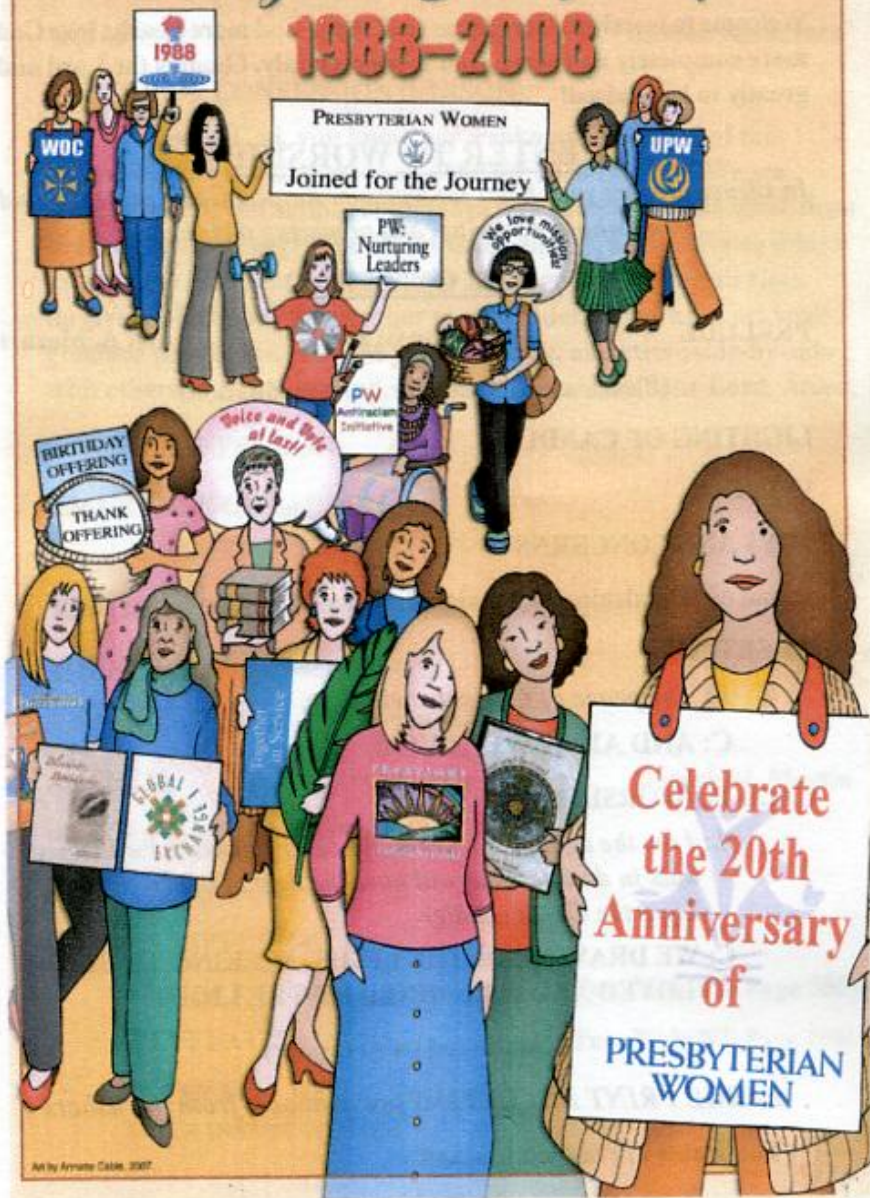


# Presbyterian Women

*Celebrating 20 Years of Purpose*

**1988-2008**



# BACON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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**September 14, 2008 Celebrating Women 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome to worship! Here let us seek to see God more clearly, love God more completely and serve God more certainly. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

## ENTER TO WORSHIP

*In silence prepare your heart for worship. Respect God's presence, and those who are praying, and preparing their hearts.*

## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "Andante Grazioso" W. A. Mozart  
(Please use this time for quiet meditation)

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**INTROIT**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Ritual of Friendship** (Please sign the attendance pad in the pew.)

**GREETING**

*L: The peace of Christ be with you.*

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*L: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."  
(Light the Christ candle)*

**C: WE DRAW NEAR THE LIGHT, SEEKING TO BE  
LOVED AND ILLUMINED BY THE LIGHT.**

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*LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers*

(\* ) Those able are invited to stand

*L: God of faithful women, throughout history you have raised up wise and strong women, even when human foolishness has tried to suppress women's spirits.*

**C: WE BLESS YOU, O GOD. AS A COMMUNITY OF WOMEN, WE PRAISE YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO US.**

**\*HYMN**

**341**

**“Blessed Assurance”**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Loving God, you know our weaknesses. Fearful of the future, we forget what you have done for us in the past. We see scarcity where you supply abundance. We complain when conditions challenge us. We begrudge others their success, allow envy to divide us, and live lives that are unworthy of the gospel. Generous God, forgive us. Help us to remember your wonderful works, trust your gracious provisions, seek out your presence, and strive side-by-side with others to serve you well. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**C: AMEN**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (PAGE 579 IN HYMNAL)**

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE**

**THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

**“Grant Us Peace”**

**Joseph M. Martin**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**C: AMEN**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**PSALM 105:1-6**

**(Pew Bible OT Page 556)**

**REVELATION 22:1-3**

**(Pew Bible NT Page 260)**

*L: This is the Word of the Lord*

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN RESPOND:**

*L: We have known the rivers.*

**PW: WE WERE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE “NORTHERN STREAM”. WE WERE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH IN THE “SOUTHERN STREAM”. DIVIDED BY AN ACT OF HUMAN HISTORY, OUR WATERS FLOWED IN SEPARATE STREAMS FOR A LONG TIME.**

*L: Yet, your love did not leave us alone. You were with us, guiding our flow. Our lives were touched by your living water, and our waters touched the lives of others, near and far, healing the sick and restoring the brokenhearted.*

**PW: THANKS BE TO GOD, THE WATER OF LIFE.**

*L: Twenty years ago, we responded to your yearning that we become one.*

**PW: OUR TWO STREAMS MET AND STARTED TO FLOW SIDE BY SIDE, AND THEN MORE, COMING TOGETHER, WE STARTED TO FLOW AS ONE RIVER. WE HAVE BECOME ONE, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN. ALLELUIA.**

**LUKE 1:46-55**

**(Pew Bible NT Page 57)**

*L: This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**C: PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN RESPOND: (UNISON)**

*L: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we lived out our faith over the last 20 years, nurturing our faith through prayer and Bible study, supporting the mission of the church worldwide, working for justice and peace, and building an inclusive community of women, to strengthen the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to witness to the promise of God’s kingdom.*

**PW: THANKS BE TO GOD, THE WATER OF LIFE.**

*L: Let us place symbols of our ministry through PW (and symbols of our hope for PW) on the river of life that flows from God in Christ.*

**PW: PRAISE BE TO GOD WHO CREATED US IN  
GOD'S IMAGE. PRAISE BE TO JESUS WHO CALLS  
US FRIENDS AND PARTNERS IN HIS MIISTRY.  
PRAISE BE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO LOVES US  
AS A GENTLE BREEZE, AND EMPOWERS US TO DO  
GOD'S MISSION AS A MIGHTY WIND.**

**WE ARE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN, AND WE  
COMMIT OURSELVES  
TO NUTURE OUR FAITH THROUGH PRAYER  
AND BIBLE STUDY,  
TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH  
WORLDWIDE,  
TO WORK FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE,  
AND TO BUILD AN INCLUSIVE, CARING  
COMMUNITY OF WOMEN THAT STRENGTHENS  
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) AND  
WITNESSES TO THE PROMISE OF GOD'S  
KINGDOM.**

**“PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S MESSAGE”**

**\*HYMN**

**482**

**“Praise Ye the Lord”**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**The Apostles Creed Ecumenical  
Translation, Hymnal page 14**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he  
descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended  
into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will  
come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY                    “Canon in the Sixth”                    G. W. Chadwick

\*DOXOLOGY (PAGE 592 IN HYMNAL)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN    359    “More Love to Thee”

## THE SENDING

*L: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, be with you.*

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU**

*L: Let us share a sign of Christ’s peace.*

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

(Tune To “Edelweiss”)

**May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever;  
Grant us peace, perfect peace, faith in every endeavor;  
Lift your eyes and see His face and His grace forever;  
May the Lord, Gracious Lord, bless and keep you forever.**

POSTLUDE    “Festal March”    Handel

## LEAVE TO SERVE

*Go into the world, share your faith and love for God and God’s people everywhere.*

**USHERS: Donna Griffith, Dorie McMillan,  
Fran Clements, Betty Robbins**

**DEACON OF THE MONTH: Betty Robbins**

**THE ROSEBUD** is dedicated to the birth of Sarah Louise Logar born September 3, 2008. Sarah is the Daughter of Michael and Carrie Logar. Sarah is also sister to big brother Mikey and Granddaughter to Barbara and Bernard Logar and Great granddaughter to Edith Krell.

**ATTENDANCE 9/14/08**

**“Let us not give up worshipping together, as some are in the habit, but let us encourage one another.” Hebrews 10:25**

Worship	62
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL “Rally Day”**

**Sunday, September 28, 2008**

**Come Join “Team Bacon” for our Annual Sunday School Rally Day. All are welcome! If you have any questions please contact the church office for more information.**

**OFFERING 9/14/08**

**“As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace,  
put your gifts at the service of one another,  
each in the measure he has received.” 1 Peter 4:10**

**Offering            \$1,764.50**



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

# CROP Hunger Walk



**Communities  
Responding to  
Overcome  
Poverty**

*October 5, 2008*

*If you would like to walk for the Crop Walk or sponsor someone walking please contact Kevin or Vicki Chambers 283-7715.*

**We walk because they walk:**

## **Quenching a thirst**

Hawa gets water in Geles, a village in the Darfur region of Sudan where the Action by Churches Together-Caritas coalition has provided wells and other services. While the CWS-supported coalition effort focuses primarily on the needs of people internally displaced by the widespread violence in Darfur, it is also assisting nearby villages, many of which are hosting uprooted families.

In the arid northwest of Kenya, 350 Turkana families in two villages are gaining clean water and sanitation facilities, with the help of the CWS Water for Life/Water for All program and a local partner. The people are providing the labor and some of the materials. The new wells will free up the women and girls from walking long distances to get water. Latrines and bathing cabins will help to prevent illness.

As a CROP Hunger Walker or sponsor, you help us reach out to children and families in Darfur, Kenya, and elsewhere with the gift of clean, fresh water and other empowering tools of hope.

## **A little help makes a big difference**

**\$25** – can provide blankets to a family of five displaced by violence or natural disaster

**\$45** – can provide 30 jerry cans to carry clean water for drinking and cooking

**\$150** – can buy a hundred chickens and two wire chicken coops, providing two families with a reliable source of eggs, protein, and income

**\$500** – can provide small start-up loans that enable women to jump-start a business, such as making school uniforms

**Together, we can make a difference!  
Join the CROP Hunger Walk or contribute to a Walker.**

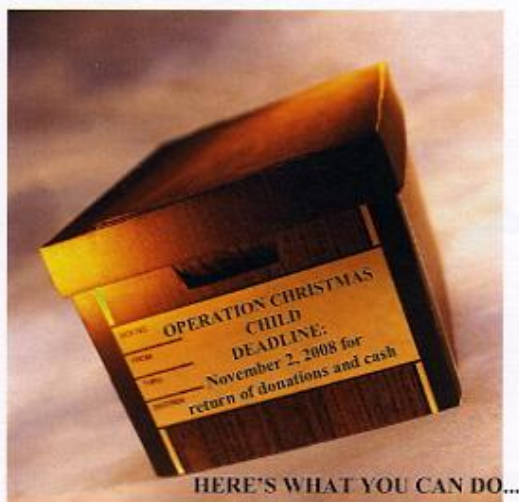


**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**

CWS/CROP Regional Office toll-free 888-CWS-CROP (888-297-2767)

[www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's Love. People of all ages can be involved in this simple hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.



#### **Option 1:**

Have a shoe box and fill it with all or any of the following items: small cars, balls, stuffed animals, harmonicas, yo-yo, toys that make noise, pens, pencils, sharpener, stamp and ink pad, paper, solar calculator, picture books, toothbrush, toothpaste, mild soap, comb, washcloth, hard candies, mints, gum, caps, sunglasses, hair clips, flashlights.

**Do not** donate used or damaged items, water guns, toy guns, knives, chocolate or food, liquids, medications, vitamins or any glass items.

Boxes can be geared to:

**Boys or Girls.** Ages: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years.

#### **Option 2:**

Donate a shoe box

#### **Option 3:**

\$7.00 to mail the boxes to children all over the world.

#### **Option 4:**

Enclose with your box or send a personal note with your donation written to a child with wishes. Photo of your family and an address can also be included.

Contact Carol Costantino with questions.