



**Service of Worship — February 26, 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:** Ric Cummings

**HEAD USHERS:** Richard & Berdine Eby

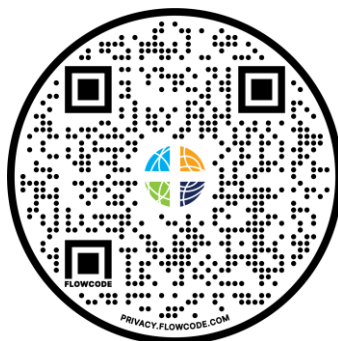
**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE.** Please ask at the sound booth.

**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.



**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, Pam Kelly, Donna Goeckler, Kim Krueger, Bill Brown

**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**

(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**

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

**AN UPDATE FROM YOUR GCPC GENEROSITY TEAM:** We wanted to update the congregation on our "Faith & Hope Ask." Wow! We are amazed at the congregation's continued support for our community. During the first month of 2023, we received 27 Faith & Hope Gifts, totaling \$18,200. This is a fantastic start! Thank you! We will continue to review the numbers in February and March and provide further reports. If you haven't yet sent a Faith & Hope gift, please prayerfully consider doing so. We have included our FAQs on the Faith & Hope Ask and our balloon tracking graphic. (We've had some questions/concerns about our balloons. Our celebratory balloons are digital balloons only. No "real-life" balloons will be released in the sanctuary.) Thank you for your continued support! —*David Sutherland, Jane Knoche, Bill Brown, and Ryan Hussey*

**JOIN THE 40 DAYS, 40 ITEMS DECLUTTERING CHALLENGE** during Lent! See the end of these announcements for details!

**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 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).

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

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## ADULT

**ADULT LENTEN BOOK STUDY:** Please join us during the Sunday School hour for a study of *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis* by Dr. Patricia Tull March 5–April 2. In this thoughtful study, respected Old Testament scholar Patricia K. Tull explores the Scriptures for guidance on today's ecological crisis. Tull looks to the Bible for what it can tell us about our relationships, not just to the earth itself, but also to plant and animal life, to each other, to descendants who will inherit the planet from us, and to our Creator. She offers candid discussions on many current ecological problems that humans contribute to, such as the overuse of energy resources like gas and electricity, consumerism, food production systems — including land use and factory farming — and toxic waste. On March 5, we'll discuss the first two chapters, "The Problem of Change, Then and Now" and "Humans and Creation." Nelson Townsend, Jo Randolph, and Mikki Walker will lead these discussions, which all are welcome to attend (even if you haven't read the chapters). You can buy a copy of the book in the church office (\$5 donation) or online from Amazon or from Westminster John Knox Books,

<https://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664233333/inhabiting-eden.aspx./>

Zoom in at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815237214?pwd=TVh4VWZldC9hbGJCL1k5dIViWVlwUT09>

Meeting ID: 838 2979 0055; Passcode: 723297

**FOLLOW ME: PRACTICE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES:** Class meets in Room 3. Leadership is shared. This Lenten study begins March 5 and will focus on practices that Jesus engaged in. Participants will dive deeply into actions lived and modeled by Jesus and across Scripture: fasting, prayer, listening to God, embracing simplicity, unplugging, and more. Spiritual practices are seen as those things Jesus did, said, or embodied; we as Jesus' followers try to do so as well. Many of the spiritual disciplines covered in this unit have emerged over the centuries as Christians have experimented with ways to make space in their lives to be with Jesus and to allow Jesus to transform them. Zoom in at:

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**THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP** will meet March 1 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Outside Boy* by Jeanine Cummins. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

**PAGETURNERS WILL MEET AT CHERYL JOHNSON'S HOUSE, THURSDAY, MARCH 2**, 7pm to discuss *I know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou. The address is 12840 Century St., Overland Park. Please RSVP. Cheryl's phone number is 913-488-2710 and her e-mail address is [agathatoo@gmail.com](mailto:agathatoo@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN

**AWAKENING TO WORSHIP CONTINUES TODAY** for children ages 4–1<sup>st</sup> grade. Children depart with leaders from the Sanctuary following the time with children. Parents may pick up their children in Room 12 on the lower level following worship.

**IT'S A SMASH SUNDAY!** Children in kindergarten through 5th/6th grade are invited to join us in Heartland Hall from 4pm to 6pm as we discover the many names of God through various activities.

## YOUTH

**COUNT DOWN TO YOUTH SUNDAY!** Thanks to everyone for your help putting our Youth Sunday details together! We have a nearly complete plan together! Details are posted on our Band app.

**LAST SUNDAY BEFORE YOUTH SUNDAY — ALL HANDS ON DECK!** Today, we will be rehearsing our Youth Sunday plans from beginning to end, including music after the covenant group lunch (11:15ish)–12:45pm. Please come if you possibly can! Lunch will be potluck style with your covenant group. After eating, please gather with us in the Sanctuary as soon as possible.

**SPRING SCHEDULE:** We are planning for Reconnect Events March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 16, and 30. I would also like to add an evening event in there at some point just for fun. Stay tuned for that. There is a new post in Band to sign up to prepare a meal for us. <https://band.us/band/87628866>. Thanks in advance to anyone who can help with that!

**SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP?** Details are coming together for a high school (graduated 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade) mission (and maybe music) trip June 10–17. The current plan is to head to St. Louis, Memphis, or Nashville on the 10th for fun and perhaps to share music in worship with a host church on Sunday. From there we would head to Tennessee or Kentucky to serve with the Appalachian Service Project until Saturday morning. Please let me know if you are interested!

**REGGIE REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP:** Youth Team is now taking applications for the Reggie Reynolds scholarship. In past years this opportunity was only available for high school seniors, but this year the team is opening it up to all 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders. We will send an additional e-mail with more details and an application form.

## MISSION

**IHN LUNCH & LEARN:** Please mark March 5 on your calendar for a lunch & learn on JOCO IHN. We'll start at 11:45 with a light lunch and go from noon to 2pm in Room 19 on the lower level. **If you would like to have child care, Please RSVP to Carolyn Chaffin or Jane Knoche by February 27.** Child care is limited to Grace Covenant members and regular visitors. Thank you. See the bulletin insert for more detailed information on the training.

**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.



For each day of Lent, find one item you no longer need or want, and put it into a large bag or box. It could be an item of clothing you no longer wear, a book you're not going to read again, a toy your children don't play with anymore, or a household item you don't need.

On Saturday, April 8, bring your items to Room 21 between 9:30-10:30am. Overflow storage will be in Room 5. You can also bring your items to church anytime during the week of April 2, if you can't make it Saturday morning.

Donations will be directed as follows:

- Clothes and household items will be donated to Blessings Abound (please see the list on the right).
- Gently used coats will go to Johnson County Christmas Bureau.
- Shoes will go to Soles4Souls.
- Craft and office items will go to Scraps KC.
- Books will go to the Friends of the
- JoCo Library.

All donation items need to be in bags or boxes with lids or closable flaps, and small enough to be easily lifted by one person onto the truck.

Blessings Abound can accept: practical housewares, art, small kitchen appliances, toys and games (that are not missing pieces or are damaged), tools, decor items, clean clothes in good condition, sewing machines and material, pillows and linens, dishes, and cookware.

Blessings Abound CANNOT accept: garage sale leftovers, exercise equipment, damaged items, safety recalled items, items missing pieces. No furniture will be accepted at the church.

Contact Mikki Walker at [michala.walker@gmail.com](mailto:michala.walker@gmail.com) with any questions!

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