



Service of Worship — January 8, 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: Angela Krug

HEAD USHER: Mike Fitzgerald

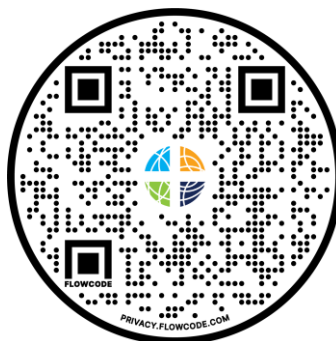
HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

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

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

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!

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:** 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

- **THE SECULAR CHALLENGE:** Your mission: Come view David Voas's 15-minute Ted Talk on the secular threat to religion. Then discuss GCPC's possible responses. This class meets in room 4. You can join on Zoom at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815237214?pwd=TVh4VWZldC9hbGJCL1k5dIVjWVlwUT09> Meeting ID: 838 1523 7214, Passcode: GCPC2022

THE GOOD FAITH NETWORK WITH PASTOR LAURA GUY — JANUARY 15: 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 on January 15 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 — we hope to see lots of people there!

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will resume meeting next week Thursday, January 12, at 9:30am in Room 3. We are going to begin a five-week discussion on the Holy Spirit. There is no book to buy. Please join us in-person or via Zoom. Questions? Contact Cheryl Johnson, agathatoo@gmail.com.

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!" and will be held on Sunday, January 15, 4–6pm. Living in Hope will be a great way to start our new year. Please RSVP for your children to Christy Soule at christysoule@yahoo.com.

YOUTH

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS! Morning classes resume today at 10:45am. We have been working our way through the Old Testament stories this year and there is some pretty crazy stuff. We go a bit deeper than you would have experienced in Children's Sunday school so please join us! Our first couple weeks will be one-hour classes ending at 11:45am, then on the 22nd, we will extend the time as we did much of the fall with Reconnect to end at 12:45pm.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER AND GIFT EXCHANGE TODAY! Today, January 8, is our progressive dinner and white elephant gift exchange. We will start at church at 5:30pm, drive to a home for an appetizer, then another for main course, then back to church for a white elephant gift exchange following dessert at the church! See an earlier e-mail (or ask Miles) for more details — don't forget to RSVP.

- We need parent drivers.
- We still need someone to provide desserts and hot chocolate at church.
- Can you help?

MLK DAY OF SERVICE AND YOUTH TUBING 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 tubing at Snow Creek. Registration Deadline is TODAY — Use the QR Code below to REGISTER NOW!



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