

# Service of Worship — March 13, 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 worshiping with us today.

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Jane Knoche

**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: <a href="https://bit.ly/GCPCattendance">https://bit.ly/GCPCattendance</a>, or scan the QR Code below, and it will take you to the link.



"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: Pat Wormus, Pam Kelly

Cancer Treatment: Kathy Jonas, Bob Shadburn

**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:** Southminster Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS; Parkville Presbyterian Church, Parkville, MO; Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting – March 22.

(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@yahoo.com.)

### **SPOTLIGHT**

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for the purpose of electing Deacons will be held today, following worship. (A Zoom link will be provided for those wishing to attend virtually.) See the end of these announcements for brief biographies of the Deacon candidates.

A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Next Sunday, March 20, is "Mr. Rogers' Day" in the PC(USA). Join the celebration and *wear a red sweater* in honor of his commitment to peace, reconciliation, and children's Christian education.

A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF SPRING FLOWERS will transform the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The flowers are provided through the generosity of members who donate flowers "in memory of" or "in honor of" a friend or loved one. If you would like to be a part of the tradition of donating flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, simply place your donation in the specially marked envelope provided in the pews, or send your donation along with your name and whom the memorial/honor recognizes to the church office: GCPC, 11100 College Blvd., OPKS 66210, Attn. Patrick. (PLEASE PRINT THE MEMORIAL/HONOR NAMES NEATLY IN BLOCK LETTERS) You may also

make a donation through the <u>online giving portal</u> of our website. **Deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert is Monday, April 11.** Thank you!

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

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### **ADULT**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS: 10:45am. The 2022 Lenten Study: *The Hope of Glory*, March 6–April 10. Join us as the two adult classes combine for our Lenten book study by Jon Meacham. As for believers worldwide, the events of Good Friday and Easter reveal essential truths about Christianity. A former vestryman of Trinity Church Wall Street and St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, Meacham delves into that intersection of faith and history in this meditation on the seven phrases Jesus spoke from the cross. The class will meet in the Sanctuary, or join via Zoom. Zoom in at: https://tinyurl.com/yanmupj9

#### **CHILDREN**

**SAVE THE DATE! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUNE 6–10, 9AM–12PM:** At Discovery on Adventure Island VBS, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time on their quest for God's great light. They will become explorers and discover how God's light shines on us and how we can reflect that light as we live each day. Contact Rev. Sue at <a href="mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org">sue.trigger@gcpc.org</a> for more information.

## YOUTH

**YOUTH SUNDAY:** Thank you to all our youth for the amazing ministry you did last Sunday, you guys did an awesome job, and may God richly bless you; and to the parents, thank you for your great support.

**CONNECT:** We will have Connect this Sunday at church from 6:30 to 8pm. If you would like to come, let Miles know. We will be hanging out in the youth space downstairs, playing games, doing a devotional activity, and having fun.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** If enough people are in town, we plan to have Sunday school at church today from 10:45am to 11:45 am. We will be continuing to dig deep in the knowledge of Christ with our ReForm videos.

THE M&M TUBE FUNDRAISER will continue until March 27.

**MONTREAT:** We have the opportunity to travel with Lee's Summit Presbyterian to the Montreat High School (graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade on up) Youth Conference this summer July 30–August 6. Please let Miles know ASAP if you are interested.

**VBS HELPERS NEEDED:** Vacation Bible School is gearing up, and we are planning to invite neighbors, friends, Pioneer Preschool kids, etc. That means we need lots of youth helpers! Can you help with VBS June 6–10? Please let Sue Trigger, <a href="mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org">sue.trigger@gcpc.org</a>, or Erin Mehl <a href="mailto:erinmehl31@gmail.com">erinmehl31@gmail.com</a>, know if you can.

**REGGIE REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP:** Youth Team is now taking applications for the Reggie Reynolds Scholarship. In past years, this opportunity was only available for high school seniors, but this year, the team is opening it up to all 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### **MISSION**

**SAVE THE DATE!** The spring GCPC Blood Drive is March 22, 2–6pm, at the church. Book your appointment today at <a href="mailto:savealifenow.org/group">savealifenow.org/group</a>, Group Code: IM. For more information, contact Sarah Byrd, 913.909.1559 or <a href="mailto:swbyrdks@gmail.com">swbyrdks@gmail.com</a>.

OUR DONATION PARTNER FOR MARCH IS CROSS-LINES. Established in 1963 as "a place of hope" for those struggling with the hardships of poverty, Cross-Lines is a community safety net for our neighbors in Wyandotte County. They provide assistance with basic needs such as clothing, diapers, laundry and shower facilities, housing stabilization, and hunger relief. The need is great. Before the coronavirus pandemic started, Cross-Lines served an average of 300 families per month. Recently, they served 738 people in one day. Please consider donating any of the items from the list below. You can leave your donation in the weekday entrance bin any time during the month of March. Thank as always for GCPC's wonderful generosity!

- Diapers: size 4, 5, and 6
- Toiletries: shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry detergent
- Cooking items: dry black and pinto beans, pop-top soups, cooking oil
- Sack lunch items: soft breakfast bars, granola bars, fruit cups, bottled water

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### **DEACON CANDIDATES 2022**

**Jean Hampton:** My husband Jess and I were charter members of Grace Covenant. Many factors influence our deep love for this Church. Worship is inspirational and meaningful. The music and sermons touch our hearts. Grace Covenant is inclusive, inviting, loving, and dedicated to service. The focus on outreach and service not only impacts others, but also helps us to grow in the true meaning of the faith.

Each mission trip our daughter, Joy, joined helped her serve others but also experience the caring role models of Christian faith and nurture where she served. It broadened her understanding of the importance of outreach.

Some of the areas I've served in previously include as a deacon, in Christian education, IHN, and in Stephen Ministry. I've gained a deeper understanding of my faith from Bible study and adult education. In addition, the Christian fellowship from Bible study, book club and many other activities greatly enriches my life. I have a much richer understanding of the importance of community in the Christian faith than when I began my faith journey.

**Terra Howard:** I started attending GCPC in January 2017, joining in August of that same year. My faith journey has instilled in me that I need to *participate* if I am to be a member of a congregation. Shortly after being welcomed at GCPC, I became a member of Connections and Care Team, eventually serving as the fellowship chairperson. I found IHN through the Ministry Fair, and look forward to being able to spend time with our guests each quarter. I also volunteer as an Usher.

I consider myself a Kansas City native, having grown up north of the river. I have lived in AZ and IN as well but consider Overland Park my home now. I have two grown daughters and four grandkids, all in high school.

I was ordained as a Deacon at Broadway Presbyterian Church in Sedalia, Missouri. I learned a long time ago that hospitality is my spiritual gift, so caring for and nurturing our congregation seems to be in line with the gifts God has given me. I look forward to working with my Covenant Group and finding ways for everyone to stay connected to GCPC.

**Ashley Jeffries:** I joined the church 25 years ago. I have been a Deacon once before. Bert and I raised our three grown sons in the church, and I am honored to be asked to serve the church again that has meant so much to our family.