



Service of Worship — March 3, 2024

“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: Bill Turner

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.



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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

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Rosemary Gibson, Barbara Douglas

Cancer Treatment: 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: First Presbyterian Church, Osawatomie, KS-New Hope Parish; Miami Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS-New Hope Parish; Unidos En Oración – New Worshiping Community

(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

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 this tradition, 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, March 25.*** Thank you!

TAKE THE CHALLENGE — GIVE UP PLASTIC BAGS FOR LENT (AND WIN A PRIZE!) Many plastic bags are used for a matter of minutes and then sit in a landfill for hundreds of years. They

contribute to climate change and plastic pollution and can harm wildlife. So join the challenge, and stop using plastic bags! Here's how to participate:

- Between February 14 and March 28, take a selfie every time you use a reusable bag (or just a photo of your reusable bag, if you don't want to be in the picture).
- Upload it to www.gcpc.org/reusablebag. Whoever has the most photos uploaded by midnight on March 28 will win a prize! The winner will be announced in worship on April 7.

There are a few rules:

- You can take one photo per place where you normally would receive a single use bag. So if you buy groceries and use six reusable bags to take them all home, you can take one photo of all six bags to upload.
- Photos from one household should all be submitted by the same person (to make it easier to count submissions and determine the winner).
- You can only submit photos from people who live with you. So unless your children/grandchildren/other relatives live with you, you can't submit their photos under your name.
- You don't have to upload photos on the day they are taken — you could upload all your photos at 11:59pm on March 28 if you'd like.

If you need a reusable bag, see Mikki Walker — she has extras to give away, and ask Mikki if you have any questions, michala.walker@gmail.com.

MARCH BLOOD DRIVE: We're excited to host the Community Blood Center donation drive on March 27. New donors are always welcome! We'll be making appointments between 2 and 6pm. Book at savealifenow.org/group and enter Group Code: IM. For questions, contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or swbyrdks@gmail.com.

ADULT

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will continue today with the Lenten series, *Meeting Jesus at the Table* — *A Lenten Study* by Cynthia M. Campbell, and Christine Coy Fohr. The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus sharing meals with disciples, friends, even tax collectors and Pharisees. This eight-chapter resource provides biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as whom should we invite to Sunday dinner and who is left out and left behind in our culture today. Please join us at 10:45am in Room 3, or join us via Zoom at:

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

PAGE TURNERS WILL MEET ON MARCH 7 at 7pm in Anne Stroud's home. We will discuss *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff. You can RSVP on the GCPC Page Turners Facebook page, by e-mailing Anne at annestroud845@gmail.com, or by texting her at 913-515-6084. Her address is 9821 Broadmoor Overland Park 66212. Newcomers are welcome!

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP WILL MEET MARCH 6 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Dinners With Ruth* by Nina Totenberg. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

CHILDREN

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2ND-GRADERS: Abel Frye, Kamden Frye, and Grant Stromberg on their 1st communion today. They learned about the Sacrament of Communion at our communion workshop this past Sunday and will partake in their first communion and serve their families today too.

TODAY, WE OFFER OUR REGULAR SUNDAY PROGRAMS with Awakening to Worship and Sunday school. If you need any further information about programs, please stop by the children's bookcase just outside the sanctuary.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG EVENT on Saturday, March 23, at 10am. We'll begin our event with some fun and games inside Heartland Hall and conclude with an egg hunt (outdoors if the weather allows). Children of all ages are welcome. Invite your friends too! The event needs some candy donations and volunteers. Use our sign-up genius to let us know if we can count on your volunteer help: <https://bit.ly/GCPCEggHunt>

MISSION

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE 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 always 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/>

OUR MARCH DONATION PARTNER IS UPLIFT: Three evenings a week four UPLIFT trucks disperse into the Kansas City Metropolitan area in order to distribute warm meals and basic survival needs to the homeless in the Kansas City area. UPLIFT is a fully volunteer organization. Grace Covenant participates in UPLIFT every fourth Saturday. In January GCPC members provided hot meals for 60–90 people and donated an amazing 535 pairs of gloves. Your generosity and kindness is overwhelming!

In the spring, HIGH NEED items include new underwear for men and women so that is our designated March donation request. The links on the following page (scan the QR codes with your smart phone camera and select the link) show Amazon items suggested by the UPLIFT

organization. Of course, if you have another place you prefer shopping, please go right ahead. These links will give you a good feel for what is needed. We *can't* have Amazon orders delivered to the church. They need to be delivered either to my home address (Kevin Johnson, 12840 Century Street, Overland Park, KS 66213) or to your home. If they are delivered to your home please place them in the Weekday Entrance bin labeled "UPLIFT."

Once a month, an e-mail goes out to GCPC members who are on our UPLIFT distribution list identifying recipe items needed for the hot meal and the current HIGH NEED items. If you would like to be included in the distribution list, you can scan the fourth QR code and fill out the form or you can contact Kevin Johnson (the GCPC UPLIFT coordinator) at krpj01@gmail.com.



MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — PCUSA SPECIAL OFFERING — ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. If you'd like to make a gift to OGHS, just use the "Communion" option in the online portal or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope.

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