



Service of Worship — October 24, 2021

“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 remembrance of Larry Baker’s birthday, by Johnnie Baker.

ELDER ON DUTY: Terri Monrad **USHERS:** Dave Peck

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

“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: Kathy Jonas

Aging 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: Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Iglesia Fé y Esperanza, Zunil (MQP)

(If you have a prayer request you’d like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at office@gcpc.org, or send to gcpc_prayers@yahoo.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

THIS YEAR'S STEWARDSHIP THEME IS, "GIFT – GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER." This year we ask each other to help one another out as we make plans for what we see as a wonderful opportunity to share in God's grace. This is necessary so we can have a timely and accurate budget for the year. **Pledge Sunday will be November 7, and we ask everyone to prayerfully make your pledge by that date. If we haven't heard from you by December 6, making any changes to your pledge, we will assume your pledge will remain the same for 2022.** This is necessary for the Session to create a budget, to move ahead and provide direction for our mission and education programs. You may either send in the pledge form with this letter or do so electronically at gcpc.org/gift2022.

CONTACTING STAFF: A reminder that the GCPC church building has returned to normal operations. The office is open from 8am to 4pm, but the best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

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HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME: Although we are now offering limited in-person worship, we encourage those who normally put their pledge in the offering plate each Sunday to mail their pledges to the church. The Finance Administrator will get them and see that they are deposited in a timely fashion. Of course, you may also make your pledge online by going to gcpc.org and clicking "Online Giving."

ADULT

SHALOM: FINDING PEACE IN THE BIBLE is a six-week adult Bible study led by Kevin Johnson, which will be loosely taken from the Kerygma study "Shalom: A study of the Biblical Concept of Peace." We will look at the theological dimensions of peace as God's intention for this world, our continuing hope for peace, and our call to be peacemakers. Please bring your Bibles and a pen! The class will meet in **Room 4 at 10:45am**, or join via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/krd5pz84>.

FOLLOW ME — BIBLICAL PRACTICES FOR FAITHFUL LIVING: A living faith is so much more than simply believing in God. Jesus called all sorts of people to follow him to God, showing concrete ways to love God and one another. Together we will learn about the Jesus practices that have shaped the church. Participants will practice seeing Christ in every person and discover their own gifts of hospitality. This adult class will meet in **Room 3 at 10:45am**. Or join via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/yanmupj9>.

THANK OFFERING: Presbyterian Women is collecting funds for the Thank Offering, which provides much-needed financial assistance for real solutions in the areas of health, education, economic development and the needs of women and children. The recipients are a mix of six domestic and three international projects, but all meet crucial needs. At least 40 percent of this offering funds health ministries, often helping the most marginalized members of God's community. The remaining percentage supports new or

expanded projects and small capital improvement projects. Donations will be collected through November.

CHILDREN

TRUNK OR TREAT IS TODAY, 4-5:30PM. Weather permitting, all will be held outside in the parking lot. Rain or snow? We'll move inside.

YOUTH

TRUNK OR TREAT TODAY — We need your help at 3pm! Today at Trunk or Treat (rain or shine), we plan to create a maze out of our 9-square frame, cardboard boxes, and anything else we can get our hands on. We will need to start at about 3pm and afterwards would like to get a bite to eat (probably pizza) and hang out until about 7:30. Also if you have any decorative spiders, please bring them for the maze.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! We are back to our regular schedule. Hope to see you Sunday at 10:45am — breakfast snacks provided. As always, let Miles know ahead of time if you want to join via Zoom.

HOMELESS NIGHT — NOVEMBER 13! We are planning to start a little earlier than usual for our Homeless Night event because we will be touring and maybe serving at a Tiny House Village created for veterans who are housing challenged. We are also hoping to be joined by youth from Lee's Summit Pres. Expect the unexpected, but plan to spend the night outside in a cardboard box. Please RSVP so we know we have enough students to pull off the event — friends are welcome!

M&M: We are in the beginning stages of planning our high school M&M trip for 2022 and need to hear from you. Are you interested in participating and likely available in mid-June? Are you interested in joining our planning team (meets monthly)?

- Who: GCPC youth currently in 8th grade or above
—we are extending the top limit to include recent grads
- When: Either the 2nd or 3rd full week of June 2022 (somewhere between June 10–25)
- Where: Location TBD, but the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota is high on the list

COMING UP: Later in November, we have scheduled a hayride and bonfire at Heartland Camp, including roasting hotdogs and s'mores. Mark November 21 on your calendars for that event.

MISSION

IHN VOLUNTEER TRAINING: Do you want to be part of the solution to homelessness in Johnson County? Come to IHN Volunteer Training, which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, from 6:30 promptly to 8:30pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS. Also, please let Jane Knoche, GCPC IHN Primary Coordinator, know if you are attending or have questions.