



**Service of Worship
January 31, 2021**

***“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.

“Pray for one another” — James 5:15

We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

All Grieving the Death of a Loved One: Kim Krueger and Family in the death of her mother; the Poirier Family in the death of C.J. Poirier.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Gary Dubois, Gail Harris, Rosemary Gibson, Shirley Sisk, Cindy Schendel, Paul Wirtz

Cancer Treatment: Kathy Jonas

Ageing Challenges: Shirley Sisk

Military Service: Conner Maynard, David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Bryce Hearn, Shannon Lorimer. **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: Heritage Presbyterian Church, Olathe, KS; Woodville Presbyterian Church, Oregon, MO

(If you have a prayer request you'd like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at office@gcpc.org, or send to gcpc_prayers@yahoo.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION IS TODAY AT 11AM. Accessing the meeting will require you to leave the Zoom worship service and sign-in to the Zoom congregational meeting, which will have a different log-in. <https://success.zoom.us/j/98922654141?pwd=cW44eGFeVNHVWliUVY4YUhWaVBdZ09>. Meeting ID: 989 2265 4141; Passcode: GCPC2021

OUR YOUTH WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT FOOD FOR THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING up until February. 7. You can drop off Souper Bowl donations in the Harvesters barrels in front of the big wooden doors at GCPC weekday mornings from 9:00am to noon. If you would like a student to pick your donation up from your house, we can arrange for that too! Just contact [Miles](#).

Harvesters most needed items include: canned vegetables (low sodium), canned fruits in 100% juice, dried fruit (no added sugar preferred), canned chicken, tuna, salmon (packed in water), brown rice, whole grain pasta, dried beans or canned low sodium beans, peanut, almond, or sun butter, canned soup (chicken, tomato or vegetable), cereal – hot and cold (whole grain, low sugar preferred), soap, deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper

THE GENEROSITY TEAM WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone who has pledged to this year's "Stewart-ship" Campaign. If you haven't made your pledge yet, you can go online at <http://gcpc.org/2021pledge>, or you can call our Finance Administrator, Tara Hyder. You can also download a pledge card [HERE](#).

CONTACTING STAFF: A reminder that the GCPC church building is open to limited use in response to the ongoing public health emergency. Office staff members are primarily working remotely. The best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

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HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME: During this time of online-only worship, we encourage those who normally put their pledge in the offering plate each Sunday to mail their pledges to the church. The Finance Administrator will get them and see that they are deposited in a timely fashion. Of course, you may also make your pledge online by going to gcpc.org and clicking the "Online Giving" tab.

ADULT

WHAT IS A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH? Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. In 2020 our Session

signed on to become a Matthew 25 church along with many Heartland Presbytery congregations. Join our online adult Sunday school class to learn more about what it means to be part of this exciting initiative. The classes will meet Sundays, January 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 11:15am. Join us on Zoom at 11:15am. Meeting ID: 883 1302 4210 Passcode: GCPC2020

YOUTH

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS: Next Sunday, February 7, we will resume Sunday school at our 11:30am time slot in Heartland Hall. Come explore the "Mystery of God" with us. How do we understand faith in God when there is so much we can't test and prove?

YOUTH SUNDAY PLANNING TODAY! We will dig into the planning process as a group at 5:30pm today on Zoom, and we need everyone on board! Please let me know if you can't attend; otherwise, I'll expect to see everyone there — and want ALL of our youth to a part of the worship service this year!

Here's the link information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84480302220?pwd=ejB0akZmanc3cGlsdVh1SXhFWHBzdz09>

Meeting ID: 844 8030 2220

Passcode: 1111

MISSION

ROSEHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will be the donation partner and recipient of the February Communion Offering. Requested donations include: hand sanitizers, Kleenex, copy paper, "Treasure Box" reward items such as: bouncy balls, fun pencils, sticker sheets, erasers, and yo-yos, and other small toys. \$5.00 coffee shop gift cards are also requested for the schoolteachers.

IHN OPERATIONAL CHANGES AND REQUEST FOR DONATIONS: Amid concerns about COVID exposure to our volunteers, IHN executive director Vicki Dercher made the decision to house our guests in motel rooms. We currently have Elizabeth (53), with two teens, Marie (16), and Madilyn (15). Elizabeth does have transportation and is looking for employment. We are eager to assist them as they work toward renewed stability.

We will not need volunteers to host, nor prepare meals in order to avoid contact for our next IHN week, which begins this February 7, 2021. Vicki asked for if we could provide \$125 toward a gift card to Price Chopper so that Mayra can purchase ready-made items or those needing little preparation. She has a refrigerator, microwave, and coffee maker in her motel room. Our support Congregation, Indian Hills United Methodist Church, is also looking into ways to financially contribute to costs this week. The remaining cost will be \$544 for the motel stay of the family for one week. *For those of you wanting to help, please send your donation to Grace Covenant with "IHN" noted in the memo section. Grace Covenant will issue the check to IHN. If you could help with ten dollars, that would be wonderful support in lieu of preparing a meal or spending a few hours volunteering.*

While we cannot bless our guests with warm hospitality and smiling faces at this time, we are doing what we can. Hopefully when our next host week rolls 'round on May 2, 2021, our lives will be more normal. Thank you for supporting IHN.

CLEAN OUT YOUR FABRIC STASH AND HELP THE HOMELESS! Mission team is once again seeking donations of leftover fabric to make into quilts to distribute to the homeless. Donations should be at least ¼ of a yard and include sturdy fabrics that can take some hard usage such as cotton, linen, and flannel. We also need Christmas prints to make stockings for the Red Bag Project in 2021! Contact Mikki Walker, michala.walker@gmail.com, to arrange pick up or drop off of your donation. Contact Donna Heer, taxdheer@gmail.com, if you're interested in making a quilt top and haven't already heard from her. Thanks!

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