



## Service of Worship — November 12, 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:** Jake Schmidt

**HEAD USHER:** John Gilbert

**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.



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

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*"Pray for one another" — James 5:15*

We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

**All Grieving the Death of a Loved One:** Cindy Monshizadeh and family in the death of her mother; Linda Rosine and family in the death of her father; Maggie Blankers and family in the death of her sister.

**Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses:** Wilma Haney

**Cancer Treatment:** Pam Kelly, Harold Farren, Katie Rickley

**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**

**THE RED BAG CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS** are in the hallway between the concourse and Heartland Hall. Sign up and help make Christmas brighter for a foster child. To help, simply select the gift(s) you will provide, fill in your name, phone number, and e-mail address beside it, and take the Post-it Note reminder. (Tip: Take a photo of your Post-it in case you lose it!) Then, **BEFORE Sunday, November 26**, bring the **wrapped** gift back to church **with the Post-it Note attached** and place it in the large boxes provided. Call Angela Krug (913-449-3916) for more information (or if you lost your Post-it Note!). \*Our sewers have again made stockings for all our Red Bag children! Please take one from the box under the table if you sign up to provide a stocking for one of the children.

**ENCOREKC! CHORUS WILL PRESENT A POPS CONCERT TODAY** at 3pm at Village on Antioch. This Pops Concert will be accompanied by the Alan Manning Trio, with many surprises during the concert. Selections include: *Can't Buy Me Love* (a Beatles medley), *Seventy Six Trombones*, *That's Amore*, *Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World*, *Sway*, *What is This Feeling*, *For Good, Beauty and the Beast*, *Tonight, Don't Rain on My Parade* and *Dancing Queen*. We look forward to seeing you at 3pm. Bring a friend and enjoy!

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 — THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

**6:30pm CHEX, Family, & Friends rehearse a  
simple Thanksgiving anthem in Choir Room/Rm 6**

***Come and join us!***

**6:45pm Gathering Music by  
Cal Sweeten, hammered dulcimer**

### **7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service Begins**

**Theme: “Songs of Grateful Praise”**

**THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE CHILI SUPPER** will take place in Heartland Hall on Wednesday, November 22, 5:30–6:45pm. Bring your out-of-town-guests, your next-door neighbors, your friend, or just yourself! As an Earth Care Congregation, we are asking everyone to bring their own tableware along with a pot of chili, a pan of cornbread, or a dessert. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/GCPCchili>

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**, and join us at 10:30am (right after church) to start your **“Amazing Journey to Bethlehem”** — this year's Advent Fair event that takes you back in time and place through various clues and activities that help prepare you for the birth of Jesus. Designed for all ages, teams of 3–5 are formed by families, friends, couples, guests, and then directed throughout the church building to discover and complete challenges at various stations all associated with the Advent Season. Join us for this fun Sunday morning event over the Thanksgiving weekend, or to volunteer to be a “station master” and give out clues, please contact Mikki Walker, Angela Krug, or Joel Ilten.

**PLEDGE DRIVE 202: WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS:** We are basing our campaign on this scripture from Jeremiah 29:11 “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Our church is experiencing a good deal of change these past months, and we anticipate a planned course of action to support us as we adapt, welcome new personnel and new members, and continue to creatively experience God's presence through worship, fellowship, study, prayer, and action. This is an exciting time for God to reveal his plans to us collectively, and each individually. Jeremiah 29:11 clearly assures of that God's plan is for good outcomes, to help stretch ourselves to new understandings, new talents, new faith experiences while continuing to build and renew our current practices. Your pledge to support Grace Covenant is greatly appreciated and know that the Lord holds you and our church in his hands as we journey into the future. You can see our progress by stopping by the Generosity bulletin board. Please turn in your pledge to Tara Hyder, finance admin., or sign in on Realm:

<https://onrealm.org/gcpc/-/form/pledge/2024pledgedoffering>. Please join us in creating an amazing future in 2024!

## ADULT

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: IN ROOM 3 WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS**, their history, evolution, conflicts and inter-relations, with each class presented by a different speaker. This Sunday's class, presented by Joel Ilten, covers the many tenants of the Buddhist faith. Please join us! To attend via Zoom, please use the link:

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

Meeting ID: 838 1523 7214 / Passcode: GCPC2022. The final class in this series will conclude with Judaism on November 19. We hope to see you there!

**PAGE TURNERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOUP SUPPER BOOK EXCHANGE** is Thursday **December 7, 6:30pm** at Jan Cummings' home, 9815 Broadmoor. Bring an appetizer, bread or dessert to share. Soup will be provided. We will discuss Shel Silverstein's *A Light in the Attic* (our banned book event). Please bring a book and bookmark in a gift bag to be exchanged with others. (It might be exchanged with several others....) Please RSVP to Jan, [cjan1950@gmail.com](mailto:cjan1950@gmail.com) or GCPC Page Turners on Facebook. Everyone is welcome! Please join us even if you haven't previously attended.

## CHILDREN

**THIS WEEK WE CONTINUE OUR ATW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING.** If you need more information, please check the children's bookcase outside the sanctuary for further details.

**TODAY 3RD GRADE FAMILIES ARE ATTENDING A BIBLE WORKSHOP.** Thank you Melanie Townsend and Cheryl Johnson for organizing and leading this event for our children.

**OH BOY, IT'S A SMASH SUNDAY TOO.** From 4–6pm, our SMASH program will meet to discover more children of the Bible. This month we share the story of the boy with the loaves and fishes a story of miracles and the importance of sharing.

## MISSION

**OUR NOVEMBER IHN HOST WEEK** concludes today. Thank you for supporting us with your hosting commitment and providing food and prayers this week!

**THE GOOD FAITH NETWORK COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY** is TODAY at 3:30pm, Congregation Beth Torah, 6100 west 127<sup>th</sup> street, Overland Park. Carpooling is encouraged. Grace Covenant's Good Faith Network (GFN) Team Leaders thank the 35 people who have declared membership in GFN. Irrespective of "membership," everyone is welcome at the GFN Community Problems Assembly.

**HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS HAVE A DELICIOUS THANKSGIVING FEAST:** GCPC sends the food pantry donations collected in the Weekday Entrance bin to Renewed Hope Food Pantry. We also regularly send volunteers to their weekly food pick up events. Sadly, donations at Renewed Hope have dropped significantly since the end of the COVID Public Health Emergency declaration. Staff at the pantry are afraid they may not be able to meet the needs of clients for Thanksgiving, and have organized the donation drive described in the bulletin insert. Please consider participating in the donation drive as described in the flyer, or bring any of the listed times to the Weekday Entrance bin anytime. With help from lots of people, everyone can have a happy holiday. (Remember that Renewed Hope is affiliated with a Seventh Day Adventist church — so the “Sabbath” on the flyer means *Saturday*!)

## GENEROSITY

**UPDATE FOR GOOD — LIVING IN GOD’S GRACE:** Here is our pledging update as of October 3, 2023, which is 75% of the calendar year. There’s been consistent progress with 75% of submitted pledges and 80% of rollover pledges received! As we draw closer to the end of the year, we really value your consistent giving. As always, we greatly **appreciate your generosity and commitment** to Grace Covenant. Please provide feedback to our team: Dave Sutherland, Ryan Hussey, Bill Brown, Rick Randolph and Jane Knoche.

Here is our giving progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (103)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	August 15th	Sept 19th	Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>
0% fulfilled	32	24	22	15	14	14
1-25% fulfilled	33	12	10	4	5	3
26-50% fulfilled	29	52	50	18	10	8
51-75% fulfilled	0	3	8	44	49	38
76-100% fulfilled	7	11	13	22	25	40
<b>\$527,258*</b>	<b>\$187,129</b>	<b>\$211,292</b>	<b>\$259,907</b>	<b>\$337,665</b>	<b>\$371,416</b>	<b>\$397,258</b>

Rollover Pledges (27)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	August 15th	Sept 19th	Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>
0% fulfilled	11	9	8	6	6	6
1-25% fulfilled	6	1	1	0	0	0
26-50% fulfilled	9	9	10	5	4	0
51-75% fulfilled	1	5	3	8	8	8
76-100% fulfilled	1	4	6	8	9	13
<b>\$101,369</b>	<b>\$15,480</b>	<b>\$53,965</b>	<b>\$59,355</b>	<b>\$68,930</b>	<b>\$71,680</b>	<b>\$81,505</b>

Five groupings are used to show giving progress and calendar relationship. They are 0%, 1–25%, 26–50%, 51–75%, 76–100%. Each pledge falls into one of these groups. \*We are very grateful for the feedback on pledge amounts.

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