



On Mother's Day, May 13, 2012, Annette McArthur presented the 2012 Presbyterian Women Honorary Lifetime Membership award to Anne Green during Sunday worship services.

Anne Green - 2012 Presbyterian Women Honorary Lifetime Membership Award

"Today we will announce the recipient of the 2012 Presbyterian Women Honorary Lifetime Membership award. This award is given annually at Trinity in recognition of faithful Christian service to church and community.

Last year I was deeply honored and humbled to receive this award as a representative of the many Trinity women who give generously of their time and talents in service to our Lord and Savior. Today, I am equally humbled for the opportunity to present this award.

This year, many names of dedicated Christian women were submitted for review by our selection board. But we eventually agreed on one special lady. Maybe you will recognize her when I offer some background.

She was born in Louisiana, and she spent her childhood as an Army brat living on military stations throughout the country. Frequent moves made finding roots in a community tough, but church and music became constants, and brought comfort and stability to her young nomadic life. During the lonely times, while her dad served overseas, she took special pleasure in attending symphony rehearsals with her violinist mother.

As the years passed, she grew in service to our Lord as a wife, mother and beloved teacher. So when she and her family joined Trinity in 1979, it was only natural that she immediately became involved in the church by joining the choir. She remains a faithful member of the choir today. But there's more to this story than simply choir membership. Remember, this is a multi-faceted woman, intent on Christian service.

Over the years, this working mom found considerable time to help out with Lightshine Choir, and she chaperoned many choir trips with this vibrant youth group. She also was equally involved in Christian education for children. Additionally, she used her educational skills to teach Sunday School at many levels, and she has served on the board of Trinity Learning Center for years.

None the least, she has committed time in service as an elder, a Stephen minister, and as moderator of Presbyterian Women at Trinity. That is just a glimpse of our recipient, who managed to share her unique patience and love for children as a teacher for many years at Oriole Beach Elementary School, where she was named teacher of the year.

Aside from her church and community service, she must feel special warmth in knowing that her son and daughter, and their respective families, now serve churches in their own communities.

Now there is a footnote to this story. Besides service, this year's recipient also offers another fringe benefit; her terrific husband of 51 years, who uses his skills to monitor Trinity's sound system. Among Trinity folks, he's considered a real **jewel**. Maybe better said, he's a **Gem**, as in **Jim Green**, who is married to our honoree. Today it is our special pleasure to present the 2012 Presbyterian Women Honorary Lifetime Membership award to **Anne Green.**"