



Service of Worship — February 4, 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 worshipping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Lara Schesser

HEAD USHER: Mike Fitzgerald

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: Karen Fankhauser and family in the death of her cousin.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

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: New Horizon Presbyterian Church, Odessa, MO; Maya Quiché Presbytery Meeting: January 25-26, 2024, Iglesia Filadelfia, La Esperanza, Xela.

(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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER on Tuesday, February 13, 5:30–7:00 pm. Family and friends are welcome! If you plan to enjoy pancakes with us, we request your RSVP for our planning purposes. Please use this sign-up:

<https://bit.ly/GCPCPancakes2024>. If you can help us with set-up, cooking, clean-up or donating a griddle, please use this sign-up: <http://bit.ly/ShroveVolunteer>

Enjoy live music provided by our Dixieland Band during the pancake supper from 5:40 to 6pm and again from 6:40 to 7pm. Members are Darryl Prater, trumpet — Rev. Karen Wright, trombone — Miles McDonald, saxophone — Jill Endaya, percussion — Trey Bures, string bass — Linda Dover, piano — and Bob Dover, clarinet & director.

FEBRUARY GIVEAWAY! Check tables in the concourse today and next Sunday 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.)

ENCOREKC! OPPORTUNITIES: EncoreKC! Foundation is dedicated to providing musical opportunities for people over the age of 50. The 70-member chorus begins on Monday, February 5, at 10:30am here at Grace Covenant. This choir is under the direction of Pam Smith Kelly, Artistic Director. A music reading course begins on Tuesday, February 13, at 10:30am — \$20 for the 9-week class, led by Melody Bean. A brass ensemble will be led by Darryl Prater. Sign-ups for these classes may be found at EncoreKC.org.

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS PLEDGE UPDATE: Thank you so much to all our folks that are walking with us to our future! If pledging has slipped by you, with the holidays, weather, travel, or other, our Generosity bulletin board still has pledge slips and envelopes to fill out, which may then be put in Tara Hyder's office. Or you can go to our pledge portal, <https://onrealm.org/gcpc/AddPledge/2024pledgedoffering> and enter it there! You may also contact Finance Administrator Tara Hyder at finance@gcpc.org.

ADULT

TODAY, THE ADULT MINISTRIES TEAM continues a five-week Series on *Early Christian Concepts* led by Rick Randolph. We will look at the concepts of the soul, resurrection, and the afterlife. After the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, how did all of the ideas we confess in the Nicene Creed come to be? We hope to see you in person (Room 3; 10:45am), or join via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815237214?pwd=TVh4VWZldC9hbGJCL1k5dIVjWVlwUT09>

AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP WILL MEET FEBRUARY 7 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Surviving Savannah* by Patti Callahan. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

CHILDREN

THIS WEEK WE CONTINUE OUR ATW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING. If you need more information, please check the children's bookcase outside the sanctuary for further details.

OUR 3RD-GRADE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN A BIBLE WORKSHOP a few weeks ago. We are excited to present them with a nameplate to place in the Bible that they received from GCPC during the workshop. Congratulations to our 3rd-grade students: Helen Blankers, Mallory Hearn, Liam Hussey, Brynnley Krug, Quade Peck, James Schmidt and Max Soule. Thank you again to Cheryl Johnson and Melanie Townsend for leading our Bible workshop this year.

MISSION

TODAY MARKS THE START OF OUR 80TH WEEK hosting IHN guests at GCPC! Guests will arrive Sunday night, be with us all week, and leave the following Sunday, February 11. Please remember in your prayers the guests who are working toward completing the program and stable housing; and the volunteers who make the program possible.

OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND COMPOSTING AT GCPC — PLEASE RESPOND BY 2/18 IF INTERESTED!

Late last year, Food Cycle KC decided to discontinue the composting program we had been participating in at GCPC. In looking for options to continue composting, we've found out that it may be possible to expand our composting program. The expanded program would allow GCPC members to bring their household compostable waste to church — but we'll only move forward if there is sufficient interest.

Here's how it would work: There would be a 64-gallon trash bin with a locking lid outside by the aluminum recycling can shed in the west parking lot. Each participating household would sign up directly with KC Can Compost (KCCC) and pay a monthly cost of \$12.99 directly to KCCC. Participants would receive a bucket and the code to unlock the big bin from KCCC and could bring their full buckets to church to pour into the big bin at any time. Participants will not be allowed to bring empty buckets into the church to clean, so use of compostable bucket liners is encouraged. Information about what compostables KCCC accepts is available at <https://kccancompost.com/compostable-item>.

Overall, the monthly cost for this program is \$60. However, KCCC will reduce that amount by \$12 for every GCPC participating household. So if at least five people sign up, the program would be free to the church. This program would only be available to GCPC members.

You can read more about why composting is important to fight climate change and the good work that KCCC does in our local community at kccancompost.com. If you're interested in participating, please let Mikki Walker know by February 18 — and let Mikki know if you have any questions. Send them to michala.walker@gmail.com, or just talk to her in church anytime.

OUR FEBRUARY DONATION PARTNER IS GCPC'S OWN LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY. If you haven't seen it, this pantry is found on the east end of our property along Nieman Road. We stock the pantry with nonperishable items, and we see these items moving from the pantry each week. Sometimes the pantry is wiped clean. Volunteers check the pantry twice a week and restock as best we can. On occasion, we see donations added to the pantry from within the community as well. Please bring your donations to the Weekday Entrance anytime during February. The items most consumed are canned goods and individual snacks/drinks of any kind.

FEBRUARY'S COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IS ROSEHILL ELEMENTARY. Rosehill is a Title I school in Lenexa, and a longtime partner with GCPC. Title I is a federal program that provides extra math and reading support; Rosehill is eligible for Title I because of the percentage of students who receive free or reduced lunch benefits. A quality education is necessary for every

child to be successful in life; GCPC's partnership with Rosehill helps ensure that all our local children are equipped to succeed. Make your donation online or in the offering plate; just note that it is meant for Communion Offering.

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