

Christmas Joy Offering

A Presbyterian tradition for almost 70 years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It provides congregations ways of directly supporting specific causes that help those in need.

For many years, Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church has celebrated the offering with a special musical presentation given by our children's choirs. It is affectionately known as the "Joy Gift Program."

Previous programs include:

- Cantatas
- Choir concerts with all children and teenage choirs
- Staged Musicals
- Christmas Plays

The Offering

- Is usually received on the third Sunday of Advent
- Two types of offerings are traditionally received

Cash and Children's clothing such as socks and underwear for local children's assistance programs

Distribution of the Joy Offering

- Fifty percent is distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families.
- The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial/ethnic education through the National Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council.

