



Service of Worship — October 31, 2021

***“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: Bill Turner **HEAD USHER:** John Gilbert

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

“Pray for one another” — James 5:15

We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

All Grieving the Death of a Loved One

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Dave Peck, Logan Heer

Cancer Treatment: Kathy Jonas

Aging Challenges: Shirley Sisk

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Bryce Hearn, Shannon Lorimer. **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: Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; South-Broadland Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

(If you have a prayer request you'd like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at office@gcpc.org, or send to gcpc_prayers@yahoo.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

THIS YEAR'S STEWARDSHIP THEME IS, "GIFT – GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER." This year we ask each other to help one another out as we make plans for what we see as a wonderful opportunity to share in God's grace. This is necessary so we can have a timely and accurate budget for the year. **Pledge Sunday will be November 7, and we ask everyone to prayerfully make your pledge by that date. If we haven't heard from you by December 6, making any changes to your pledge, we will assume your pledge will remain the same for 2022.** This is necessary for the Session to create a budget, to move ahead and provide direction for our mission and education programs. You may either send in the pledge form with this letter or do so electronically at gcpc.org/gift2022.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: The bulletin on November 7 will contain an insert with names of those who have passed since All Saints' Sunday 2020 (November 1, 2020). If you would like to include the name of a relative or friend who has passed this past year, please send that person's name and their relationship to you to patrick.bell@gcpc.org no later than noon on Wednesday, November 3. Thank you.

CARE AND CONNECTIONS WILL BE HOSTING FAMILY BINGO NIGHT Friday, November 12, in Heartland Hall at 6:30pm. Join us for some hors d'oeuvres (please bring an appetizer), or just come for some fun. All ages are welcome, and cards and flippers will be provided.

CONTACTING STAFF: A reminder that the GCPC church building has returned to normal operations. The office is open from 8am to 4pm, but the best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

Rev. Sue: sue.trigger@gcpc.org

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HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME: Although we are now offering limited in-person worship, we encourage those who normally put their pledge in the offering plate each Sunday to mail their pledges to the church. The Finance Administrator will get them and see that they are deposited in a timely fashion. Of course, you may also make your pledge online by going to gcpc.org and clicking "Online Giving."

ADULT

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP MEETS NOVEMBER 3 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book for discussion is *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore. Please join the group for discussion

and fellowship. Per GCPC guidelines, we are required to wear masks during our meeting time together.

PAGE TURNERS WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, at Cindy Schendel's home: 11654 Grant Dr., OP, 66210. We will be discussing *The Yellow House* by Sarah Broom. You are welcome to join us even if you have not read the book. Please RSVP to cschen56@hotmail.com or 913 451 2709. Hope to see you there!

SHALOM: FINDING PEACE IN THE BIBLE is a six-week adult Bible study led by Kevin Johnson, which will be loosely taken from the Kerygma study "Shalom: A study of the Biblical Concept of Peace." We will look at the theological dimensions of peace as God's intention for this world, our continuing hope for peace, and our call to be peacemakers. Please bring your Bibles and a pen! The class will meet in **Room 4 at 10:45am**, or join via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/krd5pz84>.

FOLLOW ME — BIBLICAL PRACTICES FOR FAITHFUL LIVING: A living faith is so much more than simply believing in God. Jesus called all sorts of people to follow him to God, showing concrete ways to love God and one another. Together we will learn about the Jesus practices that have shaped the church. Participants will practice seeing Christ in every person and discover their own gifts of hospitality. This adult class will meet in **Room 3 at 10:45am**. Or join via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/yanmupj9>.

THANK OFFERING: Presbyterian Women is collecting funds for the Thank Offering, which provides much-needed financial assistance for real solutions in the areas of health, education, economic development and the needs of women and children. The recipients are a mix of six domestic and three international projects, but all meet crucial needs. At least 40 percent of this offering funds health ministries, often helping the most marginalized members of God's community. The remaining percentage supports new or expanded projects and small capital improvement projects. Donations will be collected through November.

YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! Hope to see you today at 10:45 — breakfast snacks provided. As always, let Miles know ahead of time if you want to join via Zoom.

HOMELESS NIGHT – NOVEMBER 13! Two weeks away from our Homeless Night event! We will be touring and maybe serving at a Tiny House Village created for veterans who are housing challenged. We are also hoping to be joined by youth from Lee's Summit Presbyterian. Expect the unexpected, but plan to spend the night outside in a cardboard box. Please RSVP, so we know we have enough students to pull off the event. Friends are welcome!

M&M: We are in the beginning stages of planning our high school M&M trip for 2022 and need to hear from you.

- Are you interested in participating and likely available in mid-June?
- Are you interested in joining our planning team (meets monthly)?

Please let us know!

COMING SOON:

- Red Bag Shopping: We are going Red Bag shopping November 7, 6:30–8pm, please join us!
- Homeless Night-November 13th
- Later in November, we have scheduled a hayride and bonfire at Heartland Camp including roasting hotdogs and s'mores. Mark November 21 on your calendars for that event.
- Red Bag wrapping Party after church on November 28
- A Christmas Exclamation December 5!
- We are also considering joining Knox Presbyterian for a Christmas party December 19!

MISSION

THE RED BAG CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS will be here next week! Please look for them in the hallway between the concourse and Heartland Hall. There will also be a Sign-Up Genius released for those that are not comfortable returning to church quite yet.

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