



**Service of Worship — February 5, 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 USHER:** Steve Becher

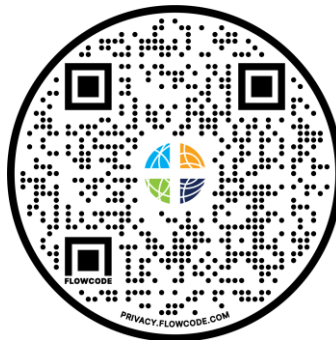
**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE.** Please ask at the sound booth.

**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.



**PLEDGE PORTAL 2023:**



*"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:** Shirley Faulwell, Rebecca Prater

**Cancer Treatment:** Bob Shadburn, Tim Hayden

**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:** Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS; Arabic Fellowship, Overland Park, KS; Centerfield – New Worshipping Community; Iglesia Monte de los Olivos, Almolonga (MQP).

(If you have a prayer request you would like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at [office@gpc.org](mailto:office@gpc.org), or send to [gpc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:gpc.prayers@gmail.com).)

**SPOTLIGHT**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION TO HONOR LINDA DOVER'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** as organist at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church immediately following worship in Heartland Hall.

**NOTICE:** The Session has called a brief congregational meeting for Sunday, February 26, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing members to the Nominating Committee.

**THE NEW FLOWER SIGN-UP CALENDAR IS UP IN THE CONCOURSE.** Please sign up on the Sunday you want flowers and the occasion. I will call and get more details as to real or permanent display and color options if available. There is an increase in cost for the real flowers from \$40 to \$45. The permanent remains at \$30. Thank you for continuing to beautify our sanctuary. Any questions please contact Chelly King, [chelly41RN@gmail.com](mailto:chelly41RN@gmail.com).

**TACTILE LAP QUILT UPDATE:** On January 18 Harbor Hospice received five tactile lap quilts assembled by GCPC members. They were thrilled and said these are in high demand in memory care facilities. We will have three upcoming gatherings to sew notions into 6-1/2" fabric squares on 2/11, 3/11, and 4/8 from 10-noon in Room 3 at the church. All you need to bring is your machine, thread and scissors, or just a needle if you are a hand sewer. If you would like to participate, or if you would like to sew from home, contact Donna Heer, [taxdheer@gmail.com](mailto:taxdheer@gmail.com).

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## ADULT

**ADULT STUDY RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY:** On February 12 and 19 we will have a combined adult study series, "Interpreting the Bible 101." Nothing divides Christians more than how to interpret the teachings of the Bible. In selecting real estate the rule is "Location, location, location!" In interpreting the Bible the rule is "Context, context, context!" Interpretation is not merely a fancy or a luxury; it is a necessity. Interpretation may not always be a conscious act, but it is always happening when we read the Bible — or anything else for that matter. And fundamental to responsible interpretation is knowledge of and respect for the context of each of the biblical writings. Joel Ilten will begin with the principle challenges of faithful interpretation. Watch for details about the meeting location and Zoom details.

## YOUTH

**YOUTH SUNDAY PLANNING – ALL HANDS ON DECK!** If any and all of our youth can possibly join us today from 10:45am–12:45pm in the youth area, please do! We will be writing parts and planning details for our "Outside the Box" Youth Sunday theme. We need everyone's help putting it together. We may not take all the time to plan because, playing games is also important, but we will definitely be working on creative ways to make our youth-planned worship outside the box — and also meaningful. Just consider how many things Jesus did that were not considered normal ... we have a great example right there. In addition to this Sunday, please also join us at 10:45 on February 19 and 26.

**SUMMER TRIPS:** If you haven't already, please let Miles know which of the trip options you are interested in:

- Mission and Music Trip
- Mission *only* trip

- Massanetta Middle School Youth Conference
- Montreat Youth Conference
- Local Area Mission Experience (high school or middle school)

For more info on the trips please refer to a separate e-mail sent last week titled “GCPC Summer Youth Trip Poll.”

**SOUPERBOWL OF CARING:** This year we have decided to collect food in the sanctuary in front of the communion table so all of our worshipers can see our collection even if they are worshipping online. Youth, if you see anyone walking in to church with food for our collection and you can help them get it to the front of the church, that would be appreciated. Artistic food stacking is totally fair game.

## MISSION

**TODAY WE BEGIN OUR WEEK OF HOSTING FOR THE INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN).**

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and talents to making this week a success.

**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:

- small jars of peanut butter
- noodles & pasta sauce
- box dinners
- individual drinks or snacks 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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