

Service of Worship December 20, 2020 10:00am

"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 worshiping 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: Chris Lindsay in the death of her aunt.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Gary Dubois, Gail Harris, Dave Pack, Rosemary Gibson, Morgan

Krug, Shirley Sisk, Pat Gray, Beth Lillian, Jan Mohr, Cindy Schendel

Cancer Treatment: Kathy Jonas

Aging Challenges: Shirley Sisk, C.J. Poirier

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: Kaw Prairie Community, Lenexa, KS; Heartland Presbytery Committee on Representation

(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

NEW PRAYER REQUEST E-MAIL: The e-mail address used to send prayer requests to the church has not been working properly. We have switched to a new address: gcpc.prayers@gmail.com. Please use this address if sending a prayer notification. Thank you, and we apologize for any "lost" mail in the past few days.

NEED A GIFT FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING? Consider an Alternative Gift Certificate! The sale of alternative gift certificates is online this year. We have gift certificates ranging from \$1 to \$50, supporting causes from clean water in South Sudan, to stocking Rosehill Elementary with art supplies and medicines for the nurse's office. Get your Black Friday shopping done early and in your PJs — look online at gcpc.org/Christmas to see everything being offered. You can pay online through the GCPC giving portal or send a check to the church office — you'll get more instructions about how to pay once you submit your order. Send an e-mail to michala.walker@gmail.com with any questions! **DEADLINE for gift certificate purchase is TODAY!**

CHRISTMAS EVE ONLINE SERVICES: Family Christmas Eve Worship at 5pm and Christmas Eve Worship at 8pm. Visit the online worship pages here.

THE GENEROSITY TEAM WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone involved in helping us get off to a good start with 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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Tara Hyder (finance admin.): finance@gcpc.org

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

Together in Advent: Adult Sunday School: 11:15 a.m. December 6–20. During Advent and Christmas we love to buy and wrap presents, send Christmas cards, and share cookies. Those are wonderful things to

do, but we may become so busy with those things that we forget that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. In this Bible study, we will see that in the holy child of Bethlehem, God is present among us with his gifts of peace, joy, and love. Join us immediately following the Congregational Meeting (see announcement above) on Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88313024210?pwd=eDZGT2NSaE1CYUoxZ0JmWnpnemVvZz09 Meeting ID: 883 1302 4210; Passcode: GCPC2020. There is a study guide for this class. To receive a copy, please contact Rev. Sue at sue.trigger@gcpc.org or the church office at patrick.bell@gcpc.org, and an electronic copy will be e-mailed to you.

YOUTH

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES are in person and from 11:30am–12:15pm. We will plan to be in Heartland Hall, focusing on the topic of Advent.

CONNECT: Come and join us for a fun game night, 5:10–6:30pm! We will have options to choose from that are relaxed or more high energy. Whatever you're feeling, we got you. College-age students are welcome to attend!

CHRISTMAS BREAK: We will not be meeting next week on December 27. Enjoy the week off with your family!

CHILDREN

A VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL: This Sunday we continue our children's Sunday school classes virtually. You can find information and links on our GCPC website: https://gcpc.org/education/children/virtual-sunday-school/ Click on 2s and 3s or 4 yrs—1st Grade to find lessons and music time. The 2nd—5th Grade class will be a live Zoom meeting at 9am on Sundays. This is a password protected meeting. Contact Rev. Sue to get the log in information at sue.trigger@gcpc.org. Celebration Singers rehearsals will follow the 2nd—5th Grade lesson time. This will be part of the same Zoom meeting.

IT'S A SMASH SUNDAY! We're having a birthday party for Jesus! Join us Sunday, December 20, starting at 4pm in Heartland Hall. We have a mystery to solve in order to enjoy our cake and ice cream and I think they will want to help me find this star somewhere in the church. Please RSVP so we can safely prepare for all. This helps us create a plan for social distancing as well as supplies. RSVP to Christy Soule at christysoule@yahoo.com. Remember to wear a mask.

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