

The Dandelion Path

Resilient, Rooted, Responsive

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"But if God so clothes the grass
of the field, . . .
how much more will [God] clothe you!"
—Luke 12:28

Consider (to casual observers) the humble dandelion. In certain latitudes, springtime also means dandelion time, when the sunny, lion-mane-like flowers emerge triumphant. Dandelions are undaunted and bloom wherever their seeds take root. These resilient plants equally thrive in cheerful meadows, frosty snowdrifts and cracked sidewalks. Dandelions evolve. Within their short life cycle, they quickly adapt and transform from flower to fluffy seed cap. Dandelions are generous. From root to bud, dandelions are fully edible and provide nutrient-rich nourishment for people and pollinators alike.

"The dandelion does not stop blooming because it is told it is a weed." This needlepoint-worthy quote speaks to the dandelions' instinct to put down deep roots despite challenges—they bloom where they are planted. Looking at it from a lens of faith and fancy, dandelions take root in a way that is bold and unapologetic, living into God's good intention for their very existence. And dandelions thrive in community! It's rare to spot a solitary dandelion.

Your PW Legacy

Presbyterian women aren't dandelions, of course, but we do share the same creator, and let's face it, we'd probably look quite becoming in yellow hats! Beyond those similarities, both Presbyterian women and these sunny-crowned flowers live freely and boldly in service to God and creation. Through countless seasons, even over generations, Presbyterian women cultivate deep roots. And our rootedness—as articulated in the PW Purpose—provides the foundation and stability for

each of us and all of us to live in bold, unapologetic, generous and loving service to God, to neighbor and to our church.

How are you and your group thriving as Presbyterian women? Do you have a story to share about blooming boldly where you (your grandmother, friend, group) are or were planted? Legacy is more than memories but instead a living embodiment of good works. Legacy means tending the roots that provide structure and possibilities for today and tomorrow. How are you or your group supporting PW's legacies (for example, through Bible study, advocacy, supporting PW's historic grant programs, local mission, care and prayer) and what are your hopes for tomorrow's Presbyterian women?



PW Gives Day

July 31 is PW Gives Day, selected to commemorate the founding of today's Presbyterian Women. This day is set aside each year

to celebrate and support all that Presbyterian Women makes possible. For PW Gives Day 2026, prayerfully consider the legacies that you have inherited and see the next page for ways to strengthen the legacies you hope to build for tomorrow's Presbyterian Women.

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HOW TO SUPPORT (AND CELEBRATE!) PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ON PW GIVES DAY

Copy and share these "PW Gives" pages (also available to download from presbyterianwomen.org/pw Gives Day).

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Pray for PW as we bring the light of God to the world in need of care and hope.

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- Give securely by credit card or bank draft/e-check at presbyterianwomen.org/give and select PW Gives Day.
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