good news to the world: Administration, Communications Coordination, Finance, Inclusive Community, Justice and Peace, Mission Relationships, Personnel, Racial Equity, Search and Stewardship.

### **9** Bible study lessons

*Horizons* is an award-winning Bible study written by and for Presbyterian women. Offered in several editions and over many years, *Horizons* Bible studies offer so much to so many. Your gifts of participation in the study as well as your gifts to PW's annual fund make possible the publishing ministry of PW.

### **8** community builders

PW builds community; that's part of our PW Purpose! Communication about PW's numerous and diverse happenings, doings and concerns can be found in (1) *Horizons* magazine and Bible study (2) PW's quarterly newsletter; (3) PW eblasts; (4) [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org); and PW's social media outlets—(5) Facebook; (6) Twitter; (7) YouTube and (8) Instagram.

### **7 (+2)** years incorporated

Yes, more creative math! At the national level, incorporation gave Presbyterian Women the flexibility to operate as needed and allows for good stewardship of PW funds.

### **6** issues of *Horizons*

Published six times a year—at a subscription rate of just \$24.95!—*Horizons* offers amazing content on a range of themes and topics, plus Bible study resources, devotions, and PW news.

### **5** USA Mission Experiences

Every three years, a group of Presbyterian Women learn about our sisters and brothers throughout the world, as part of PW's Global Exchange. The USA Mission Experience is the domestic mission exchange of PW, where women connect concerns of previous Global Exchanges (of which there are 18) to U.S. concerns. There have been five USA Mission Experiences—the Finger Lakes region of New York (2019), San Francisco Bay Area, Appalachia, South Dakota, and the U.S.-Mexico border.

### **4** ways to give

There many ways to give to PW, but this adapted Christmas carol asks us to consider four. You can give to the PW's annual fund (1) in your circle; (2) online at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) with your credit card or; (3) by mailing your check to Presbyterian Women, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. (4) Third party gifts and estate planning are also encouraged!

### **3** faithful logo women

The three figures in our PW logo represent each of us in our faithful walk as Presbyterian Women. They stand in openness, energy and in peace with themselves and with one another. The circle represents the church worldwide.

### **2** annual offerings

PW's Birthday and Thank Offering grants provide vital funds to projects around the world and close to home. Other PW programs that offer funding include Honorary Life and Recognition/Memorial Gifts, which provide funding for Leadership Development Grants.

### And finally . . .

### **1** body, 1 Spirit

As PW, we live as "one body, one spirit." We are both "the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Cor. 12:12 and 27).

Let us go forth into 2020 with confidence, faith and hope, knowing that what we do brings God's light to the world. As you consider year-end giving, please consider making a gift to Presbyterian Women to support PW's celebration-worthy ministries.

Mail your check (with YE2019 in the notes line) **Presbyterian Women, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652** or give online at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/give](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/give).