



## Service of Worship — March 19, 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:** Jane Knoche

**HEAD USHER:** Eric Burdette

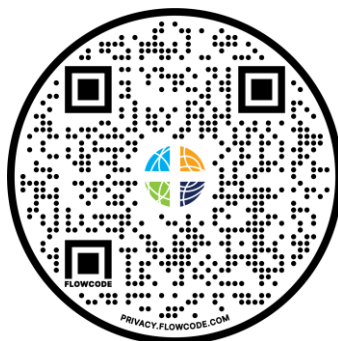
**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE.** Please ask at the sound booth.

**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:** Jake Schmidt, Donna Dearmore, Pam Kelly

**Cancer Treatment:** Bob Shadburn, Tim Hayden

**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:** Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS — Mission & Antioch; Rantoul Community Presbyterian Church, Rantoul, KS; Raymore Presbyterian Church, Raymore, MO.

(If you have a prayer request you would like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at [office@gcpc.org](mailto:office@gcpc.org), or send to [gcpc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:gcpc.prayers@gmail.com).)

**SPOTLIGHT**

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday, April 2 at 9:30am**

We welcome Jesus, our king with palms and joyful hosannas!

**Maundy 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

**NOISY OFFERING IS TODAY!** This offering will be directed to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the ministry and mission agency of PCUSA. Their work covers four ministry areas: Compassion, Peace & Justice; Racial Equity & Women’s Intercultural Ministries; Theology, Formation & Evangelism; and World Mission. Presbyterian Mission Agency works to inspire, equip and connect all Presbyterians for the church’s work.

**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 is Monday, April 3.*** Thank you!

**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](mailto:taxdheer@gmail.com).

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<b>ADULT</b>
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**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. In this thoughtful study, respected Old Testament scholar Patricia K. Tull explores the Scriptures for guidance on today’s ecological crisis. Tull looks to the Bible for what it can tell us about our relationships, not just to the earth itself, but also to plant and animal life, to each other, to descendants who will inherit the planet from us, and to our Creator. She offers candid discussions on many current ecological problems that humans contribute to, such as the overuse of energy resources like gas and electricity, consumerism, food production systems — including land use and factory farming — and toxic waste. Nelson Townsend, Jo Randolph, and Mikki Walker will lead these discussions, which all are welcome to attend (even if you haven’t read the

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. /](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. Spiritual practices are seen as those things Jesus did, said, or embodied; we as Jesus' followers try to do so as well. Many of the spiritual disciplines covered in this unit have emerged over the centuries as Christians have experimented with ways to make space in their lives to be with Jesus and to allow Jesus to transform them. Zoom in at:

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

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## CHILDREN

**AWAKENING TO WORSHIP CONTINUES TODAY** for children ages 4–1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**CHILDREN'S TEAM NEEDS HELP WITH TWO UPCOMING EVENTS.** We need candy donations and volunteers to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on April 1 at 10am. To donate and volunteer please RSVP at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-easter>. We need volunteers to serve on the VBS Planning Team and activity site leaders and guides. To volunteer please contact Rev. Sue at [sue.trigger@gcpc.org](mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org) or 913-345-1256.

## YOUTH

**RECONNECT THIS SUNDAY!** We will have Reconnect today, 10:45am-12:45pm, starting in the youth space. Lunch is provided. If you are able to provide a lunch for the group 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!

**SPRING SCHEDULE:** We are planning for Reconnect Events March 26 and April 2, 16, and 30. Also plan for an evening event on March 26. Romans and Christians anyone?

**SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP?** Details are coming together for a high school (graduated 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade) mission (and maybe music) trip June 10–17. The current plan is to head to St. Louis, Memphis, or Nashville on the 10th for fun and perhaps to share music in worship with a

host church on Sunday. From there we would head to Tennessee or Kentucky to serve with the Appalachian Service Project until Saturday morning. Please let me know if you are interested!

**REGGIE REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP:** Youth Team is still taking applications for the Reggie Reynolds scholarship. In past years this opportunity was only available for high school seniors, but this year the team is opening it up to all 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders. **The application deadline is March 26!**

## MISSION

**MARCH DONATION PARTNER - ARROWHEAD DAY SCHOOL PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS:** GCPC will collect toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products for students at Arrowhead Day School as part of the school's Caring for Kids partnership. Arrowhead Day School is located at 66th and Santa Fe in Overland Park and is Shawnee Mission School District's response for children and youth who need a caring, compassionate educational setting. Students come from throughout the Shawnee Mission School District and range in age from elementary through high school. Personal hygiene items will help support student needs as school staff work to bring about appropriate social and behavioral practices. Drop off your donations of these items in the Weekday Entrance bins during the month of March.

**MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT - INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN):** For many years, GCPC has hosted guests from the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a homelessness intervention program that helps restore stability to situationally homeless families in Johnson County. IHN has fed, housed, educated and empowered hundreds of wonderful people, thanks to their network of congregations and individual supporters. Last year, more than 75% of IHN guests obtained permanent housing after 90 to 180 days with us. Communion Offering in March will help support IHN's mission.

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