

# Service of Worship November 29, 2020 10:00am

"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.

"Pray for one another" – James 5:15

We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

**All Grieving the Death of a Loved One:** The Family in the death of Shirley Sampson.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Gary Dubois, Gail Harris, Dave Pack, Rosemary Gibson, Mauri

Turner, Morgan Krug, Shirley Sisk

Cancer Treatment: Kathy Jonas

Aging Challenges: Shirley Sisk, C.J. Poirier

Military Service: Conner Maynard, 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:** King City Presbyterian Church, King City, MO; Latour Presbyterian Church, Latour, MO; United Christian & Presbyterian Church, Lawson, MO; Heartland Presbytery Safe Boundaries Response Committee

(If you have a prayer request you'd like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at <a href="mailto:office@gcpc.org">office@gcpc.org</a>, or send to gcpc\_prayers@yahoo.com.)

## **SPOTLIGHT**

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 13 following worship for the purpose of electing Deacons.

**CHRISTMAS STORY PHOTOSHOOT:** The 5pm Christmas Eve online worship service this year will include still photos of the characters from the Christmas story along with videos of readings and music. We are holding a photo shoot at church outdoors this Sunday, 11/29, at 1pm. We need more volunteers of all ages for the photo shoot! The nativity will be set up outside, and we will have costumes for everyone to wear for a few staged photos. Please let Sue know if you'll be able to help! <a href="mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org">sue.trigger@gcpc.org</a>

**NEED A GIFT FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING?** Consider an Alternative Gift Certificate! The sale of alternative gift certificates is moving online this year, starting today and ending December 20. We have gift certificates ranging from \$1 to \$50, supporting causes from clean water in South Sudan, to stocking Rosehill Elementary with art supplies and medicines for the nurse's office. Get your Black Friday shopping done early and in your PJs — look online at <a href="mailto:gcpc.org/Christmas">gcpc.org/Christmas</a> to see everything being offered. You can pay online through the GCPC giving portal or send a check to the church office — you'll get more instructions about how to pay once you submit your order. Send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:michala.walker@gmail.com">michala.walker@gmail.com</a> with any questions!

**POINSETTIA DONATIONS:** Although our worship may be different, we will still 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, please 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) *Deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert is Wednesday, December 16.* Thank you!

**THE GENEROSITY TEAM WOULD LIKE TO THANK** everyone involved in helping us get off to a good start with this year's "Stewart-ship" Campaign. If you haven't made your pledge yet, you can go online at <a href="http://gcpc.org/2021pledge">http://gcpc.org/2021pledge</a>, or you can call our Finance Administrator, Tara Hyder. You can also download a pledge card HERE.

**CONTACTING STAFF:** A reminder that the GCPC church building is open to limited use in response to the ongoing public health emergency. Office staff members are primarily working remotely. The best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

Rev. Sue: <a href="mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org">sue.trigger@gcpc.org</a>

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Tara Hyder (finance admin.): <a href="mailto:finance@gcpc.org">finance@gcpc.org</a>

**HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME:** During this time of online-only 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 <a href="mailto:gcpc.org">gcpc.org</a> and clicking the "Online Giving" tab.

#### YOUTH

**CONNECT WILL MEET IN THE COURTYARD** behind church this Sunday, 1–3pm. We will be taking pictures of ourselves and others in the various scenes of the Christmas Story. There are 20 different roles that we are including in the story for the 5pm Christmas Eve service this year, and it will all be told with these pictures so we need as many of you as can come! We will be outside, distanced and masked so please dress warmly and in layers.

We have some costumes for shepherds, angles, and magi but if you have something you can wear/bring that might help, please do! We also need Roman guards, scribes, Caesar, Herod, and more.

**THE VIRTUAL ADVENT FAIR** is today at 11:15am. Sunday morning classes will not meet. We encourage you all to participate in the Advent Fair. We will meet in person again next Sunday.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER AND WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE DECEMBER 13:** This year we are welcoming youth and college-age students to join us for this event! It will all take place at the church, with the dinner portions being outside rotating between fire pits. If it's too cold to stay outside for the white elephant gift exchange, we will go into the church, masked and socially distanced of course, for that portion. We are looking for parents to help with the food for that evening.

### **CHILDREN**

A VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL: This Sunday we continue our children's Sunday school classes virtually. You can find information and links on our GCPC website: <a href="https://gcpc.org/education/children/virtual-sunday-school/">https://gcpc.org/education/children/virtual-sunday-school/</a> Click on 2s and 3s or 4 yrs—1st Grade to find lessons and music time. The 2<sup>nd</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> Grade class will be a live Zoom meeting at 9am on Sundays. This is a password protected meeting. Contact Rev. Sue to get the log in information at <a href="mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org">sue.trigger@gcpc.org</a>. Celebration Singers rehearsals will follow the 2<sup>nd</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> Grade lesson time. This will be part of the same Zoom meeting.

## **MISSION**

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK:** Thank you to everyone who helped us host Grace Covenant's 66th rotation week. We served one guest at New Haven Seventh Day Adventist Church in Overland Park, KS. Our next rotation is February 2021. We are looking for a volunteer to take on the Evening and Overnight Host Coordinator position. This involves administering SignUpGenius the four weeks prior to the rotation. Please contact Jane Knoche if interested. IHN is also requesting \$25 Walmart or Target gift cards to take the place of our prior Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. You can drop them off at the IHN Family Center or contact Jane Knoche for delivery.

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