



Service of Worship — January 7, 2024

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that Some have entertained angels without knowing it.” — Hebrews 13:2

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Thank you for worshiping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Mikki Walker

HEAD USHER: Steve Becher

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE PAD: Click this link: <https://bit.ly/GCPCattendance>, or scan the QR Code below, and it will take you to the link.



CONTACTING STAFF: The office is open 8am to 4pm, M–F. To reach a staff member by e-mail:

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“Pray for one another” — James 5:15

We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

All Grieving the Death of a Loved One: Brooke Peck and family in the death of her sister.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Harold Farren, Bryan Evans

Cancer Treatment: Pam Kelly, Harold Farren, Katie Rickley

Aging Challenges

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Clara Frye. **All veterans, deployed military, and reservists.**

Our Mission Co-Workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Leslie Vogel, PC (USA) Regional Liaison for Guatemala and Mexico.

Peace and Relief Workers; Unemployed and Underemployed; Families Struggling with Separation and Divorce; Individuals Struggling with Depression; Those Contemplating Suicide and Those Left Behind.

Heartland Presbytery Partnership of Prayer: First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, MO; Iglesia Elim, Monte Carmelo, Ciudad Barrios, Retalhuleu (MQP).

(If you have a prayer request you would like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at office@gcpc.org, or send to gcpc.prayers@gmail.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

SAVE THE DATE! The Care and Connections Team will host a “Bingo & Pizza Night” on Friday, January 26, 5:30–7:30pm. You won’t want to miss this fun intergenerational event! Please hold the date open now!

COMMUNION WARE USED IN TODAY’S SERVICE (chalice, paten/plate, bowl, and pitcher) were made by Miriam Tyler Todd Mauritzen for GCPC in 2007.

FEBRUARY GIVEAWAY! Check tables in the concourse the first two weekends in February for "giveaway" items collected by the Facilities Team, as we continue to clean and organize various parts of the church building. (Items left after Tuesday, February 13, will be donated.)

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS PLEDGE UPDATE: Our pledge Goal is \$635,000. We have received 99 pledges totaling \$538,200! Thank you so much to all our folks that are walking with us to build

our future! This is the firm number that your Session is using to work out the 2024 budget. We believe that there are at least 27 pledges that haven't come in yet for 2024. These would significantly help us reach our pledge goal. We hope this gentle reminder will have you go to our Generosity Bulletin Board and pick up a pledge slip and envelope and fill it out, and then put it in Tara Hyder's office inbox. You may also go to our pledge portal <https://gcpc.org/about-us/donate.html> and enter it there! Tara always appreciates e-mails (finance@gcpc.org) or phone calls — leave a message. Please write yourself a note or tear this part of the bulletin/newsletter out for a reminder! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Sutherland, Ryan Hussey, or Jane Knoche.

ADULT

JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY at 10:45am for a *Retrospective on Epiphany* led by our very own Rev. Don Wilson. For those who wish to attend remotely, please use our Zoom link. We hope you can join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815237214?pwd=TVh4VWZldC9hbGJCL1k5dIVjWVlwUT09>

GCPC WEEKEND CRAFTERS are hosting a winter retreat on Friday, January 12, and Saturday, January 13. Join us for some creative time focused on mission projects along with some time for your own crafting. Best of all, we enjoy one another along the way. Please RSVP by Monday, January 8. Additional details can be found at <https://gcpc.org/weekend-crafters/2024-weekend-crafters-winter-retreat.html>.

CHILDREN

OUR ATW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS are back in full swing today. If you need any additional information on our programs, please check the children's bookcase just outside the sanctuary.

THE CHILDREN'S TEAM WOULD LIKE TO THANK all of our volunteers for everything they have done for us the first semester. We invite our volunteers to join us for breakfast TODAY. Stop by our Children's Education Office anytime from 9 to 11am to enjoy just a small token of our appreciation. Our children enjoy you very much and our church couldn't put on such a successful children's program without amazing volunteers like you!

MISSION

SOUPERBOWL OF CARING 2024: A GCPC tradition, the SouperBowl of Caring is the championship of food drives! This year we're directing donations straight to ReNewed Hope Food Pantry rather than Harvesters. ReNewed Hope was founded out of the desire that no person in our community go hungry. Their mission is to feed the hungry and help our neighbors as God asked us in Isaiah 58: "... if you pour yourself out for the hungry / and satisfy the desire of the afflicted / then shall your light rise in the darkness / and your gloom be as the noonday."

Any nonperishable packaged food is welcome, but the most needed items are: *peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned soup, and crackers*. Please leave your donations in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime before February 1. Both Weekday Entrance bins can be used if needed!

ReNewed Hope is also our Communion Offering recipient for January; if you like to support them financially, use the “Communion” option in the online portal or write “Communion Offering” on your check or envelope. If you’d like to give directly to the Pantry, check out <https://renewedhopefoodpantry.org/donate/> for more information.

UPLIFT KANSAS CITY — Feeding the homeless in the Kansas City metropolitan area. A large number of Grace Covenant members help prepare hot casseroles to feed 60–90 homeless for the UPLIFT organization on the fourth Saturday of every month. UPLIFT is a completely volunteer organization that distributes hot meals and survival essentials to the homeless three evenings a week all year round.

Taking part in the GCPC UPLIFT process is easy. You can participate as little or as much as you would like each month. Each month GCPC members receive an email detailing volunteer opportunities and items needed for that month’s delivery. These items include casserole recipe items (canned soup, milk, butter, canned veggies, etc.) to help build our casseroles and donate items (coats, blankets, underwear, gloves, flashlights, etc.).

If you are on the GCPC UPLIFT distribution list then you can read the list and sign up to participate. We often have one or two Amazon listed items for “most needed” survival supplies so you can even participate from the comfort of your living room couch! A team of cooks prepare the meals on Saturday morning, and someone delivers the hot meals to the UPLIFT warehouse in Kansas City for distribution that evening.

In order to participate add your e-mail address to the GCPC UPLIFT distribution list. There are three options: 1.) Use your smartphone to scan the QR code below and fill out your name and email address on the web form; 2.) Sign the attendance pad in your pew and write UPLIFT and your e-mail address in the comments section; 3.) Contact Kevin Johnson, GCPC UPLIFT Coordinator at krpj01@gmail.com or 913-602-4071.



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