Synod of South Atlantic ~ and ~ Synod of Living Waters
Presbyterian Women's Triennial Gathering

Finding Our Joy

October 17th -19th, 2025

Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Psalm 28:7

Worship Leader

Rev. CeCe Armstrong
Co-Moderator, 226th General Assembly
Associate Pastor, St. James Presbyterian
James Island, Charleston, S.C.

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. Rhashell Hunter
Author, 2025-2026 Horizons Bible Study
"Finding Resilience, Joy and
Our Identify in Jesus Christ"

You are invited to attend an exciting Presbyterian Women Synod Gathering October 17-19, 2025 at Epworth by the Sea Conference Center.

Our PW Synod Gathering, held once every three years, is an opportunity for women to nurture faith, exchange ideas, discover mission opportunities, strengthen relationships, and relax. Participants will enjoy workshops, tours, plenary sessions with inspiring speakers, worship, music, Bible study, and more.

Registration Form

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Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Online Form Available At:

https://pwsosa.com

Phone (Cell) _____ (Alternate) _____

Email Address _____

Church Name _____

Presbytery _____

Number of PW Synod Gatherings you have attended previously _____

Are you an ordained elder? _____ Are you a voting delegate? _____

Will you be lodging on site at Epworth? _____

If so, remember to reserve housing directly from Epworth. Meals are included. www.epworthbythesea.org
If not, remember that staying off-site requires you to purchase meals from Epworth.

Workshops – List the Workshop Number for your first and second choices

Day / Time	**First Choice**	**Second Choice**
Saturday Morning		
Saturday Afternoon		

Gathering Registration Fee			**$100.00**
Late Fee (If Received After September 2nd)	**$25.00**		
Cost of Trolley Tour (Includes Tip)	$30.00		
Cost of Supplies for Classes:			
If you signed up for The Joy of Painting Workshop	$25.00		
If you signed up for Prayer Beads	$15.00		
Discount (1st Time Attendee of any PW Synod Gathering)		Deduct $10.00	
Discount of $5.00 per person for 4 or more from the same church. These registration forms must be mailed together.		Deduct $ 5.00	
Total Amount Due			

Cancellation Policy: Fees refunded, less a $20.00 administrative fee, before September 21st.
No refunds after September 21st.

Make checks payable to PW SOSA Gathering
To avoid a late fee, submit by September 2nd to
Vicki Bell ~ 1311 Old Philadelphia Church Road, Quincy, FL 32352
vabb1954@gmail.com

Epworth by the Sea
Rates for Lodging/Meals

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Reynolds – Located behind the chapel with car to door parking

Per person rate per night includes lodging, meals, tax, and motel fee:

Single	Double	Triple	Quad
$158.84	$110.98 per person	$92.25 per person	$85.86 per person

Pitts/Booth & Jones – Close to dining hall, lobby, and meeting rooms, car to door parking

Per person rate per night includes lodging, meals, tax, and motel fee:

Single	Double	Triple	Quad
$175.55	$123.81 per person	$101.80 per person	$95.41 per person

Robertson Inn – Lovely views of the Intracoastal Waterway

Per person rate per night includes lodging, meals, tax, and motel fee:

Single	Double	Triple	Quad
$198.22	$133.66 per person	$108.96 per person	$101.38 per person

Turner Lodge – Overlooking the historic Frederica River and the iconic Marshes of Glynn

Per person rate per night includes lodging, meals, tax, and motel fee:

Single	Double	Triple	Quad
$208.96	$144.40 per person	$117.31 per person	$104.96 per person

Commuters - $5.62 Per Person / Per Day plus meals as follows:

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
$13.48	$20.22	$25.84

Lodging Reservations should be made online at https://epworthbythesea.org

1. Go to the Epworth by the Sea webpage at https://epworthbythesea.org
2. Click on *Reservations*
3. Scroll down to *PW Synod Gathering, October 17-19, 2025*
4. Click on ***Housing Registration*** which is to the right of *PW Synod Gathering*

Directions to Epworth by the Sea

Epworth is located on St. Simons Island, Georgia, approximately one hour from both Savannah, Georgia and Jacksonville, Florida. After reaching Brunswick, Georgia, take the F.J. Torras Causeway east off U.S. Highway 17 to St. Simons Island. At the end of the causeway, stay in the left lane and continue north toward Sea Island Road. Go straight through the traffic light, staying on Sea Island Road. Turn left at the first street marked Hamilton Road and then right onto Arthur J. Moore Drive.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

2025 Presbyterian Women's Triennial Gathering

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Epworth by the Sea, 100 Arthur J. Moore Drive, St. Simons Island, Georgia

Phone: 912-638-8688 Website: www.epworthbythesea.org

EVENT SCHEDULE:

Friday – October 17, 2025

10:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration
12:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Visit Mission Area/Market Place
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Trolley Tour (Prior Registration Required)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Synod Business Meeting
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Plenary
8:45 PM	Silent Auction Begins

Saturday – October 18, 2025

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Morning Plenary
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshops
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Visit Mission Area/Market Place
1:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Visit Silent Auction
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Trolley Ride (Prior Registration Required)
3:30 PM - 4:45 PM	Workshops
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Plenary
9:00 PM	Silent Auction Ends

Sunday – October 19, 2025

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Plenary/Worship
11:45 AM- 1:00 PM	Lunch/Departure

What to Bring

- ✓ Bible, 2025-2026 Horizons Bible Study
- ✓ Proof of medical insurance coverage
- ✓ Casual clothes, jacket, comfortable walking shoes
- ✓ **Refillable water bottle**, umbrella, insect repellant
- ✓ Money for: offering, Market Place, & Silent Auction
- ✓ Gift Card for Hubbard House (Mission Project)

Silent Auction

Share in the fun of the silent auction by donating and/or bidding. Past auction items have included paintings, centerpieces, homemade quilts, self-care baskets, game night baskets, PW booklist baskets, and many lovely hand-crafted items. Proceeds will go to support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Items may be shipped in advance. If you'd like to donate items to the auction, access the form at www.pwsosa.com or contact Nancy Carlton at Nancy0832@gmail.com.

Mission Partners

We will have our familiar mission partners and some new ones. Hubbard House is a full-service domestic violence center for women and children in Jacksonville. As our mission project, we ask that you bring a gift card (major store of your choice) for household items to help them start a new life.

Registration Reminders

- ❖ Registration will begin on April 1st ~ Register before September 2nd to avoid a late fee
- ❖ Register online at https://pwsosa.com before September 2nd

Or

- ❖ Mail your registration form **BEFORE September 2** with your $100.00 registration fee plus any other fees for workshops or activities to: Vicki Bell, 1311 Old Philadelphia Church Road, Quincy, FL 32352
  - ❖ Cell 850-510-3314 ~ vabb1954@gmail.com
  - ❖ Make your check payable to PW SOSA Gathering

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Workshops

1. **Rev. CeCe Armstrong – Journey to Joy** In the middle of heavy emotional times and turmoil, there is always room for joy. Using the movie, *Inside Out*, this workshop will explore four emotional dilemmas and the necessity to find joy along the journey. The participants are encouraged to watch the Pixar movie *Inside Out* prior to the PW Gathering. There is a Pixar movie titled *Inside Out 2* and participants may want to see that also.

2. **Rev. Dr. Rhashell Hunter – Meet the Author ~ Q & A Time with Rhashell Hunter** Rev. Hunter will give a brief introduction to the 2025-2026 PW Horizons Bible Study. She will also talk about why she wrote the study, why resilience is important, and why in this era we might want to decide to live in joy and claim our identify in Christ. There will also be a Q & A Time. Bring your 2025-2026 Horizons Bible Study for an autograph!

3. **Dr. Cheryl Carson – Connecting with God Year-Round** The church liturgical calendar offers us plenty of times within the year to focus ourselves on God through spiritual practices – during seasons such as Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter, Pentecost and especially ordinary time. This workshop will provide hands-on opportunities to explore practices that can deepen our connections with God throughout the year.

4. **Susan Jackson Dowd – Presbyterian Women Information Forum** Susan is Executive Director of Presbyterian Women, PC (USA). Join her for a PW overview, where we are as an organization and a conversation about the future. How will we continue to nurture faith, support mission, work for justice and peace, build inclusive communities, and witness to God's kingdom now and into the future?

5. **Debbie Durden – Book Discussion of *The Unexpected Joy of the Ordinary*** by Catherine Gray. This book explores the beauty of finding happiness and contentment in life's simple pleasures instead of constantly seeking and/or having the "next best thing." It provides practical tips and inspiring insights to help us appreciate the ordinary moments that make life extraordinary. Those attending this workshop should read the book ahead of time and bring a copy of the book and/or notes and questions from their reading to the discussion.

6. **Rev. Christina Greenawalt – The Joy of Painting** I grew up loving to watch the *Joy of Painting*, learning to express myself in creative ways. I learned many lessons from Bob Ross - beyond happy trees. Mistakes sometimes make things better, each piece of art is uniquely ours and like us - beautifully and wonderfully made! Would you like to take a lasting memory of your time at Epworth home with you to be a tangible reminder of the Joy you experienced with the women of the Synod as we each experienced joy in Christ in a multitude of ways? Join this painting workshop and learn and work with other women to find your Joy of Painting. Materials Cost: $25 for each person

7. **Linda Jackson and Olga Malave-Radi – United Nations Commission on the Status of Women** Linda Jackson and Olga Malave-Radi, our synod representatives to the 2025 United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), will share what they experienced and learned at the Annual Session in March 2025. The CSW is the biggest global policy-making body dedicated exclusively to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women.

8. **Rev. Wilson Kennedy – Utilizing Special Offerings as a Tool for Congregational Generosity** Special Offerings, one of the cornerstone ways Presbyterians bind ourselves together in mission and ministry, will be changing in 2026. This workshop will share important information about the changes, give you tools for interpreting these changes in your congregations, and help you understand the nature of stewardship in these challenging times.

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9. **Gloria Love - Building Joy Through Resiliency: What We Can Learn from Survivors of Human Trafficking** Gloria Love, Director of Holistic Services at Rethreaded, will guide participants through the key elements of growing a lasting joy through resiliency. The topic will draw heavily on the lessons learned through working alongside survivors of human trafficking. Through the Survivor Development Program at Rethreaded, staff learn to show up on purpose with their purpose in mind. This creates the foundation for resiliency, recovery and learning to thrive in spite of the severe complex trauma created by human trafficking. One of the most profound by-products of this is joy. Come ready to learn the art of articulating your purpose, growing your resiliency muscles, creating and sustaining joy. Click on www.rethreaded.com to read more about this mission.

10. **Dorothy Marsh – Making Protestant Prayer Beads** The Protestant "Rosary" was created in the 1980s by a group of American Episcopalians seeking a more contemplative, more meditative method of prayer. These beads are a great way to have a more centered prayer life. They have the ability to keep your mind from wandering while focusing on your prayers. Materials Cost: $15.00 for each person

11. **Daryl Mullee – The 2023 USA Mission Experience (USAME) to the US-Mexico border** was an opportunity for Presbyterian Women to learn about migration and border issues, and discern a faithful response. Participants heard from individuals about why they came to the U.S.- threats to their safety, lack of jobs, persecution over religious beliefs, civil war-and what they knew, if anything, about what their passage and new homeland would be like. And in terms of discerning a faithful response, participants had the benefit of learning from organizations and individuals already doing this work in many ways and in many places.

12. **Becky Rose – Being in Partnership with the Presbyterian Women of Guatemala** We will explore the joys and challenges of establishing a partnership with the Presbyterian Women of Guatemala and the Florida Presbytery – from choosing this mission, to writing the partnership agreement, to establishing and maintaining a relationship, and communicating through Zoom.

13. **Constance Watson – The Joy of Seeing the One Who Sees Me; An Egyptian Slave Speaks (Genesis 16: 13)** Hagar made her Joyous Discovery in the midst of a desperate situation. Can you recall any desperate situations you have faced in your lifetime? I sure can! Do you recall a time of intense distress where you found yourself spiritually, emotionally, mentally, physically, relationally or financially incapable of handling what you were facing? I have been there and I have the t-shirts, the ball caps, the water bottles and the stories to prove it!! Like Hagar's story, I want our workshop time together to be a time of sharing our stories of discovering God's presence with us in the midst of our adversities, failures, hardships and losses…for this is where you fully discover the ultimate value, the soul soothing peace and the "UNENDING JOY" FOUND IN YOU SEEING THE GOD WHO SEES YOU!!!

14. **Shelagh Wirth – Leadership Training** Have you ever wondered if you would be a good leader? Have you been asked to serve on a PW Council/Coordinating Team, or at Presbytery Level or even Synod level? Then you don't want to miss this workshop. Come and hear about all the ways you can serve our Lord and Savior. Come and engage with present leaders or soon to be leaders as we explore ways you can use your talents for PW and your church.

15. **Valerie Young – Rescue 2 Renew** Let's discover together the joy of renewal of faith, life, furniture, and the Church. This workshop combines Valerie's talent for furniture restoration and her extensive background in service to the church. She has served on various committees on the Synod and General Assembly level and currently serves as Synod Executive and Stated Clerk for the Synod of South Atlantic. Several of her beautiful furniture restorations can be viewed online at https://www.facebook.com/Rescue2Renew and https://pin.it/k98ThWtX2 .