



Service of Worship — December 18, 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.

ELDER ON DUTY: Ric Cummings

HEAD USHER: Eric Burdette

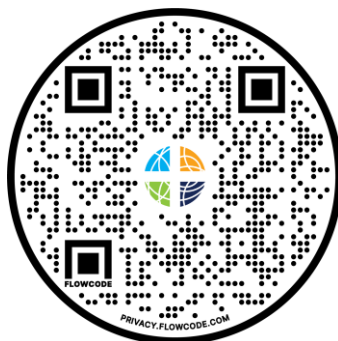
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RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

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: Marcie Monrad and family in the death of her mother.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Bob Shadburn, Tim Hayden

Ageing Challenges

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, 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: Kaw Prairie Community, Lenexa, KS; Heartland Presbytery Committee on Representation; support staff and volunteers of our churches

(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

AS PART OF “THE SONGS OF CHRISTMAS” today songs will be shared by Chancel & Exaltation! Singers and Instrumentalists — Rebecca Prater, director. Join us in our song! Praise Team will be sharing their songs in The Longest Night service tonight at 7pm.

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE is an annual service for those of us grieving the loss of a loved one and for those facing the challenges of illnesses, troubles with relationships or work situations, or any other difficulty that makes it hard to be joyful during the holiday season. Join us tonight at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE AT GRACE COVENANT:

- 5pm — Family Service — Service music will be shared by Joy! Singers (4s–1st graders); Celebration! Choir (2nd–5th graders); & Christopher Callender, guitar will lead “Silent Night”
- 8pm — Traditional Service — Service music will be shared by Chancel & Exaltation! Singers and Instrumentalists

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY IS PAJAMA SUNDAY! Wear your festive pajamas and join the fun as we celebrate Christmas Day with stories and songs.

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 TODAY 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.

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ADULT

NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH: ADULT ADVENT STUDY: Our adult Sunday school classes have joined for a study of Walter Brueggemann's, *Names for the Messiah*. The class concludes in the Sanctuary today. Copies of the study book are available in the office. A suggested donation of \$10 per book is encouraged. The class will be available on Zoom, using the same [worship link](#).

DINNERS FOR 7 OR 8 HAVE FINISHED THE FALL SESSION. New groups will be formed for the January–April session. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Williams either by e-mail, text, or phone. Let her know by December 23. There are **three groups** to choose from. The first is dinners in the home. The second is dinners at restaurants and the third is dinners in the home with children. These dinners provide an opportunity to get to know your church family better in a relaxed and casual way. Each group will meet once a month starting in January and finish in April. The dates, time and places will be determined by the members of the group. The first host will provide the main entrée and beverages. The other members will provide the side dishes. For those dining in restaurants, the first host will select the restaurant and contact the other members of the group. Groups will be notified by December 30 with an e-mail from Kathy. Her email is kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com and phone is 913-485-1776.

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

THE M&M TUBE FUNDRAISER is officially over, but we still have some tubes full of M&Ms in the concourse and will gladly take your contributions for our youth summer trips at any time. Our deepest thanks to everyone who has contributed! We couldn't make it happen without your generous support!

CHRISTMAS PARTY TODAY! Students join us from 10:45am to 12:45pm for fun games, friendly competition, food, and great company. We cannot wait to see you there. Don't forget to wear an ugly Christmas sweater ... who knows, you might win something if you do.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER: After much consideration and conversations with our high school seniors, we have decided to make Progressive dinner January 8!

MISSION

THIS MONTH'S COMMUNION OFFERING WILL GO TO THE ARGENTINE BABY CLOSET, a ministry of Argentine United Presbyterian Church, now in its 37th year serving families in their community. This year they are especially in need of new or gently used clothing (sizes 9 months to 2T) and *boy's* shoes/boots (sizes 2-7). Of course, they can always use diapers, wipes and formula, or cash that can be used to purchase needed items. Grace Covenant has generously supported the Baby Closet for the past 30 years. Please do so again this year. Questions? Contact Barb Purvis barb.purvis@gmail.com.

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