



Service of Worship — December 31, 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: Melanie Townsend

HEAD USHERS: Eric Burdette & Steve Becher

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: Jesse Hampton and family in the death of his sister.

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: Kaw Prairie Community, Lenexa, KS; Heartland Presbytery Committee on Representation; support staff and volunteers of our churches.

(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, January 1.

SAVE THE DATE! The Care and Connections Team will host a "Bingo & Pizza Night" on Friday, January 26, 5:30–7:30pm. You won't want to miss this fun intergenerational event! Please hold the date open now!

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS PLEDGE UPDATE: Our pledge Goal is \$635,000. We have received 99 pledges totaling \$538,200! Thank you so much to all our folks that are walking with us to build our future! This is the firm number that your Session is using to work out the 2024 budget. We believe that there are at least 27 pledges that haven't come in yet for 2024. These would significantly help us reach our pledge goal. We hope this gentle reminder will have you go to our Generosity Bulletin Board and pick up a pledge slip and envelope and fill it out, and then put it in Tara Hyder's office inbox. You may also go to our pledge portal <https://gcpc.org/about->

[us/donate.html](#) and enter it there! Tara always appreciates e-mails(finance@gcpc.org) or phone calls — leave a message. Please write yourself a note or tear this part of the bulletin/newsletter out for a reminder! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Sutherland, Ryan Hussey, or Jane Knoche.

ADULT

AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet January 3 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship. It is optional, but bring a wrapped book for the New Year book exchange.

PAGE TURNERS will meet Thursday, January 4, at 7pm in Jean Hampton's home. We will discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. You can RSVP on the GCPC Page Turners Facebook page, or by e-mailing Jean at hamptonjean@gmail.com, or by calling her at 913-485-5856. Jean's address is 9112 West 116th Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66210.

CHILDREN

THE GCPC CHILDREN'S TEAM would like to wish all our families, volunteers and entire congregation a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our programs are on break and will begin again on January 7.

MISSION

SOUPERBOWL OF CARING 2024: A GCPC tradition, the SouperBowl of Caring is the championship of food drives! This year we're directing donations straight to ReNewed Hope Food Pantry rather than Harvesters. ReNewed Hope was founded out of the desire that no person in our community go hungry. Their mission is to feed the hungry and help our neighbors as God asked us in Isaiah 58: "... if you pour yourself out for the hungry / and satisfy the desire of the afflicted / then shall your light rise in the darkness / and your gloom be as the noonday."

Any nonperishable packaged food is welcome, but the most needed items are: *peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned soup, and crackers*. Please leave your donations in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime before February 1. Both Weekday Entrance bins can be used if needed!

ReNewed Hope is also our Communion Offering recipient for January; if you like to support them financially, use the "Communion" option in the online portal or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope. If you'd like to give directly to the Pantry, check out <https://renewedhopefoodpantry.org/donate/> for more information.

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