L’Église presbytérienne

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The Presbyterian Church

in Canada

**Dedication of Gifts to the Church**

During worship, the minister and the clerk of session, or another church member, stand in close proximity to the item. Those giving the gift or committee members responsible for arranging for the installation, etc., may also come forward.

Clerk of session or designated church member: A gift of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(A description of the gift and the purpose for which it was given may be stated.)*

has graciously been made to \_\_\_\_\_ Church by \_\_\_\_\_ . *(If an individual, a group in the congregation or if funds for the item are the result of a congregational effort, this may be mentioned briefly. Respect wishes of anonymity by the donor.)*

OR

Clerk of session or designated church member: A gift of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(A description of the gift and the purpose for which it was given may be stated.)*

has been made to \_\_\_\_\_\_ Church by \_\_\_\_\_\_ *(If an individual, a group in the congregation or if funds for the item are the result of a congregational effort, this may be mentioned briefly. Respect wishes of anonymity by the donor.)*

in loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. *(If the gift is given in memory of an individual, in a brief sentence the elder or minister may describe the contribution and/or relationship of the individual to the congregation. Again, respect a desire for anonymity.)*

Minister or worship leader: This gift is given to the glory of God and for the enhancement of worship (*or name the program*) and our life in Christ. Let it serve as a reminder of God’s grace in our midst and of the value of our community of faith in this place. Let it also serve to call us to deeper devotion and richer service.

*An appropriate reading from the Bible or Living Faith may be included here.*

**Prayer**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, whom the generations have worshipped in

beauty and holiness, accept our praise and thanksgiving for

your faithfulness and love.

We thank you for the extravagance of your grace and the

wise tenderness of your creativity evident around us.

Instead of a world that contains only the useful and the expedient,

you create a world of extravagant beauty and joy.

Instead of creating people who are motivated only by work,

you create your people with a capacity for rejoicing and worship.

Instead of enduring our anxious hoarding and grasping,

you call us to generosity and hope.

Instead of a community that is an expression of only what

is practical and utilitarian,

your church is a community whose purpose is worship,

whose nature is love,

whose energy is joy,

and whose life is filled with glad thanksgiving.

For encouraging us to create beauty that nurtures the

spirit, we thank you.

For the eternal circle of giving and receiving that is our life

in you, we offer you praise. In the name of Jesus, our Christ, we pray.

Amen

**Dedication**

For this gift of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we give you thanks. We dedicate this gift to your glory, and for the use of your people in this place we ask your blessing. May this gift be a tangible symbol of your presence among us, and of the faith and love that inspire all acts of generosity and kindness.\* In honour of the sacrifices made for your church here, may our worship be holy. May our life together be an expression of the holiness of our worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

*\*If the gift is of a practical nature, the following phrase may be used instead:*

For giving us the practical tools we require for life together, we thank you. For this gift of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which enhances our service of you, we thank you. We ask your blessing on our use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as we dedicate it to your glory and for the good of your people in this place.