



Service of Worship — February 20, 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.

“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

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: Overland Park Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS; Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS; Iglesia Filadelfia, La Esperanza (MQP).

(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

PANCAKE PICK-UP FOR SHROVE TUESDAY! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 10–11:30AM: Due to safety concerns, the Children’s Team will not host a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper this year. However, we are creating take-home Shrove Tuesday celebration kits for you to enjoy at home. Each kit will contain:

- Pancake mix
- Tang mix
- Mardi Gras decorations
- A Shrove Tuesday milestone moment guide to help you prepare for Lent
- A Lenten prayer labyrinth

Only 40 kits will be available. To reserve a kit, sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-shrove>,
or call the church office: 913-345-1256.

WERE YOU THERE? AN INTERACTIVE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, MARCH 2, 4–7PM: Ash Wednesday will begin a season of reflections on African-American spirituals that will merge the worlds of cultural-historical black music and the season of Lent. This service will be a time of individual reflection as you move through five stations. Each station will include a Scripture reading, information about a spiritual, and a reflective activity to help you begin your Lenten Journey. Revs. Sue and Mitch will impose ashes at the conclusion of your time of worship. Come when you can, but allow 30 minutes for the experience. Ashes will be imposed until 7pm.

FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP! Come and enjoy fellowship and fun at the Chili, Soup, and Pie Supper on February 26 in Heartland Hall from 5 to 7pm. Sign up on the church website gcpc.org/supper or by calling Patrick in the church office, 913.345.1256. If the event needs to be canceled due to high COVID numbers, you will be notified through the website, social media, and e-mail.

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.



CARE KITS: Our youth packed care kits that you are free to take and pass out to people on street corners or wherever you see someone who could use one. Look for baskets between the doors of the main entrance and Weekday Entrance with Zip-lock bags full of goodies. Take as many as you desire.

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed Monday, February 21, in observance of Presidents' Day.

CONTACTING STAFF: A reminder that the GPCC church building has returned to normal operations. The office is open from 8am to 4pm. To reach a staff member by e-mail:

Rev. Sue: sue.trigger@gcpc.org

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Rebecca Prater (music dir.): rebecca.prater@gcpc.org

Miles McDonald (youth dir.): miles.mcdonald@gcpc.org

Patrick Bell (office admin.): patrick.bell@gcpc.org

Tara Hyder (finance admin.): finance@gcpc.org

HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME: 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. You may also make your pledge online at gcpc.org.

ADULT

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS: 10:45am TODAY

February 13 — February 20: Follow Me: Sabbath Practices, Ash Wednesday & Lent: The next two Sundays, Rev. Sue will lead our online classes with a look at Sabbath practices, Ash Wednesday and Lent. This week Sue will look at what Sabbath means and how it has been and has not been practiced over time. Next week Sue will focus on the tradition of Ash Wednesday and Lent discussing themes and Scripture that shapes the season of Lent. Click on this link to download the study guides: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ixeotAquGMQzfAS8gw9beyfnGdaqzdOh?usp=sharing>. Zoom in at: <https://tinyurl.com/yanmupj9>

January 9 — February 20: The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism: Timothy Keller, the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA) in New York City, addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent believers, have about religion. Using literature, philosophy, real-life conversations, and potent reasoning, Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. To true believers he offers a solid platform on which to stand their ground against the backlash to religion created by the Age of Skepticism. And to skeptics, atheists, and agnostics, he provides a challenging argument for pursuing the reason for God. We recommend participants use a copy of the book as well as the discussion guide. The discussion guide is available from Pastor Sue today. The books have been ordered. The book is also available on Kindle from Amazon for those who prefer an electronic copy. Get yours at: <https://www.amazon.com/Reason-God-Belief-Age-Skepticism/dp/1594483493>. You can Zoom in at: <https://tinyurl.com/krd5pz84>

PAGE TURNERS WILL MEET THURSDAY, MARCH 3, at Jean Hampton's home. We will discuss *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller. All are welcome. Please RSVP at hamptonjean@gmail.com or by calling Jean at 913-485-5856. Jean's address is 9112 W. 116th Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66210. It's requested that attendees wear face masks.

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 sue.trigger@gcpc.org for more information.

YOUTH

YOUTH SUNDAY PLANS: Thanks to everyone who came to our planning session 2 weeks ago Sunday; we got a lot done! If you were not able to attend, this coming Sunday we are meeting again at church to polish up our parts, including the small reading parts assigned to people last Sunday. We still want you to take part in this amazing event! We will be meeting in the youth space downstairs this Sunday at 6:30pm. Remember, Youth Sunday is all about you, so we hope you will make it a priority! Join us in person or on zoom if you can't make it:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5784595517?pwd=RFlwNkltcUtISVQ4czFQNXRyYUdHZz09>

If you are able to stay a little bit late with us, we plan to rehearse our music for youth Sunday. We have some great songs planned and we hope you will sing with us!

VIDEOS AND READING PARTS: We have some short reading parts that we would like to spread out among our students, and we would also like EVERYONE to participate in our "passing of the peace." We will be recording super short videos of ourselves saying "peace be with you" (or something similar) when we are together Sunday evening, but if you can't come, please send a video of yourself to Miles.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK: Please join us on Zoom Sunday morning at 10:45!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5784595517?pwd=RFlwNkltcUtISVQ4czFQNXRyYUdHZz09>

TRIENNIUM: We regret to tell you that our Triennium event has been cancelled. But the good news is we are still looking into ways to do something local with other churches, and we may even be able to go to Montreat again.

MISSION

THE MISSION TEAM HAS SELECTED OUR VERY OWN GCPC LITTLE FOOD PANTRY as our February donation partner. We ask you to bring your donations to the Weekday Entrance whenever you are at church during the month of February. Please check the GCPC February newsletter or the

GPCPC "[How can I help?](#)" webpage for further information and a list of suggested donation items. The pantry can always take donations all year long. Please contact gpcpc_littlefoodpantry@yahoo.com at any time if you have questions/concerns. Thank you for participating in this important ministry.

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

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