



Service of Worship — April 23, 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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Bob and Ann Shadburn in loving memory of their daughter, Laurie Easton.

ELDER ON DUTY: Terri Monrad

HEAD USHER: Dave Peck

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

RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

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Special Note: Revs. Sue and Mitch will be away Monday–Wednesday, April 24–26, to attend the memorial service for Mitch’s father, Wayne Trigger. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office, 913-345-1256 or patrick.bell@gcpc.org, for assistance.

“Pray for one another” — James 5:15

We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

All Grieving the Death of a Loved One: Rev. Mitch Trigger and family in the death of his father.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Bill Harris, Harold Farren, Linda Rosine, Joe Collins

Cancer Treatment: Bob Shadburn, Pam Kelly, Harold Farren

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, St. Joseph, MO; Maxwell Heights Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO; Maya Quiché Presbytery

(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

ENCOREKC CHORUS WILL PRESENT A SPRING CONCERT TODAY at Village Presbyterian Church on Antioch at 3pm. Over 15 of our GCPC members will be performing, vocally and instrumentally, in addition to our GCPC Celebration! Choir members. The children are singing in the 2023 Childrens Choir with children throughout the Kansas City region. EncoreKC Chorus is a choir

comprised of singers over the age of 50 and is Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church's Artist in Residence. Come enjoy an afternoon of uplifting music and entertainment. See you at 3pm!

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 30, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing members to the Nominating Committee and elders to the Session. Online participation will be possible through the worship Zoom link. Just stay online following worship.

"GIVE MY REGARDS TO BROADWAY!" During GCPC's Bell Fest XXXIII on Sunday, May 7, 6pm, in-person, and via Facebook and Zoom, enjoy familiar tunes from Broadway and Disney musicals! Dress up in your favorite character's costume and join us for this fun evening of music and mirth! We'll have Disney songs to sing, video clips, a live performance of a showtune, and plenty of ringing by Charter, Jubilation!, Spirit! Ringers, and Celebration! Chimes! **Music Team will be collecting the following items at Bell Fest to donate to the Music & Art programs at Rosehill Elementary School to "Support the Arts!"**

- Permanent markers (black & colors)
- Non-permanent markers (like Crayola)
- Glue sticks
- Kid-sized scissors
- Individual boxes of crayons
- Sharpened pencils
- Rhythm sticks ([here's a link!](#))

TACTILE LAP QUILT WORK DATES: We will have three upcoming gatherings to sew notions into 6-1/2" fabric squares; 5/13, 6/10, and 7/8, 10am–12pm in Room 3. All you need to bring is your machine, thread and scissors, or just a needle if you are a hand sewer. If you would like to participate, or if you would like to sew from home, contact Donna Heer, taxdheer@gmail.com.

DO YOU DRIVE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE? Sunday, June 18, our Grace Summer Session will be about electric vehicles. This will be an opportunity to show your electric vehicle (cars, vans, bikes) to members and friends who want to learn more about it. This intergenerational session will begin at 10:45am in Heartland Hall with a brief presentation and then move to the west-end parking lot to see the vehicles. If you would be willing to display your vehicle, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-electric>

ADULT

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Questions of Faith

The adult classes are joining together to enjoy the faith questions received from the congregation. This week's question will be: Is it possible to have a personal faith that does not buy into all the corporate creeds without guilt? Rev. Stephen Wing will be our facilitator. Due to the large class size, the class will be held in the choir room (Room 6). You can Zoom in on the Follow Me (Room 3) log in at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83829790055?pwd=MnpSL1MwS2VBbWN0OEU5aFJGaTJLdz09>
or Meeting ID: 838 2979 0055, Passcode: 723297

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.

VBS 2023! Our Vacation Bible School registration is live! Visit gcpc.org/vbs to register children age 4 through those who have completed 5th grade for our Hero Hotline VBS. During our fun-filled week, our heroes will learn how they can use their skills to bring peace and build one another up! We hope you will join us and invite a friend too! VBS will be held daily from Monday, June 5–Friday, June 9, 9am–12pm. **VBS planning needs your help!** We are looking for helping hands to assemble decorations to be used for VBS. We will meet on Friday, April 28, 6–9pm in Heartland Hall. If you are able to help, please contact Christy Soule, christysoule@yahoo.com, or Kristy Shaw, kristinashaw@everestkc.net. The decoration committee is also looking for donations. Please check the board outside the sanctuary if you are able to help purchase a few items that will help transform our church into Hero Hotline Headquarters. Thank you in advance!

MISSION

GCPC + GOOD FAITH NETWORK: The Good Faith Network's mission is to pursue justice around our local community's most pressing problems. This year, the Good Faith Network is working on solutions to mental health, housing, and homelessness in Johnson County. The membership fee was funded partially by donations from members; we're also seeking some supplementary PCUSA grant funding. (Further donations would be welcome from anyone else who wants to support our participation in this work!)

We are seeking GCPC members who are interested in participating in this work. Anyone who is interested is invited to schedule a 30-minute meet-up with the organization's lead staff person, Aileen Ball. These meetings will be informal conversations that let Aileen learn more about us and our congregation, as well as letting you ask any questions you may have about Good Faith Network. Attending a meeting does not create any obligation to participate further unless you want to! For convenience, Aileen has put her calendar online, so you can just click this link and schedule with her directly: <https://calendly.com/aileenball/meet-with-an-organizer-from-good-faith-network>. But if you are having trouble with the link, you can just contact her directly to get something scheduled--her email is aileen@thegoodfaithnetwork.org.

Nehemiah Assembly in May

All GCPC members, regardless of other involvement with GFN, are also invited to attend the main event of the year, the Nehemiah Assembly on May 2 at 6pm, at the Church of the Resurrection,

13720 Roe in Leawood. At the Nehemiah Assembly, over 1,000 justice-seeking people of faith will gather to seek commitment from our local officials to implement solutions to make real change in Johnson County. It's important to have lots of people in that room to make an impression on the county officials. Attending the Nehemiah Assembly doesn't create any obligation to participate further with GFN. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend! Please contact Mikki Walker and Rick Randolph with any questions. (michala.walker@gmail.com; rrandolphiii@gmail.com).

APRIL DONATION PARTNER: A GATHERING OF FRIENDS — Our April donation partner is A Gathering of Friends, a grassroots organization serving those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in Johnson and Wyandotte counties. A Gathering of Friends relies on donations and volunteers for everything needed to make sure those they serve have a good, home cooked meal each week, along with sandwiches, snacks, and fresh fruits to eat later, as well as supplies to ensure their safety, health, and comfort. Please see the list below for what you can donate to support their mission. Donations can go in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime in April. *If you'd like to provide a QuikTrip or Wal-Mart gift card, please put those in the plastic holder outside the church office door.*

- AAA batteries
- backpacks
- reusable shopping bags
- flashlights
- lighters
- men's large/xl t-shirts (used, okay)
- hoodies (used, okay)
- men's jeans/sweats/cargo (used, okay)
- tents
- sleeping bags
- insect repellent
- \$5 or \$10 QuikTrip gift cards

OUR APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, one of the four annual special offerings collected by PC(USA). Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on Self-development of People, and support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program.

OUR 76TH IHN HOSTING IS COMING MAY 7–14. From Sunday evening to the next Sunday morning, our guests will have dinner, prepare their next day lunch, and get a cold breakfast before leaving for work, school, or the Family Center the next morning. On Saturday, we have a hot breakfast for them! We are taking signups for hosting and meals in preparation. Please check your e-mails for sign-ups. We always appreciate the support our members give to this program! If you have any questions, please contact Jane Knoche or Christine Caseres. "There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you." —*John 14:2 Good News Translation*

SAVE THE DATE! We're excited to host the Community Blood Center donation drive on June 27 during their Royals' promotion week. This means two tickets for everyone who comes in to

donate! New donors are always welcome! We'll be making appointments (2–6pm) in May and June. For questions, contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or swbyrds@gmail.com.

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