

## This Week in Presbyterian Public Witness

**WORLD PRIDE 2025 CALL TO ACTION: UNITED FOR JUSTICE, LIBERATION, JOY, AND LOVE.** The PC(USA)'s Advocacy Committee on LGBTQIA+ Equity has signed the 2025 World Pride Call to Action, calling for people of faith to work towards collective liberation. *"Let our faith be evident in the way we fight for each other, hold space for each other, and refuse to leave anyone behind."*

**MORAL MONDAY, JUNE 2,** Rev. Tony Larson, Co-Moderator of the General Assembly of the PC(USA) will participate in the Moral Monday public witness event organized by Repairers of the Breach. Tony writes, "This sacred action is a bold response to an immoral budget and unjust policies that harm the poor, women, children, and workers. Grounded in Micah 6:8 and the prophetic tradition of justice and mercy, we will stand together to say No to oppression and Yes to love, justice and the sacred dignity of all. ... What happens with this legislation is literally a life and death matter for many in our nation."

**JUBILEE 2025.** The Presbyterian Washington Office joined partners from Adat Shalom, U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bread for the World, United Church of Christ, Pax Christi, and the Jubilee USA Network to call for debt relief and changes to the financial system to end global poverty.

## Prayer for Wholeness

In the face of denials of love, destruction of lives,  
and deprivation of liberties, we pray to the God of Love  
to be renewed as angels of Compassion.

In the experiences of continuing oppressions,  
challenges of abuse and complicit silence,  
we pray to the God of Love  
to be renewed as angels of Courage.

In the midst of shame and suffering,  
doubts and despair, hurt and hate,  
we pray to the God of Love  
to be renewed as angels of Joy.

In the times when we feel alone,  
we pray to the God of Love  
to be renewed amid the company of saints,  
present and past;

In the times when we feel  
unappreciated, unseen, and unheard,  
remind us of who we are:  
beautiful children of God.

Give us the continued strength and voice to proclaim,  
"We are still here!"

## **This Week at SPC**

**TODAY! CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!** With the leadership of Christa Mastrangelo Joyce, our Director of Children and Youth Formation, and the support of their parents, Mileur Bailey, Evelyn Bailey, Hazel Hitt, and Joel Dillow will confirm their mission in the world and their membership in SPC. Essential to the journey has been intentional relationships with non-parental mentors in the congregation: Mary Ellen Lloyd, Sherry Sykes, Tasha Baihly, and Dave Smith. Please share your enthusiastic gratitude for these beloved members of our community!

**COMMUNION IN JUNE IS MOVED TO JUNE 8.** Because today's service is filled to the brim with PRIDE celebrations and receiving our confirmands into membership, our monthly celebration of the Sacrament of Communion is moved to June 8. Our Memorial Moment will also take place that day.

**BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AS A COMMUNION OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 8.** To be shared with the Shepherdstown Shares and Jefferson County Community Ministries food pantries. Please leave contributions any time in the two baskets under the communion table in the sanctuary. On communion Sundays, you will be invited to bring your donations to the table when you receive the communion elements. The Presbyterian Women's group will ensure the food gets delivered. **Current** suggested items for Shepherdstown Shares are: coffee, applesauce, pasta sauce, cat food (canned or dry).

**SAVE THE DATE: INFORMATIONAL SESSION ON THE LOCAL IMPACT OF THE BIG BILL MOVING THROUGH THE SENATE, Sunday, June 8, 9:30am - 10:30am.** Hosted by the Matthew 25 Initiative of SPC, this special Adult Ed session will bring panelists to discuss the impact of the "Big Bill" moving through the Senate on local health care, environment, hunger, and poverty concerns. Stay tuned for more information.

**"FINAL" SPC SUPPORT GROUP OF THE SEASON will meet Tuesday, June 3, 5:00 p.m.** We will take a hiatus for the summer and return, as needed, in the Fall. For the Zoom link, contact the church office. In the meantime, you are always encouraged to contact your Deacon directly and/or make an appointment through the church office to meet with Pastor Gusti.

**PENTECOST OFFERING will be collected through the month of June.** The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. The Pentecost Offering helps nurture the faith of children, youth, and young adults. Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities. The remaining 60% is remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**SUMMER MUSIC:** Sign up to present your selection in worship! Summer music sign up sheet is posted at the visitor table by the entrance to the sanctuary.