



Service of Worship — January 15, 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: Joy Circo

HEAD USHERS: Linda Rosine & Harold Farren

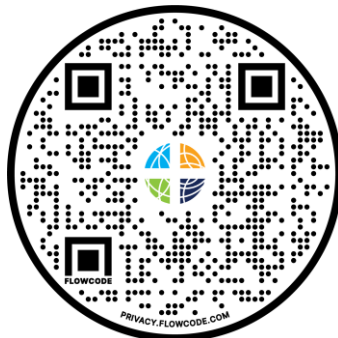
HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

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

Ageing 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: First Presbyterian Church, North Kansas City, MO.

(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

THE GOOD FAITH NETWORK WITH PASTOR LAURA GUY — TODAY: GCPC is exploring the idea of joining The Good Faith Network in 2023, an interfaith organization of 23 Johnson County congregations. The Good Faith Network advocates for changes to address the root cause of our community's most pressing problems. Recently, they've been working to address the mental health and homelessness crises in Johnson County, as well as affordable housing. Please join us during the Sunday school hour this morning for a presentation by Pastor Laura Guy. Pastor Guy will explain more about what The Good Faith Network is, the work they do, and what GCPC would be committing to if we joined. Congregational interest and feedback will be critical to the decision-making process. Join us following worship in the Sanctuary. If you are joining us virtually, you may use the [Zoom](#) worship link.

SOUP + PIE = FELLOWSHIP — SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 — 5-7PM IN HEARTLAND HALL! Join us for a special evening of food and fellowship! We will enjoy a variety of delicious soups and pies ... made by members of GCPC. Sign-up and let us know what you would like to bring using this

link to SignUpGenius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a45a4a722a4fc1-soup>. This event was a huge success last year so don't miss this fun time of fellowship!

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church will be Sunday, January 29, following the 9:30am worship service in the Sanctuary.

WORSHIP HELP: IF YOU HAVE EVER ATTENDED WORSHIP ONLINE USING FACEBOOK, you may have seen worship prompts and comments from GCPC. They are written and entered by Kim Krueger, who has been doing this *every week* since COVID started! Kim needs some help. It is not a hard job but does require you to attend online and enter the comments in real time. You must use a desktop computer, or laptop; this can't be done via a cell phone. If you are willing to do this occasionally, please contact Kathy Bures, 913.302.1755 or kathy.bures@gmail.com, or Kim Krueger, kingoeckler@outlook.com.

GCPC WEEKEND CRAFTERS IS HOSTING A WINTER RETREAT, and registration is now open. Our event will take place at GCPC on Friday, January 27, 6–10pm, and we'll meet again on Saturday, January 28, 9am–3pm. You can find more details and a registration form at gcpc.org/crafter. We request registration by Sunday January 22. Please contact Christy Soule if you have any questions, christysoule@yahoo.com or 913-461-8009.

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- **FOLLOW ME: FORGIVENESS — RESUMES JANUARY 22:** Forgiveness is a gift and not a reward. It is how God moves toward us to restore what is broken between us: “I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins” (Isaiah 43:25). Thus, when we forgive one another, we participate in God’s work or way of being in the world. In this study, participants will consider four acts in the practice of forgiveness. This is a process we all go through continuously. Together they compose a spiritual practice that is at the heart of Christian life in community. ● Name sin ● Receive forgiveness ● Forgive others ● Build a bridge

This class meets in Room 3. Leadership is shared. You can join on Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83829790055?pwd=MnpSL1MwS2VBbWN0OEU5aFJGaTJLdz09> Meeting ID: 838 2979 0055, Passcode: 723297

CHILDREN

AWAKENING TO WORSHIP CONTINUES TODAY for children ages 4–1st 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.

OUR JANUARY SMASH (CHILDREN KINDERGARTEN - 5TH/6TH GRADE) will focus on another one of our VBS pathfinders, "Arise, Shine with Hope!" Join us today, 4–6pm. Living in Hope will be a great way to start our new year. If you haven't already, please RSVP for your children to Christy Soule at christysoule@yahoo.com.

YOUTH

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS: Morning classes will take place today at 10:45am. We have been working our way through the Old Testament stories this year, and we are hoping to watch *Prince of Egypt* this Sunday and next! We will just be one hour this Sunday ending at 11:45am; then on the January 22, we will extend the time as we did much of the fall with Reconnect to end at 12:45pm.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: Thinking that it would be best for our seniors,, we earlier scheduled evening youth events throughout February for Youth Sunday planning but are now realizing that mornings are preferable and easier for most of our group. So, in February we will have Reconnect events each week except 2/12 and will focus on planning our "Outside the Box" Youth Sunday Worship.

SUPERBOWL PARTY HOST NEEDED: We would like to gather for a Superbowl party on February 12. Anyone up for hosting an amazing group of youth at your home?

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE BAND! Band is a pretty good one-stop shopping place for info about what is coming up, downloading forms, seeing photos etc. We regularly post new stuff so you may want to turn on your notifications for the ap if you don't have that in place already. I will be making some updates tomorrow.

- Click here if you are already a member of our Band group [GCPC Youth | BAND](#)
- Click here if you still need to join the Band <https://band.us/n/adac7biec2U6W>

MLK DAY OF SERVICE AND MAIN EVENT: Monday, January 16, we will be joining other youth from the Presbytery at First Presbyterian, Leavenworth to build sack lunches for Harvesters to share with students followed by Main Event in KC North. We thought we would be tubing, but the snow isn't so great in 55 degree weather and possible rain.

MISSION

OUR UPCOMING IHN HOST WEEK IS FEBRUARY 5–12. Sign-ups for meals, set up and tear down of our lower level rooms, and laundry help have been published and sent out by the GCPC office. We always ask our trained volunteers to help host our evening and overnight. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Knoche, jeknoche@att.net. We appreciate the support of our congregation in providing a week of housing, meals, and transportation to guests.

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