



**Service of Worship — November 21, 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:** Mike Mattix **HEAD USHER:** Terra Howard

**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**

**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:** Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Westport Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; The Open Table—New Worshiping Community.

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

## SPOTLIGHT

### SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS:

#### **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

**Wednesday, November 24 – Sanctuary**

At 6:45pm the service begins with Gathering Music by Cal Sweeten, dulcimer. Worship will follow with songs, scriptures, & reflections of gratitude for all the ways God blesses us.

#### **A CHRISTMAS EXCLAMATION!**

**Sunday, December 5, 6pm – Sanctuary**

Join us for this fun & festive Christmas program. You'll hear our children, youth, & adults singing & ringing some of our Christmas favorites. We'll also throw in some fun videos & YOU will get to sing some carols & songs! It's a "don't miss event!"

#### **SONGS OF THE SEASON**

**Sunday, December 5, 9:30am**

by Praise Team – Carrie DeVries, director

*and on*

**Sunday, December 19, 9:30am**

by \*Chancel Choir & Exaltation! Singers and Instrumentalists – Linda Dover, organist; and Patrick O'Halloran and Rebecca Prater, directors

*\*A safety note about this choral presentation: Chancel Choir & Exaltation! Singers I, II, & III will combine to present their songs LIVE in the sanctuary from the choir loft. All singers are fully vaccinated, will be masked, and will be distanced from each other and the congregation. As always, this worship service will also be available online to view and participate in.*

**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 wooden offering box at the back of the Sanctuary. 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 15.* Thank you!

**HOPE BEYOND HOPE ADVENT FAIR IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 10:30AM** (immediately following worship) in Heartland Hall. Folks of all ages will be introduced to the four themes of Advent at this year's fair. We will enjoy a variety of activities that will help you continue celebrating Advent at home. This year will include making an Advent wreath for you to use at

home. **Have You Signed Up?** In order to have enough supplies, we need everyone who wants a wreath to sign up. There will be two wreath options — a paper wreath for families with young children and a traditional wreath with greenery and candles. To sign up, please click [HERE](#), sign up on the bulletin board outside Heartland Hall, or contact Rev. Sue at [sue.trigger@gcpc.org](mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org).

**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. **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. Visit [gcpc.org/gift2022](http://gcpc.org/gift2022).

**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](mailto: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](http://gcpc.org) and clicking "Online Giving."

<b>ADULT</b>
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**FOLLOW ME — BIBLICAL PRACTICES FOR FAITHFUL LIVING:** Come for a unit, come for a class, or come every Sunday! Take a look at what's coming up:

- **October 24–November 21:** Confess: Confess; Repent: As Individuals; Repent: As Communities; Repair
- **December 5–January 2:** Hope: Hope is Waiting in Faith

This adult class will meet in **Room 3 at 10:45am**. Or join via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/yanmupj9>.

**CHURCH (PCUSA) AND SOCIETY:** This class will focus on church (PCUSA) and society. In talking about a particular issue, we will ask:

- What does the PCUSA/Bible say about the issue?
- What is our society doing on this issue?

- Is there a difference between church direction and societal action?

November 21 we will discuss U.S. military spending. The class will meet in **Room 4 at 10:45am**, or join via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/krd5pz84>. Coming for Advent: **The Troubled Land of Jesus' Birth**, December 5, 12, 19, a discussion of Israel/Palestine issues.

(Note: Classes will not meet November 28; Come to the Advent Fair!)

**THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP MEETS DECEMBER 1 AT 1:30PM IN ROOM 3** at the church. The book selection is *The Only Girl in the Room* by Marie Benedict. There will also be a book exchange for Christmas. Please bring a wrapped book and join the group for discussion and fellowship. (Per GCPC guidelines, we will wear masks during our meeting time together.)

**PAGETURNERS CHRISTMAS SOUP SUPPER AND BOOK EXCHANGE IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2**, at Jan Cummings house (9815 Broadmoor at 99th and Metcalf) at 6:30pm. Soup provided by Cheryl Johnson and Jan. Please bring an appetizer, bread, or dessert to share. *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey is the December discussion book. Following our discussion, we'll have our annual book exchange game. Please bring a book and a bookmark either wrapped or in a gift bag. Please RSVP to Jan, [cjan1950@gmail.com](mailto:cjan1950@gmail.com), 913-269-4164, or via FB. All are welcome and you don't have to read the book, but it helps!

**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 and may also be made through the [GCPC payment portal](#).

**PAGETURNERS CHRISTMAS SOUP SUPPER AND BOOK EXCHANGE** is Thursday, December 2, at Jan Cummings house (9815 Broadmoor at 99th and Metcalf) at 6:30pm. Soup is provided by Cheryl Johnson and Jan. Please bring an appetizer, bread, or dessert to share. *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey is the December discussion book. Following our discussion, we'll have our annual book exchange game. Please bring a book and a bookmark either wrapped or in a gift bag. We each draw numbers and the #1 person selects a gift. Once it's unwrapped, the second person may choose a new gift or steal the one from the previous person. Each book may be stolen three times, so there's strategy involved! Please RSVP to Jan, [cjan1950@gmail.com](mailto:cjan1950@gmail.com), 913-269-4164, or via FB. All are welcome and you don't have to read the book, but it helps!

## YOUTH

**HOMELESS NIGHT:** Our youth had our annual homeless night event last night until this morning. If you are worshipping in person, you likely saw some boxes outside as you entered that we used

for homes/sleeping quarters. You also may see some very sleepy students. We will not be having Sunday School for youth this morning since most will be exhausted.

**COMING SOON:**

- Red Bag wrapping Party/fundraiser after Church on November 28. It will take place during and after the Advent Fair. We will get some food together after the advent fair and wrap till the wrapping is done. Proceeds will go to KC Red Bag.
- A Christmas Exclamation is December 5!
- Christmas party with Knox Presbyterian on December 19!

<b>MISSION</b>
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**ONE MORE WEEK UNTIL 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 Note.

**DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, OUR DONATION PARTNER IS THE DUCHESNE CLINIC.** A safety net clinic located in Kansas City, KS, the Duchesne Clinic serves our low-income neighbors in Wyandotte County with their health care needs. Typically, we collect over-the-counter medications and hygiene items for the organization. Currently, the clinic is not accepting in-kind donations collected in person because of COVID concerns. However, they do have an Amazon wish list with items at a wide range of price points. If you would like to contribute items to the clinic, please use the link below to order from their wish list. Amazon will deliver the Items directly to the clinic (so you won't bring them to church). Thank you for helping our KCK neighbors recover their health and well-being! Wish list link:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2VLHWSMZ7HYCJ?ref =wl fv le>

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