

# Princeton Presbyterians

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## DEAR FRIENDS OF PRINCETON PRESBYTERIANS,

Greetings in Christ! As our we join our student leaders and board members in remembering God's faithfulness this year, we give thanks for your generous support of Princeton Presbyterians.

Amid weekly rhythms of Breaking Bread worship, fellowship meals, service projects, and small group, Princeton Presbyterians has taken up exciting new adventures. In June, we sent eight pilgrims to the Taizé Community in France to worship with young Christians from around the world. This October, we welcomed Brother Emile of Taizé and nearly 200 guests to a special prayer service for peace at Nassau Presbyterian Church. We rejoice that the Taizé Community has befriended Princeton Presbyterians' student leaders as we seek to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Robust giving has helped us welcome more undergraduates and grad students than ever before into Princeton Presbyterians' "Beloved Community." We need your help to sustain and expand that dynamic growth. Will you please consider increasing your gift as we raise more than \$30,000 from individual donors? Blessings in this Advent season, and thank you for partnering with us in this ministry!

Grace and peace,

The Revs. Andrew and Len Scales  
Chaplains and Executive Co-Directors  
Princeton Presbyterians of the Westminster Foundation

# What Presbys Means to Me

**BY ISABELLA SHUTT (SHE/HER)**

Princeton University Class of 2024  
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From a socially distanced Mister Rogers Day my freshman Spring to a transformative trip to the Taizé Community this past Summer, Princeton Presbys has offered, nourished, and extended my beloved community throughout my undergraduate years. From Gabe's witty quips drawing on his improv experience to David's thoughtful reframing of big questions and Genevieve's top tier snack recommendations... From Grecia's grounding in current fights for justice to Maggie's verbal recognition of the gifts of those around her... These are the people that have loved me into being, as Mister Rogers would say. That's not even to mention the mentorship and laughter offered by Len, Andrew, Eli, Jade, Rosa, and Emily over Bent Spoon ice cream and Jammin' Crepes. As an advocate for mental health in student government, I am all too aware that being able to name so many individuals who truly see me — who grieve, celebrate, and wrestle with me— is a gift not promised to young adults on this campus. Many question and struggle alone. I am thankful that God has given me this place and these people to grow in faith.





**"Our group trip to Taizé has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my time at Princeton. The community's dedication to a simple life full of prayer is something that I try to make part of my life every day. Seeing it in action and how it attracts so many people from different walks of life makes me optimistic that there is hope for a more peaceful future. I deeply appreciate the group that I got to go with and feel much closer with each of them than I did before Taizé."**

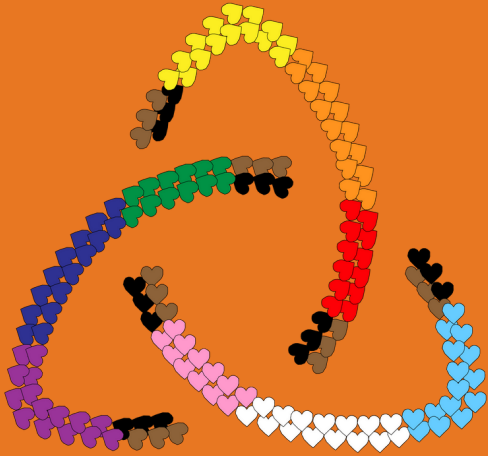
**—Grecia Hernandez Perez '24**

**"I am grateful for Small Group because it allows me to learn from and alongside my peers. Reading important, challenging, and even comforting passages has given me the spirit to approach the rest of my week with joy."**

**—David Palomino '24**

**"Breaking Bread has been a place of community for me ever since I arrived on campus, and standing in the chapel, singing songs surrounded by amazing people, always helps me get through the week ahead."**

**—Maggie Rea '26**



## Impact of Investment



Your giving supports events like:

\$5,000 = weekend retreat down the Jersey Shore

\$2,500 = annual Thanksgiving and Easter Feasts for 65 students and friends

\$1000 = the "Mister Rogers Day" celebration and service project

\$500 = monthly meal after Breaking Bread Worship for 40 students

\$300 = first day of class ice cream truck co-hosted with ecumenical friends for 500 people

\$100 = books for a semester of weekly undergraduate small group

\$50 = hot chocolate run during finals week



# Why We Give

**BY JAMES H. MOORHEAD**

Mary McIntosh Bridge Professor of American Church History Emeritus  
Princeton Theological Seminary

My wife Cynthia and I give to the Westminster Foundation (Princeton Presbyterians) in part because of our own experience in college in the late 1960s. The campus ministry and related religious activities at our small Presbyterian college shaped both of us in wonderful ways that remain with us more than fifty years later. We covet for today's students an experience similar to our own. Of course, contemporary ministry cannot uncritically replicate what was done in the past. It must shape itself for a new generation in a new setting.

This is precisely what campus ministers Len and Andrew Scales are doing. In today's culture where Christianity is often wrongly perceived (and, sadly, sometimes wrongly presented) as narrowly dogmatic and moralistic, where faith is reduced to a matter of deciding who is in and who is out of God's beloved community, the ministry of Princeton Presbyterians celebrates the Christ whose unconditional love invites everyone. In the midst of a high pressure Ivy League academic environment, students find a place where they are valued for who they are, not for what they have achieved—a place where they can wrestle with issues of faith and discern where God may be leading them.

# Partners in Ministry

Gifts received between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023

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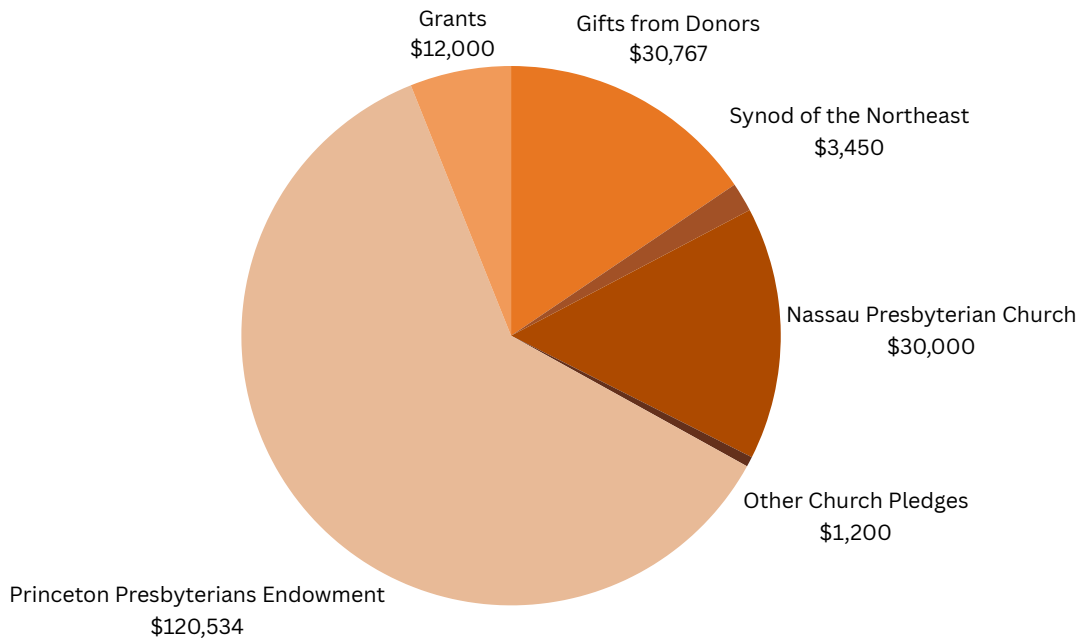
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2022-2023 Fiscal Year





# UKirk Ewing

We are excited to share that the Westminster Foundation has planted a new campus ministry at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) called UKirk Ewing! This pilot program has grown out of years of conversations with the Westminster Foundation Board and the UKirk Collegiate Ministries Association, the PC(USA)'s campus ministry network. The stability you help provide for the Westminster Foundation makes it possible for us to dream about how to continue to expand our care for young people in New Jersey.

Our Ministry Fellow Rosa Ross has gathered a half-dozen students for a queer-led weekly Bible Study and formed an undergraduate leadership team. UKirk Ewing recently partnered with university administrators and neighboring Presbyterian congregations to host TCNJ's first Trans Day of Remembrance worship service.

We can't wait to see how this inclusive, thoughtful, and loving fellowship thrives in the spring semester and beyond! Funding for this pilot year has come from grants given by Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church and the Synod of the Northeast. If you would like to ensure the future of UKirk Ewing at TCNJ, we welcome additional gifts to The Westminster Foundation with "UKirk Exwing" written in the memo line.



# MISSION STATEMENT

Princeton Presbyterians welcomes all students into our beloved community to worship God in joy and hope and equip a new generation of Christian servant leaders.

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