

 CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



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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A gift opens doors.

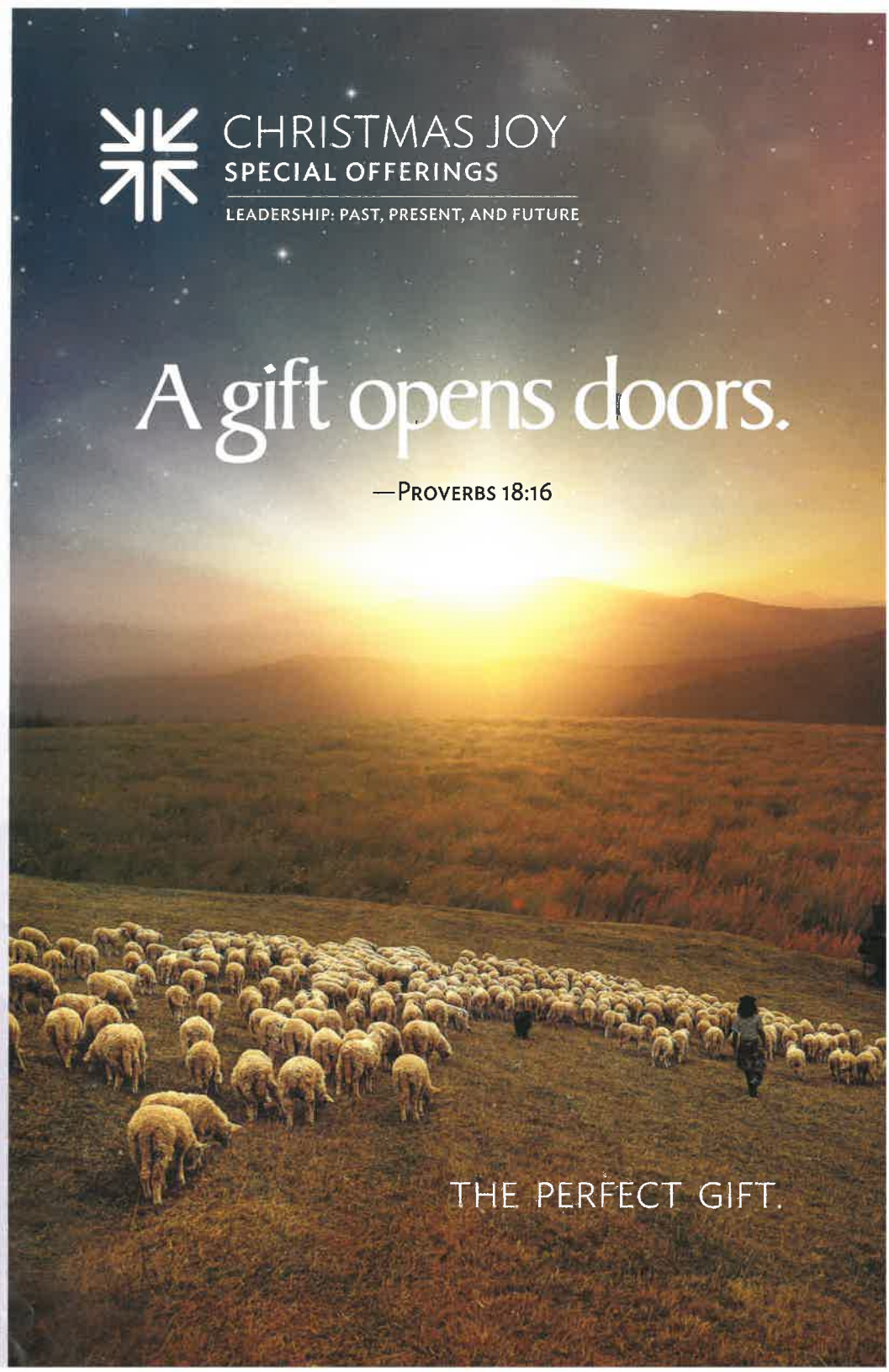
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THE PERFECT GIFT.

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

50%
of your gifts assists current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.



Rev. Jack Eisel spent a long career almost entirely in interim ministry. He served 15 interim pastorates over 25 years, in 12 different presbyteries throughout the western U.S. There God used his gifts to help congregations navigate through challenging and often difficult times. Then a time came when Jack and his wife Kate experienced their own difficult times because of circumstances beyond their control. The Income Supplement that the Eisel's receive from the Board of Pensions is making the difference between uncertainty and stability.

“Stability in retirement can be a weight lifted, and one that allows for retirees like Jack and Kate to live with emotional and financial flexibility.”

— Lucas McCool, Assistance Program Operations Manager, PC(USA) Board of Pensions

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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.

Stillman College, situated on a 105-acre campus in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. It was founded in 1876 by a group of Presbyterians led by the Rev. Dr. Charles Allen Stillman, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa, to become a training school for African-American ministers. Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering help Stillman provide scholarships to gifted and promising students like Johnnyqua Bevans and Rayondre Roberts, both from the Bahamas. Both students' dreams are now more than possible thanks to the gifts of generous Presbyterians.

“I think a lot of people may not realize how many lives they [Presbyterians] can affect just by their support. It's a simple fact when they give students a scholarship, especially those students who are really in need, it's the best thing that could happen to them. It changes their lives.”

— Rayondre Roberts

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...
FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

