



Service of Worship — November 27, 2022

*“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 worshipping with us today.

FLOWERS TODAY are given by Mike & Susan Fitzgerald, in celebration of their 40th anniversary.

ELDER ON DUTY: Bill Turner

HEAD USHER: John Gilbert

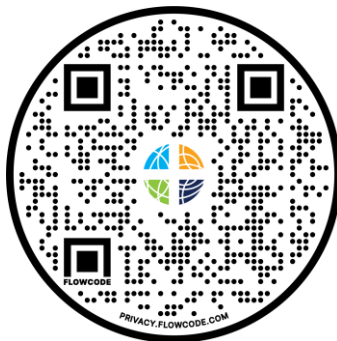
HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

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.



PLEDGE PORTAL 2023:



“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

Cancer Treatment: Bob Shadburn, Tim Hayden

Ageing 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: King City Presbyterian Church, King City, MO; Latour Presbyterian Church, Latour, MO; United Christian & Presbyterian Church, Lawson, MO; Heartland Presbytery Safe Boundaries Response Committee

(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

TODAY IS THE DAY! YOUR RED BAG CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE DUE! If you haven't already, please bring your **wrapped** gift to the church **with the Post-it Note attached**, and place it in the large boxes provided. Call Angela Krug (913-449-3916) with questions or if you lost your Post-it. If you would like to have the youth wrap your present for a small freewill donation that will benefit the Red Bag program, you may drop your present in the box for unwrapped presents. PLEASE make sure your Post-it Note is securely attached to your unwrapped present! Your freewill donation can be handed either to Angela Krug or Miles McDonald or put in the offering plate with a memo of "Red Bag wrapping fundraiser."

POINSETTIA DONATIONS: Festive poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you would like to be a part of the tradition of purchasing a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, you may do so by enclosing your donation in one of the poinsettia envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate. Please be sure to neatly print your name and who the memorial/honor recognizes in block letters. You may also make a donation through the [online giving portal](#) on our website, or by sending your donation to the church office: GCPC,

11100 College Blvd., OPKS 66210, Attn: Patrick. *Deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert is Wednesday, December 14.* Thank you!

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT GIVES BACK please consider supporting our Maya K'iche partnership with a \$20.00 gift certificate donation. Certificates can be purchased through December 18 by contacting Jan Cummings, Cjan1950@gmail.com, or 913.269.4164. You may pay with cash, check (GCPC with Maya K'iche in the memo) or through the [GCPC website online giving link](#) — look for the Maya K'iche option in the drop-down menu.

A MESSAGE SHARED IN OUR NOVEMBER 20 SUNDAY SERVICE, during the Stewardship Time from Dave Sutherland, chair of Generosity Team: So we've had a big bump in the number of pledges made in the past week. Thank you very much, it is very much appreciated from all of us on the Generosity Team. There are two more weeks to go until we lock in the pledges. We've been working with the Finance Team to get ready a budget ready for Session in December. One thing we have been looking at too, is how people have been giving this year. So our financial system breaks it down by those who have not given anything against their pledge this year, 0%, 1-25%, 26-50%, 51%-75%, 76%-99% and 100%. My wife Susan and I are in the 76% - 99% since we give monthly. Once next month hits, we will bump to the 100%. We do have a number of people who are still at 0%, both people who rolled over their pledge and people who also submitted a pledge. So please if you are able to, catch up as best you can. If you can't, let us know. That's okay too, we understand all circumstances. It helps us to take into account when we do the rollovers this year, should we count that as a rollover if you are unable to give this last year. Thank you very much again for giving, it is so, so, so appreciated. *We look forward to sharing more news in two weeks!*

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ADULT

NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH: ADULT ADVENT STUDY: Our adult Sunday school classes will join for a study of Walter Brueggemann's *Names for the Messiah*. The class will gather in the Sanctuary each Sunday, November 27, December 4, December 11, and December 18. Copies of the study book will be available at the Advent Fair. A suggested donation of \$10 per book is encouraged.

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet December 7 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Anthropocene Reviewed* by John Green. There will also be a

wrapped book exchange. It is optional to bring a plate of cookies to share. Please join the group for discussion and festive fellowship.

CHILDREN

AWAKENING TO WORSHIP CONTINUES TODAY for children ages 4–1st grade. Children depart with leaders from the Sanctuary following the time with children. Parents may pick up their children in Room 12 on the lower level following worship.

YOUTH

RECONNECT WRAPPING PARTY TODAY! Join us after worship this morning for a short lesson, lunch, and the wrapping of Red Bag gifts as a fundraiser for the Red Bag organization. We will start in the youth lounge at 10:45am then come up stairs to wrap until 12:45 — or whenever we finish. We hope to see you all there.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER DATES: If you have not responded to our inquiry about progressive dinner and gift exchange dates please respond ASAP or just answer which of the following dates, you (or your child) will NOT be able to attend?

- December 11
- December 18
- January 8

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GATHERING: Our seniors will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday the 29th in the youth lounge.

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN DECEMBER: Our youth will meet at 10:45am each Sunday up until Christmas morning. We will go until 12:45pm unless there is another youth event that weekend like the Christmas Exclamation! on the 4th or the progressive dinner (TBD). On those days we will end at 11:45am.

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