



Service of Worship — December 4, 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.

THE ROSE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE is in celebration of the birth of Cassian Rex Barton, born November 20, 2022 to Chelly King’s granddaughter Erin and husband Dan.

ELDER ON DUTY: Jim Byrd

HEAD USHER: Dave Peck

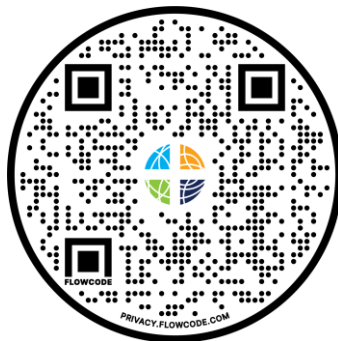
HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

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.



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

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Bob Shadburn, Tim Hayden

Ageing 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: First Presbyterian Church, Leavenworth, KS; Leawood Presbyterian Church, Leawood, KS; Iglesia La Paz de Dios, Palá, Ixtahuacán (MQP); Heartland Presbytery Council

(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” our congregation will be led in worship as follows: Today, songs will be shared by GCPC’s Orchestra — Pam Smith Kelly, director. On December 11th songs will be shared by Praise Team — Carrie DeVries, director and Grace Mountain — Christopher Callender, director. On December 18th songs will be shared by Chancel & Exaltation! Singers and Instrumentalists — Rebecca Prater, director. Join us in our song!

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 offering plate. 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 14.* Thank you!

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 December 18 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 will continue in the Sanctuary each Sunday, December 4, 11, and 18. Copies of the study book are available in the office. A suggested donation of \$10 per book is encouraged. The Facebook live stream of worship will end at the end of worship, but a new Facebook live video will begin for the class. It will also be available on Zoom, using the same worship Zoom link.

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet December 7 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Anthropocene Reviewed* by John Green. There will also be a wrapped book exchange. It is optional to bring a plate of cookies to share. Please join the group for discussion and festive fellowship.

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

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS TODAY! We have a regular Sunday Morning class this morning. We will start at 10:45am and go until 11:45. Lunch will not be provided today

A CHRISTMAS EXCLAMATION! is coming up this Sunday at 6pm. We would love to see everyone there. We look forward to supporting our middle and high school singers and ringers!

RECONNECT DECEMBER 11TH! Sunday, December 11, we will have a Reconnect. We start at 10:45am and end at 12:45pm with lunch provided. If you have not already signed up to bring food, please use the link below. We look forward to playing games, diving into the Bible, and eating some good food! <https://band.us/band/87628866/post/30>

RECONNECT/CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 18TH! We will have a Reconnect on Sunday, December 18, but not just *any* Reconnect ... we are having a Christmas Party! 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, but do not forget to wear an ugly Christmas sweater. Who knows, you might win something if you do.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER IN JANUARY: After much consideration and conversation, we have decided to schedule our Progressive Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange for the evening of Sunday January 8! We hope that will allow us to have a great turnout and a relaxing time after the craziness of the Christmas season.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT RENEWED HOPE FOOD PANTRY: ReNewed Hope makes a significant impact for good in our community by helping solve the problem of food insecurity—lack of reliable access to affordable, nutritious food. Many GCPC members have already volunteered at ReNewed Hope, and we also now direct the food donations collected in the Weekday Entrance to ReNewed Hope. ReNewed Hope needs many volunteers to fulfill their mission. They have service opportunities on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, and Friday evenings. Please check out their website for more information and use the links there or the Vomo app to volunteer! <https://renewedhopefoodpantry.org/>

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