



Service of Worship — April 2, 2023



***“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: Bill Turner

HEAD USHERS: Mike & Susan Fitzgerald

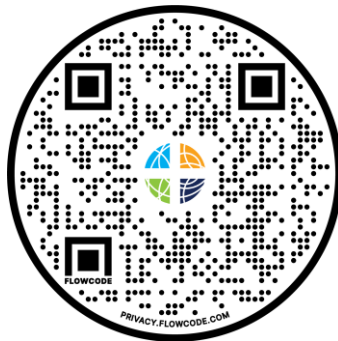
HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

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: Chris Chaffin in the death of his stepmother.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Bob Shadburn, Pam Kelly

Aging Challenges

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Clara Frye. **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

(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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Mundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:30pm

Come reflect on Jesus' commandment to love and remember him.

Good Friday, April 7 at 7:30pm

In gratitude we remember the crucifixion of our Lord.

Easter Sunday, April 9 at 9am and 11am

Rejoice!

9am — Praise Team led; 11am — organ and Chancel Choir led

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING MILES MCDONALD and his 16 years of ministry at GCPC at a reception hosted by the Youth Team, **following worship TODAY!** Come to Heartland Hall directly after the service to thank Miles and wish him well on the next chapter in his life. See you there!

A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF SPRING FLOWERS will transform the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The flowers are provided through the generosity of members who donate flowers “in memory of” or “in honor of” a friend or loved one. If you would like to be a part of the tradition of donating flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, simply place your donation in the specially marked envelope provided in the pews, or 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) You may also make a donation through the [online giving portal](#) of our website. ***Deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert TOMORROW, April 3.*** Thank you!

40 DAYS, 40 ITEMS DECLUTTERING CHALLENGE: If you have been participating in this Lenten challenge, remember to bring your items next Saturday, April 8, to Room 21 at the church between 9:30 and 10:30am. Overflow storage will be in Room 5. You can also bring your items to church anytime during the week of April 2, if you can't make it Saturday morning.

SPRING WORKDAY: Spring is here, and it's time to spruce up the GCPC grounds! Join Boy Scout Troop 122 in cleaning up the flower beds and other general outside maintenance on Saturday, April 15, 9am to noon. We will provide the tools, just bring yourself and gloves if you need them. (We could use additional leaf rakes if you have one to share.) No RSVP needed. Contact facilities moderator Liz Chandler, lizchandler814@yahoo.com, for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AN INTERGENERATIONAL TRIVIA NIGHT on Friday, April 21, 6–8pm in Heartland Hall. Bring a light appetizer/snack/finger food to share. (To be environmentally friendly, please consider bringing your own plate/service ware.) Childcare will be provided for 5th grade and younger, but older children are encouraged to join in the fun. Please indicate if you need childcare when registering. We will have prizes for the winning team! You may sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a45a4a722a4fc1-intergenerational>. Contact Lynn Long, llong82@gmail.com, with questions.

TACTILE LAP QUILT UPDATE: On January 18 Harbor Hospice received five tactile lap quilts assembled by GCPC members. They were thrilled and said these are in high demand in memory care facilities. We will meet to sew notions into 6-1/2” fabric squares on April 8, 10am–12pm in Room 3 at the church. All you need to bring is your machine, thread and scissors, or just a needle if you are a hand sewer. If you would like to participate, or if you would like to sew from home, contact Donna Heer, taxdheer@gmail.com.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Sunday, April 30, immediately following worship to elect members from the congregation at large to the Nominating Team.

CONTACTING STAFF: The office is open 8am to 4pm, M–F. To reach a staff member by e-mail:

- **Rev. Sue:** sue.trigger@gcpc.org
- **Rev. Mitch:** mitch.trigger@gcpc.org
- **Rebecca Prater (music dir.):** rebecca.prater@gcpc.org

- **Patrick Bell (office admin.):** patrick.bell@gcpc.org
- **Tara Hyder (finance admin.):** finance@gcpc.org

ADULT

ADULT LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Please join us during the Sunday School hour for a study of *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis* by Dr. Patricia Tull March 5–April 2. All are welcome to attend (even if you haven't read the current chapters). You can buy a copy of the book in the church office (\$5 donation) or online from Amazon or from Westminster John Knox Books,

<https://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664233333/inhabiting-eden.aspx./>

Zoom in at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815237214?pwd=TVh4VWZldC9hbGJCL1k5dIVjWVlwUT09>

Meeting ID: 838 2979 0055; Passcode: 723297

FOLLOW ME: PRACTICE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES: Class meets in Room 3. Leadership is shared. This Lenten study continues today and will focus on practices that Jesus engaged in. Participants will dive deeply into actions lived and modeled by Jesus and across Scripture: fasting, prayer, listening to God, embracing simplicity, unplugging, and more. Zoom in at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83829790055?pwd=MnpSL1MwS2VBbWN0OEU5aFJGaTJLdz09>

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PAGE TURNERS WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, APRIL 13, at Laura Patton's home (15814 Beverly St., Overland Park, KS 66223). This is a week later than usual because of Maundy Thursday. The format of our meeting will also be atypical. We will be discussing nine of the most frequently challenged books of 2021–22. Please contact Laura at lfpatton@gmail.com to RSVP and learn how to prepare for this meeting. All are welcome!

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP WILL MEET APRIL 5 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. Please join the group for discussion and 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.

VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED FOR THE VBS PLANNING TEAM and activity site leaders and guides. To volunteer please contact Rev. Sue at sue.trigger@gcpc.org or 913-345-1256.

YOUTH

ROMANS AND CHRISTIANS AND PIZZA THIS SUNDAY EVENING: Join us 6:30–8pm this evening to run around the church and play Roman’s and Christians. This may be my last R&C game in a very long time so let’s make it great! Friends are welcome; I hope to gather a good-sized group.

RECONNECT! If you can provide a lunch for the group at a future event that would be appreciated. There is a post in Band to sign up to prepare a meal for us.

<https://band.us/band/87628866>. Thanks in advance to anyone who can help!

PRESBYTERY LOCK-IN AT CHAPEL HILL: Heartland Presbytery is hosting an All-Presbytery Youth Lock In on Friday, April 21 at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church beginning at 6pm with dinner and concluding Saturday morning no later than 10am, following breakfast and a final gathering. This event is for 6th–12th youth and will include meals, energizers, games, music, ice breakers, outdoor events (weather permitting), vespers and a movie. Each participant should bring \$10 to help defer dinner costs.

NO M&M TRIP THIS SUMMER: We did not have enough availability among our high school group to put together an M&M trip for this summer, so we are cancelling plans for that experience this year. The Massanetta Middle School Conference is still on though. I hope to get registration forms out for that tomorrow.

MISSION

GCPC + GOOD FAITH NETWORK: In February, Session voted for GCPC to join the Good Faith Network, an interfaith group composed of 25+ congregations across three faith traditions in Johnson County. The Good Faith Network’s mission is to pursue justice around our local community’s most pressing problems. This year, the Good Faith Network is working on solutions to mental health, housing, and homelessness in Johnson County. The membership fee was funded partially by donations from members; we’re also seeking some supplementary PCUSA grant funding. (Further donations would be welcome from anyone else who wants to support our participation in this work!)

We are seeking GCPC members who are interested in participating in this work. Anyone who is interested is invited to schedule a 30-minute meet-up with the organization’s lead staff person, Aileen Ball. These meetings will be informal conversations that let Aileen learn more about us and our congregation, as well as letting you ask any questions you may have about Good Faith Network. Attending a meeting does not create any obligation to participate further unless you want to!

For convenience, Aileen has put her calendar online, so you can just click this link and schedule with her directly: <https://calendly.com/aileenball/meet-with-an-organizer-from-good-faith-network>. But if you are having trouble with the link, you can just contact her directly to get something scheduled--her email is aileen@thegoodfaithnetwork.org.

Nehemiah Assembly in May

All GCPC members, regardless of other involvement with GFN, are also invited to attend the main event of the year, the Nehemiah Assembly on May 2 at 6pm, at the Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe in Leawood. At the Nehemiah Assembly, over 1,000 justice-seeking people of faith will gather to seek commitment from our local officials to implement solutions to make real change in Johnson County. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend!

Please contact Mikki Walker and Rick Randolph with any questions. (michala.walker@gmail.com; rrandolphiii@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 food donations may be left in the bin in the Weekday Entrance. 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/>

APRIL DONATION PARTNER: A GATHERING OF FRIENDS — Our April donation partner is A Gathering of Friends, a grassroots organization serving those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in Johnson and Wyandotte counties. A Gathering of Friends relies on donations and volunteers for everything needed to make sure those they serve have a good, home cooked meal each week, along with sandwiches, snacks, and fresh fruits to eat later, as well as supplies to ensure their safety, health, and comfort. Please see the list below for what you can donate to support their mission. Donations can go in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime in April. *If you'd like to provide a QuikTrip or Wal-Mart gift card, please put those in the plastic holder outside the church office door.*

- AAA batteries
- backpacks
- reusable shopping bags
- flashlights
- lighters
- men's large/xl t-shirts (used, okay)
- hoodies (used, okay)
- men's jeans/sweats/cargo(used, okay)
- tents
- sleeping bags
- insect repellent
- \$5 or \$10 QuikTrip gift cards

OUR APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, one of the four annual special offerings collected by PC(USA). Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on Self-development of People, and support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program.

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