



Service of Worship — March 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: Lara Schesser

HEAD USHERS: Ashley Jeffries & Bert Benton

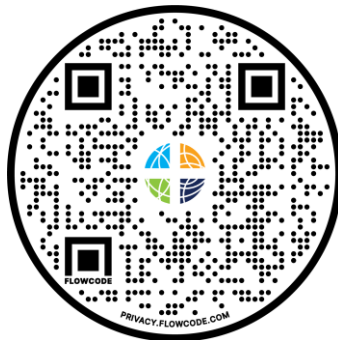
HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

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

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, or send to gcpc.prayers@gmail.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME TO YOUTH SUNDAY! We hope today's worship will be meaningful for you (and somewhat outside the box)! The service has been planned and is led entirely by the youth. It was not planned FOR youth, but for our whole congregation and guests to worship God in a fresh and creative way. Thanks to all of our WONDERFUL youth and youth advisors, as well as parents who welcome and encourage this expression of our faith!

TODAY WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: Lauren Callender, Camille Chaffin, Marco Conti, Miles Dalton, Kelly Kowalczewski, Ben Lodge. Madeline Mahoney, Ben Mason, Maggie Shaw, and Ky Townsend. There will be a brunch following the services for the seniors and their immediate families.

EXALTATION!: Marco Conti, Jake Cummings, Miles Dalton, Derek DeVries, Kelly Kowalczewski, Morgan Krug, Ben Lodge. Madeline Mahoney, Ben Mason, and Conor Schesser.

2ND GRADE COMMUNICANTS: Brynnley Krug, Mallory Hearn, Liam Hussey, Quade Peck, James Schmidt, and Max Soule.

A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF SPRING FLOWERS will transform the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The flowers are provided through the generosity of members who donate flowers “in memory of” or “in honor of” a friend or loved one. If you would like to be a part of the tradition of donating flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, simply place your donation in the specially marked envelope provided in the pews, or send your donation along with your name and whom the memorial/honor recognizes to the church office: GCPC, 11100 College Blvd., OPKS 66210, Attn. Patrick. (PLEASE PRINT THE MEMORIAL/HONOR NAMES NEATLY IN BLOCK LETTERS) You may also make a donation through the [online giving portal](#) of our website. **Deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert is Monday, April 3.** Thank you!

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.

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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./](https://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664233333/inhabiting-eden.aspx/)

Zoom in at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815237214?pwd=TVh4VWZldC9hbGJCL1k5dIVjWVlwUT09>

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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CHILDREN

AWAKENING TO WORSHIP WILL RESUME NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 12 for children ages 4–1st grade.

YOUTH

RECONNECT THIS SUNDAY! We have exciting plans for Reconnect today. Lunch will be provided by the same team who is preparing our senior brunch, so don't worry about missing out on a great meal! Then Kevin Johnson will be leading a guided meditation in the labyrinth room. Kevin has led many of these experiences for Confirmation classes (among others), and they are always fabulous experiences! Following that time, the group will play games and have some fun. Miles plans to attend the brunch with the high school seniors and their families and will join up with the Reconnect group for games when the brunch is over.

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 also at some point just for fun. Stay tuned for that. There is a 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 8th–12th 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 still 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 9th–12th graders. The application deadline is March 26!

MISSION

MARCH DONATION PARTNER - ARROWHEAD DAY SCHOOL PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS: GCPC will collect toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products for students at Arrowhead Day School as part of the school's Caring for Kids partnership. Arrowhead Day School is located at 66th and Santa Fe in Overland Park and is Shawnee Mission School District's response for children and youth who need a caring, compassionate educational setting. Students come from throughout the Shawnee Mission School District and range in age from elementary through high school. Personal hygiene items will help support student needs as school staff work to bring about appropriate social and behavioral practices. Drop off your donations of these items in the Weekday Entrance bins during the month of March.

MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT - INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN): For many years, GCPC has hosted guests from the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a homelessness intervention program that helps restore stability to situationally homeless families in Johnson County. IHN has fed, housed, educated and empowered hundreds of wonderful people, thanks to their network of congregations and individual supporters. Last year, more than 75% of IHN guests obtained permanent housing after 90 to 180 days with us. Communion Offering in March will help support IHN's mission.

NOISY OFFERING MARCH 19! Lug your loose change jar to church on March 19 for the first Noisy Offering of 2023! This offering will be directed to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the ministry and mission agency of PCUSA. Their work covers four ministry areas: Compassion, Peace & Justice; Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries; Theology, Formation & Evangelism; and World Mission. Presbyterian Mission Agency works to inspire, equip and connect all Presbyterians for the church's work.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT RENEWED HOPE FOOD PANTRY: ReNewed Hope makes a significant impact for good in our community by helping solve the problem of food insecurity—lack of reliable access to affordable, nutritious food. Many GCPC members have already volunteered at ReNewed Hope, and food donations may be left in the bin in the Weekday Entrance. ReNewed Hope needs many volunteers to fulfill their mission. They have service opportunities on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, and Friday evenings. Please check out their website for more information and use the links there or the Vomo app to volunteer!
<https://renewedhopefoodpantry.org/>

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