



Service of Worship — January 29, 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: Tom Stroud

HEAD USHER: Mike Fitzgerald

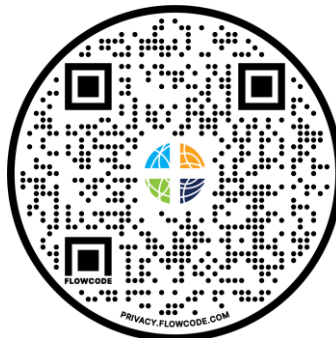
HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

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: Heritage Presbyterian Church, Olathe, KS; Woodville Presbyterian Church, Oregon, MO.

(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

GOOD FAITH NETWORK — WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! If you attended the January 15 Sunday school class on the Good Faith Network with Pastor Laura Guy, we want your feedback! Should GCPC join the Good Faith Network in 2023? Taking up this membership would require a small number of volunteers:

- handful of team leaders to
 - organize annual listening sessions (this could likely be done during the Sunday School hour)
 - Attend 4 annual events related to the Good Faith Network's annual process, illustrated in the graphic at the end of these announcements.
- 2 volunteers to serve on the Network's board - the board meets every other month by Zoom

In addition to these specific volunteer jobs, any member of a participating congregation is welcome and encouraged to attend the Nehemiah Action meeting in May, where the Good Faith Network talks with county officials and tries to get commitments from them to address identified problems and solutions. Congregational feedback is essential to the recommendation that will

be made to Session on whether GCPC should join or not. We especially would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to perform one of the jobs listed above. Please direct all feedback and questions to Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com (or just talk to Mikki in person on a Sunday morning!) by February 4.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church is TODAY, immediately following worship. There will be nursery for our infants through pre-school age children in Room 22. K-5/6th grade students will enjoy activities in the youth café and Youth Room 19a downstairs in the east wing. Children's Team members will supervise. There will be no Sunday school.

THE NEW FLOWER SIGN-UP CALENDAR IS UP IN THE CONCOURSE. Please sign up on the Sunday you want flowers and the occasion. I will call and get more details as to real or permanent display and color options if available. There is an increase in cost for the real flowers from \$40 to \$45. The permanent remains at \$30. Thank you for continuing to beautify our sanctuary. Any questions please contact Chelly King, chelly41RN@gmail.com.

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

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ADULT

PAGETURNERS WILL MEET FEBRUARY 2, 7PM at the home of Kathy Bures, 7131 Caenen Ave., Shawnee, to discuss *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. All are welcome! Reading the book is recommended, but not required. Please RSVP to Kathy at kathy.bures@gmail.com or 913.302.1755.

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP WILL MEET FEBRUARY 1 AT 1:30 PM in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Go West, Young Man* by B. J. Hollars. Note the author as there is another book with this title. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

ADULT STUDY IN FEBRUARY: On February 5, 12, and 19 we will have a combined adult study series, "Interpreting the Bible 101." Nothing divides Christians more than how to interpret the teachings of the Bible. In selecting real estate the rule is "Location, location, location!" In interpreting the Bible the rule is "Context, context, context!" Interpretation is not merely a fancy or a luxury; it is a necessity. Interpretation may not always be a conscious act, but it is always happening when we read the Bible — or anything else for that matter. And fundamental to responsible interpretation is knowledge of and respect for the context of each of the biblical

writings. Joel Ilten will begin with the principle challenges of faithful interpretation. Session 2 outlines three major periods of biblical interpretation and shows how it has changed over the centuries. Session 3 addresses the question of why people interpret the Bible differently. Watch for details about the meeting location and Zoom details.

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

NO YOUTH EVENT THIS SUNDAY: That’s super weird, isn’t it? I hope no tears are shed!

ANNUAL MEETING/HANG OUT TIME: After worship we are having our GCPC Annual Meeting in the sanctuary. I’m sure it will be a crazy fun time. However, if meetings aren’t your thing, you are encouraged to go down to the youth lounge after worship and hang out with our younger children.

YOUTH SUNDAY PLANNING — ALL HANDS ON DECK! Our seniors have met several times and came up with the topic of “Outside the Box” for Youth Sunday this year. We need everyone’s help putting the rest of the service together. At our next Reconnect time we will begin planning with the whole group. We may not take all the time to plan because, playing games is also important, but we will definitely be working on creative ways to make our youth planned worship outside the box — and also meaningful. Just consider how many things Jesus did that were not considered normal ... we have a great example right there. Please join us at 10:45am on February 5, 19, and 25.

SUMMER TRIPS: We need to get into planning gear so if you haven’t already, please respond to let me know which of the trip options you are interested in:

- Mission and Music Trip
- Mission only trip
- Massanetta Middle School Youth Conference
- Montreat Youth Conference
- Local Area Mission Experience (high school or middle school)

For more info on the trips please refer to a separate e-mail I sent last week titled “GCPC Summer Youth Trip Poll.”

SOUPERBOWL OF CARING: This year we have decided to collect food in the sanctuary in front of the communion table so all of our worshipers can see our collection even if they are worshipping online. Youth, if you see anyone walking into church with food for our collection and you can help

them get it to the front of the church that would be appreciated. Artistic food stacking is totally fair game.

MISSION

OUR UPCOMING IHN HOST WEEK IS FEBRUARY 5–12. Sign-ups for meals, set up and tear down of our lower level rooms, and laundry help have been published and sent out by the GCPC office. We always ask our trained volunteers to help host our evening and overnight. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Knoche, jeknoche@att.net. We appreciate the support of our congregation in providing a week of housing, meals, and transportation to guests.



"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God?"
- Micah 6:8

OUR ANNUAL PROCESS

4 MAIN EVENTS



Who is the Good Faith Network?

- Aldersgate United Methodist Church
- Asbury United Methodist Church
- Atonement Lutheran Church
- Congregation Beth Shalom
- Congregation Beth Torah
- De Soto United Methodist Church
- First Baptist Church of Overland Park
- First Christian Church - Olathe
- First Lutheran Church
- Gospel Outreach Center
- Grace United Methodist Church
- Heartland Community Church
- Heritage United Methodist Church
- Indian Heights United Methodist Church
- Islamic Center of Johnson County
- Old Mission United Methodist Church
- Overland Park Presbyterian Church
- Redemption Church
- Resurrection - A United Methodist Church
- Salem Lutheran Church
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- St. Mark's United Methodist Church
- St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
- St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church
- Unity Church of Overland Park

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