



Service of Worship — February 18, 2024

“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: Angela Krug

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.



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“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: Pam Kelly, Harold Farren, Katie Rickley

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: Knox Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS; Neema Community Presbyterian Church, Olathe, KS; Iglesia Eben-Ezer, Cantón Los Angeles, San Felipe, Retalhuleu (MQP); Farmstead Eight – New Worshipping Community

(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

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents’ Day.

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 this tradition, 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, March 25.** Thank you!

TAKE THE CHALLENGE — GIVE UP PLASTIC BAGS FOR LENT (AND WIN A PRIZE!) Many plastic bags are used for a matter of minutes and then sit in a landfill for hundreds of years. They contribute to climate change and plastic pollution and can harm wildlife. So join the challenge, and stop using plastic bags! Here's how to participate:

- Between February 14 and March 28, take a selfie every time you use a reusable bag (or just a photo of your reusable bag, if you don't want to be in the picture).
- Upload it to www.gcpc.org/reusablebag. Whoever has the most photos uploaded by midnight on March 28 will win a prize! The winner will be announced in worship on April 7.

There are a few rules:

- You can take one photo per place where you normally would receive a single use bag. So if you buy groceries and use six reusable bags to take them all home, you can take one photo of all six bags to upload.
- Photos from one household should all be submitted by the same person (to make it easier to count submissions and determine the winner).
- You can only submit photos from people who live with you. So unless your children/grandchildren/other relatives live with you, you can't submit their photos under your name.
- You don't have to upload photos on the day they are taken — you could upload all your photos at 11:59pm on March 28 if you'd like.

If you need a reusable bag, see Mikki Walker — she has extras to give away, and ask Mikki if you have any questions, michala.walker@gmail.com.

EAST HILL SINGERS CONCERT AT GCPC — APRIL 28, 4PM: Save the afternoon of April 28 to attend this unique and uplifting concert! The East Hill Singers choir consists of volunteer singers from the community and inmates from the minimum-security unit at Lansing Correctional Facility. There is little that is more unique than a prison choir performing outside of the walls. Supported by the men who volunteer their time to the choir, the inmate singers learn more than music; they function as a team with accountability to each other. Being welcomed as artists and given the opportunity to connect helps prepare them to return to community life. Please attend and support this unique event!

ADULT

TODAY, THE ADULT MINISTRIES TEAM begins a Lenten series, *Meeting Jesus at the Table — A Lenten Study* by Cynthia M. Campbell, and Christine Coy Fohr. The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus sharing meals with disciples, friends, even tax collectors and Pharisees. This eight-chapter resource provides biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as whom should we invite to Sunday dinner and who is left out and left behind in our culture today. Please join us at 10:45am in (Room 3), or join us via Zoom at:

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

CHILDREN

THIS WEEK WE CONTINUE OUR ATW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING. If you need more information, please check the children's bookcase outside the sanctuary for further details.

TODAY IS A SMASH SUNDAY. Our Kindergarten–5th/6th–graders are invited to join us from 4pm to 6pm in Heartland Hall. We will explore the impact Mary made as a child. See you there!

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND OUR 2nd–GRADE FAMILIES OF OUR COMMUNION WORKSHOP that will be held next Sunday, February 25, after our congregational potluck (approximately noon). Join us in Room 4.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR GCPC FAMILY for making our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a success! We want to give a shout out to Ric Cummings for helping to organize this event with us. Whether your job was to help set up, flip pancakes, clean up, or just eat pancakes, you *batter* believe we appreciate you.

MISSION

OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND COMPOSTING AT GCPC — PLEASE RESPOND BY TODAY IF INTERESTED! Late last year, Food Cycle KC decided to discontinue the composting program we had been participating in at GCPC. In looking for options to continue composting, we've found out that it may be possible to expand our composting program. The expanded program would allow GCPC members to bring their household compostable waste to church — but we'll only move forward if there is sufficient interest.

Here's how it would work: There would be a 64-gallon trash bin with a locking lid outside by the aluminum recycling can shed in the west parking lot. Each participating household would sign up directly with KC Can Compost (KCCC) and pay a monthly cost of \$12.99 directly to KCCC. Participants would receive a bucket and the code to unlock the big bin from KCCC and could bring their full buckets to church to pour into the big bin at any time. Participants will not be allowed to bring empty buckets into the church to clean, so use of compostable bucket liners is encouraged. Information about what compostables KCCC accepts is available at <https://kccancompost.com/compostable-item>.

Overall, the monthly cost for this program is \$60. However, KCCC will reduce that amount by \$12 for every GCPC participating household. So if at least five people sign up, the program would be free to the church. This program would only be available to GCPC members.

You can read more about why composting is important to fight climate change and the good work that KCCC does in our local community at kccancompost.com. If you're interested in participating, please let Mikki Walker know by February 18 — and let Mikki know if you have any questions. Send them to michala.walker@gmail.com, or just talk to her in church today.

OUR FEBRUARY DONATION PARTNER IS GCPC'S OWN LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY. If you haven't seen it, this pantry is found on the east end of our property along Nieman Road. We stock the pantry with nonperishable items, and we see these items moving from the pantry each week. Sometimes the pantry is wiped clean. Volunteers check the pantry twice a week and restock as best we can. On occasion, we see donations added to the pantry from within the community as well. Please bring your donations to the Weekday Entrance anytime during February. The items most consumed are canned goods and individual snacks/drinks of any kind.

FEBRUARY'S COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IS ROSEHILL ELEMENTARY. Rosehill is a Title I school in Lenexa, and a longtime partner with GCPC. Title I is a federal program that provides extra math and reading support; Rosehill is eligible for Title I because of the percentage of students who receive free or reduced lunch benefits. A quality education is necessary for every child to be successful in life; GCPC's partnership with Rosehill helps ensure that all our local children are equipped to succeed. Make your donation online or in the offering plate; just note that it is meant for Communion Offering.

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