



Service of Worship — November 20, 2022

*“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.

FLOWERS TODAY are given in celebration of Nancy Kalesz’s birthday by the Kalesz family.

ELDER ON DUTY: Lara Schesser

HEAD USHER: Steve Becher

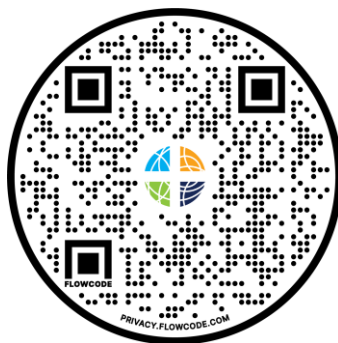
HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

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: Pam Wormus in the death of Pat Wormus.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Bob Shadburn, Tim Hayden

Ageing Challenges: Shirley Sisk

Military Service: 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

(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 ADVENT FAIR IS TODAY AT 10:30AM. Join us in Heartland Hall following worship!

MAYA K'ICHE PARTNERSHIP: Looking for Christmas gifts that give back to others? The Maya K'iche Partnership will have Guatemalan handicrafts and scholarship gift certificates on sale during the Advent Fair. Bring your gift list!

ENCOREKC! CHORUS WILL PRESENT ITS FALL CONCERT TONIGHT at Village on Antioch at 7pm. The ENCOREKC! Chorus is arts partner with Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, rehearsing every Monday morning here, 11am-12pm. Many of our church members are board members, leadership team members, and singers in the choir. Plan to come enjoy this concert with our musical guests, the Youth Chorus of Kansas City and Phil Holmes, trumpet! See you there!

THANKSGIVING EVE AT GCPC: FELLOWSHIP, FOOD & WORSHIP! WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Thanksgiving begins a month of real appreciation and fellowship for all of us at Grace Covenant. As has been the tradition at GCPC, we will begin with a **Chili Supper on Thanksgiving Eve, November 23, at 5:30pm.** We ask all of us willing to share our chili-making skills with each other

to go online to SignUp Genius at: <https://tinyurl.com/a55ehskj>, or call the church office or Kathy Bures, 913-302-1755, to let us know what you'll be bringing. We need chili, toppings, cornbread, cookies, etc. Volunteers are also needed for set-up and clean-up. Following the chili supper in Heartland Hall, we'll move to the **Sanctuary at 6:45pm for Gathering Music by our Dixieland Band and then share a worship service at 7pm**, focused on our thanks and gratitude to God and one another.

ALL 6TH GRADERS – ADULT SINGERS are invited to sing a simple anthem based on "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" in our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23. Also, if you have any family or friends who are singers, we'd love to have them join us in singing, too. Rehearsal on the anthem is Wednesday, 11.23, right at 6:15pm in Room 6/Choir Room. During the service you'll come up to sing and then sit with the congregation the rest of the time. For more information, contact Rebecca Prater. Please join us in singing our thanks!

ONE MORE WEEK ... UNTIL YOUR RED BAG CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE DUE! If you haven't already, please bring your **wrapped** gift to the church with the Post-it Note attached and place it in one of the large boxes provided. Call Angela Krug (913-449-3916) with questions or if you lost your Post-it Note. If you would like to have the youth wrap your present for a small freewill donation that will benefit the Red Bag program, you may drop your present in the box for unwrapped presents. PLEASE make sure your Post-it Note is securely attached to your unwrapped present! Your freewill donation can be handed either to Angela Krug or Miles McDonald or put in the offering plate with a memo of "Red Bag wrapping fundraiser."

TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING BENEFITS ARTS IN PRISON. A Noisy Offering is when the children of the congregation walk among the pews with coffee cans to collect spare change. We then donate the collected coins to a charitable organization. Today's beneficiary uses the arts to inspire positive change in the incarcerated, to reduce recidivism, and to reconnect offenders with their communities. They bring classes in performing arts, visual arts, communication, yoga, choral singing and writing to prison inmates; recidivism rates among Arts in Prison participants are much lower than among the general prison population. GCPC has hosted concerts for the East Hill Singers — formed of Arts in Prison participants at Lansing Correctional Facility — several times in the past.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS: Festive poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you would like to be a part of the tradition of purchasing a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, you may do so by enclosing your donation in one of the poinsettia envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate. Please be sure to neatly print your name and who the memorial/honor recognizes in block letters. You may also make a donation through the [online giving portal](#) on our website, or by sending your donation to the church office: GCPC, 11100 College Blvd., OPKS 66210, Attn: Patrick. *Deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert is Wednesday, December 14.* Thank you!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A SCRIPTURE READER and do not get the SignUp Genius e-mail, please contact Meredith Watson, 816.289.6648 or mere_watson@hotmail.com. You do not have to be able to get on the chancel to read scripture, you can read from the floor.

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

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ADULT

NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH: ADULT ADVENT STUDY: Our adult Sunday school classes will join for a study of Walter Brueggemann's *Names for the Messiah*. The class will gather in the Sanctuary each Sunday, November 27, December 4, December 11, and December 18. Copies of the study book will be available at the Advent Fair. A suggested donation of \$10 per book is encouraged.

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.

YOUTH

HOMELESS NIGHT YOUTH: You may have seen some cardboard boxes near the front entrance this morning. Last night the youth braved the cold to feel what it may be like to be homeless. If you see a half-awake student this morning, ask them how it went.

RECONNECT FOR NOVEMBER 27! Our last Reconnect of November will be on Sunday the 27th. Join us for the wrapping of Red bBag gifts, a short lesson, games, and lunch. We will meet from 10:45am to 12:45pm. We hope to see you all there.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER DATES: If you have not responded to our inquiry about progressive dinner dates please respond ASAP or just answer which of the following dates, you (or your child) will *NOT* be able to attend?

- December 11
- December 18
- January 8

MISSION

PLEASE HELP — VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED (AT LEAST 3 MORE), OR WE MAY HAVE TO CANCEL THIS COMMUNITY EVENT ... Many members of GCPC have been volunteering with the Renewed Hope Food Pantry at New Haven SDA in recent months. We have an extra service opportunity with them on **the afternoon of November 21**. Renewed Hope's mobile kitchen will be traveling to Hope Family Care Center (3027 Prospect Ave., KCMO). Volunteers will meet at Renewed Hope (8714 Antioch in Overland Park) at 2:30pm. The bus will arrive at Hope Family Care Center by 3:30 and volunteers will start serving the meal at 4:00. (Volunteers should plan on driving or carpooling — the bus is not a passenger bus!) The meal service will end between 5:00 and 5:15, the bus will travel back to the pantry, and unloading should be complete by 6:30. Please use the link below or the VOMO app to sign up for this opportunity! We're hoping to have six volunteers initially; if there is interest from more than six people, we may be able to expand the opportunity. <https://app.vomo.org/project/63588b943e223> Questions? Contact Knute Rosche, 913-486-0774 or kcrosche@yahoo.com

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