



Service of Worship — December 11, 2022

*“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: Jane Knoche

HEAD USHER: Mike Fitzgerald

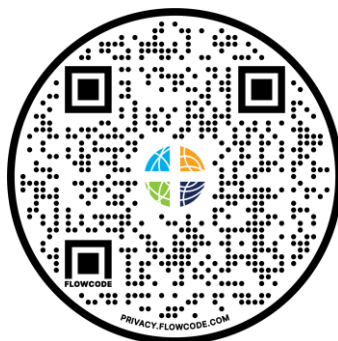
HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

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: Barb Brown and family.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Bob Shadburn, Tim Hayden

Ageing 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: First Presbyterian Church, Lee's Summit, MO; New Springs Community Presbyterian Church, Lee's Summit, MO; Heartland Presbytery Congregational Ministries Division

(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

AS PART OF “THE SONGS OF CHRISTMAS” our congregation will be led in worship as follows: Today, songs will be shared by Praise Team — Carrie DeVries, director and Grace Mountain — Christopher Callender, director. On December 18th songs will be shared by Chancel & Exaltation! Singers and Instrumentalists — Rebecca Prater, director. Join us in our song! Praise Team will be sharing their songs in The Longest Night service on December 18th at 7pm.

THE NOVEMBER NOISY OFFERING raised nearly \$263 for Arts In Prison! Thanks as always for GCPC’s amazing generosity!

POINSETTIA DONATIONS: Festive poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you would like to be a part of the tradition of purchasing a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, you may do so by enclosing your donation in one of the poinsettia envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate. Please be sure to neatly print your name and who the memorial/honor recognizes in block letters. You may also make a donation through the [online giving portal](#) on our website, or by sending your donation to the church office: GCPC,

11100 College Blvd., OPKS 66210, Attn: Patrick. *Deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert is Wednesday, December 14.* Thank you!

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE is an annual service for those of us grieving the loss of a loved one and for those facing the challenges of illnesses, troubles with relationships or work situations, or any other difficulty that makes it hard to be joyful during the holiday season. Join us next Sunday, December 18, 7pm in the Sanctuary.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT GIVES BACK please consider supporting our Maya K'iche partnership with a \$20.00 gift certificate donation. Certificates can be purchased through December 18 by contacting Jan Cummings, Cjan1950@gmail.com, or 913.269.4164. You may pay with cash, check (GCPC with Maya K'iche in the memo) or through the [GCPC website online giving link](#) — look for the Maya K'iche option in the drop-down menu.

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ADULT

NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH: ADULT ADVENT STUDY: Our adult Sunday school classes have joined for a study of Walter Brueggemann's, *Names for the Messiah*. The class will continue in the Sanctuary today and December 18. Copies of the study book are available in the office. A suggested donation of \$10 per book is encouraged. The class will be available on Zoom, using the same [worship link](#).

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

THE M&M TUBE FUNDRAISER is officially over, but we still have some tubes full of M&Ms in the concourse and will gladly take your contributions for our youth summer trips at any time. Our deepest thanks to everyone who has contributed! We couldn't make it happen without your generous support!

RECONNECT TODAY! Today we will have a somewhat different schedule for Reconnect. We will still meet at 10:45am for Bible study and games; however, at 11:45 we will eat some pizza and cookies then go carol with the rest of the church. We will be back around 1pm. We cannot wait to carol with you later today!

CHRISTMAS PARTY NEXT SUNDAY! We will have a Reconnect next Sunday, but not just any Reconnect ... we are having a Christmas Party! Students join us from 10:45am to 12:45pm for fun games, friendly competition, food, and great company. We cannot wait to see you there. Don't forget to wear an ugly Christmas sweater ... who knows, you might win something if you do. We still need lunch this day; if you are interested in providing food please use this link to sign up: <https://band.us/band/87628866/post/30>

PROGRESSIVE DINNER: After much consideration and conversations with our high school seniors, we have decided to make Progressive dinner January 8!

MISSION

THIS MONTH'S COMMUNION OFFERING WILL GO TO THE ARGENTINE BABY CLOSET, a ministry of Argentine United Presbyterian Church, now in its 37th year serving families in their community. This year they are especially in need of new or gently used clothing (sizes 9 months to 2T) and *boy's* shoes/boots (sizes 2–7). Of course, they can always use diapers, wipes and formula, or cash that can be used to purchase needed items. Grace Covenant has generously supported the Baby Closet for the past 30 years. Please do so again this year. Questions? Contact Barb Purvis barb.purvis@gmail.com.

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