



## Service of Worship — March 17, 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:** Lara Schesser

**HEAD USHERS:** Richard & Berdine Eby

**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.



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

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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:** Nelson Townsend and family in the death of his father.

**Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses:** Rosemary Gibson, Dave Peck

**Cancer Treatment:** 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:** Parkville Presbyterian Church, Parkville, MO; Southminster Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS.

(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**

**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](http://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](mailto:michala.walker@gmail.com).

**MARCH BLOOD DRIVE:** We're excited to host the Community Blood Center donation drive on March 27. New donors are always welcome! We'll be making appointments between 2 and 6pm. Book at [savealifenow.org/group](http://savealifenow.org/group) and enter Group Code: IM. For questions, contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or [swbyrdks@gmail.com](mailto:swbyrdks@gmail.com).

## ADULT

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** continues with the Lenten series *Meeting Jesus at the Table — A Lenten Study* by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. This week, the discussion will be led by Sandy Adams, and our topic will be "Making Room at the Table" based on Luke 14:7–14.

Please join us for an interactive dialogue at 10:45am in Room 3, or join us via Zoom at:

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

## CHILDREN

**TODAY, WE OFFER OUR REGULAR SUNDAY PROGRAMS** with Awakening to Worship and Sunday School. If you need any further information about programs, please stop by the children's bookcase just outside the sanctuary.

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG EVENT** on Saturday, March 23, at 10am. We'll begin our event with some fun and games inside Heartland Hall and conclude with an egg hunt (outdoors if the weather allows). Children of all ages are welcome. Invite your friends too! The event needs

some candy donations and volunteers. Use our SignUpGenius to let us know if we can count on your volunteer help: <https://bit.ly/GCPCEggHunt>

**OUR SMASH GATHERINGS** have been a lot of fun lately. We imagine you can hear the children's giggles and laughter all throughout GCPC's neighborhood. This program is for children in Kindergarten through 5th/6th grade and meets monthly on a Sunday afternoon. We have been studying Children in the Bible through Service, Music, Arts, Sports and Hanging Out. We are looking for a few extra adults to help us supervise the activities this spring. If you want to be involved this super fun Children's event, please see our request for help here: <https://bit.ly/GCPCSpringSmash>. Thank you!

**VBS PLANNING IS ALSO UNDERWAY!** Hot off the presses! Our Camper Registration is now available, AND new this year, we have a Volunteer Registration form too. Our GCPC Children's Team will need lots of help to pull off this year's VBS so please let us know if you can help us in any way. We need YOU! You can find camper and volunteer registration at [gcpc.org/vbs](http://gcpc.org/vbs). Contact any member of the Children's Team if you have any questions about VBS. We are gonna have a great week at Camp Firelight!

## MISSION

**OUR MARCH DONATION PARTNER IS UPLIFT:** Three evenings a week four UPLIFT trucks disperse into the Kansas City Metropolitan area in order to distribute warm meals and basic survival needs to the homeless in the Kansas City area. UPLIFT is a fully volunteer organization. Grace Covenant participates in UPLIFT every fourth Saturday. In January GCPC members provided hot meals for 60–90 people and donated an amazing 535 pairs of gloves. Your generosity and kindness is overwhelming!

**In the spring, HIGH NEED items include new underwear for men and women so that is our designated March donation request.** The links below (scan the QR codes with your smart phone camera and select the link) show Amazon items suggested by the UPLIFT organization. Of course, if you have another place you prefer shopping, please go right ahead. These links will give you a good feel for what is needed. We *can't* have Amazon orders delivered to the church. They need to be delivered either to my home address (Kevin Johnson, 12840 Century Street, Overland Park, KS 66213) or to your home. If they are delivered to your home please place them in the Weekday Entrance bin labeled "UPLIFT."

Once a month, an e-mail goes out to GCPC members who are on our UPLIFT distribution list identifying recipe items needed for the hot meal and the current HIGH NEED items. If you would like to be included in the distribution list, you can scan the fourth QR code and fill out the form or you can contact Kevin Johnson (the GCPC UPLIFT coordinator) at [krpj01@gmail.com](mailto:krpj01@gmail.com).



**MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — PCUSA SPECIAL OFFERING — ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. If you’d like to make a gift to OGHS, just use the “Communion” option in the online portal or write “Communion Offering” on your check or envelope.

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