



Service of Worship — March 26, 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: Katie Hearn

HEAD USHERS: Mike & Susan Fitzgerald

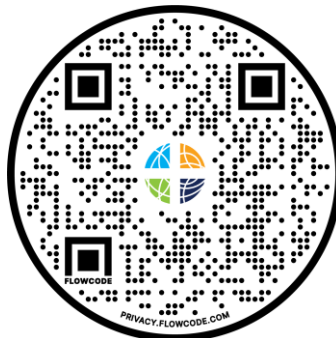
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RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

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: Debbie Campbell and family in the death of her father.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Jake Schmidt, Donna Dearmore, Pam Kelly

Cancer Treatment: Bob Shadburn

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: Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, Raytown, MO; United Christian Presbyterian Church, Richmond, 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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 2 at 9:30am

We welcome Jesus, our king with palms and joyful hosannas!

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:30pm

Come reflect on Jesus' commandment to love and remember him.

Good Friday, April 7 at 7:30pm

In gratitude we remember the crucifixion of our Lord.

Easter Sunday, April 9 at 9am and 11am

Rejoice!

9am — Praise Team led; 11am — organ and Chancel Choir led

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING MILES MCDONALD and his 16 years of ministry at GCPC at a reception hosted by the Youth Team, **following worship on Palm Sunday, April 2.** Come to Heartland Hall directly after the service to thank Miles and wish him well on the next chapter in his life. See you there!

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 the tradition of donating flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, 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, April 3.** Thank you!

JOIN THE 40 DAYS, 40 ITEMS DECLUTTERING CHALLENGE during Lent! See the end of these announcements for details!

TACTILE LAP QUILT UPDATE: On January 18 Harbor Hospice received five tactile lap quilts assembled by GCPC members. They were thrilled and said these are in high demand in memory care facilities. We will meet to sew notions into 6-1/2” fabric squares on April 8, 10am–12pm in Room 3 at the church. 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.

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 LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Please join us during the Sunday School hour for a study of *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis* by Dr. Patricia Tull March 5–April 2. All are welcome to attend (even if you haven’t read the current chapters). You can buy a copy of the book in the church office (\$5 donation) or online from Amazon or from Westminster John Knox Books,

[https://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664233333/inhabiting-eden.aspx./](https://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664233333/inhabiting-eden.aspx/)

Zoom in at:

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

Meeting ID: 838 2979 0055; Passcode: 723297

FOLLOW ME: PRACTICE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES: Class meets in Room 3. Leadership is shared. This Lenten study continues today and will focus on practices that Jesus engaged in. Participants will dive deeply into actions lived and modeled by Jesus and across Scripture: fasting, prayer, listening to God, embracing simplicity, unplugging, and more. Zoom in at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83829790055?pwd=MnpSL1MwS2VBbWN0OEU5aFJGaTJLdz09>

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PAGE TURNERS WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, APRIL 13, at Laura Patton's home (15814 Beverly St., Overland Park, KS 66223). This is a week later than usual because of Maundy Thursday. The format of our meeting will also be atypical. We will be discussing nine of the most frequently challenged books of 2021–22. Please contact Laura at lfpatton@gmail.com to RSVP and learn how to prepare for this meeting. All are welcome!

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP WILL MEET APRIL 5 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

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.

IT'S A SMASH SUNDAY! Children in kindergarten through 5th/6th grade are invited to join us in Heartland Hall, 4–6pm. We will be discussing luck, sportsmanship and what being on God's team means for us.

CHILDREN'S TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT on April 1 at 10am. To volunteer, RSVP to the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-easter>.

VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED FOR THE VBS PLANNING TEAM and activity site leaders and guides. To volunteer please contact Rev. Sue at sue.trigger@gcpc.org or 913-345-1256.

YOUTH

FROM MILES: Transitions are so hard! April 2 is my last official day. But, I will be helping with youth on Easter Sunday too. *I will miss you all so much!*

RECONNECT THIS SUNDAY! We will have Reconnect this Sunday, 10:45am–12:45pm, starting in the youth space. Lunch is provided. If you can provide a lunch for the group at a future event that

would be appreciated. There is a post in Band to sign up to prepare a meal for us. <https://band.us/band/87628866>. Thanks in advance to anyone who can help!

SPRING SCHEDULE: Below is an updated spring schedule. Please note a few additions/changes.

- Reception for Miles, April 2 at 10:45am — No Reconnect or youth Sunday School on that day.
- Romans and Christians and Pizza, April 2, 6:30-8pm (not on March 26 as previously announced)
- Presbytery Lock-In at Chapel Hill, added April 21
- Reconnect, added May 21

PRESBYTERY LOCK-IN AT CHAPEL HILL: Heartland Presbytery is hosting an All-Presbytery Youth Lock-In on Friday, April 21 at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, beginning at 6pm with dinner and concluding Saturday morning no later than 10am, following breakfast and a final gathering. This event is for 6th–12th grade youth and will include meals, energizers, games, music, ice breakers, outdoor events (weather permitting), vespers and a movie. Each participant should bring \$10 to help defer dinner costs.

BAKER/REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION EXTENSION: Youth Team has extended the application date for the Baker/Reynolds Award (formerly titled the Reggie Reynolds Scholarship). In past years this opportunity was only available for high school seniors, but this year the team is opening it up to all 9th–12th graders. The application deadline is now April 2!

MISSION

MARCH DONATION PARTNER - ARROWHEAD DAY SCHOOL PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS: GCPC will collect toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products for students at Arrowhead Day School as part of the school's Caring for Kids partnership. Arrowhead Day School is located at 66th and Santa Fe in Overland Park and is Shawnee Mission School District's response for children and youth who need a caring, compassionate educational setting. Students come from throughout the Shawnee Mission School District and range in age from elementary through high school. Personal hygiene items will help support student needs as school staff work to bring about appropriate social and behavioral practices. Drop off your donations of these items in the Weekday Entrance bins during the month of March.

MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT - INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN): For many years, GCPC has hosted guests from the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a homelessness intervention program that helps restore stability to situationally homeless families in Johnson County. IHN has fed, housed, educated and empowered hundreds of wonderful people, thanks to their network of congregations and individual supporters. Last year, more than 75% of IHN guests obtained permanent housing after 90 to 180 days with us. Communion Offering in March will help support IHN's mission.

GCPC + GOOD FAITH NETWORK

In February, Session voted for GCPC to join the Good Faith Network, an interfaith group composed of 25+ congregations across three faith traditions in Johnson County. 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. 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).

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For each day of Lent, find one item you no longer need or want, and put it into a large bag or box. It could be an item of clothing you no longer wear, a book you're not going to read again, a toy your children don't play with anymore, or a household item you don't need.

On Saturday, April 8, bring your items to Room 21 between 9:30-10:30am. Overflow storage will be in Room 5. You can also bring your items to church anytime during the week of April 2, if you can't make it Saturday morning.

Donations will be directed as follows:

- Clothes and household items will be donated to Blessings Abound (please see the list below).
- Gently used coats will go to Johnson County Christmas Bureau.
- Shoes will go to Soles4Souls.
- Craft and office items will go to Scraps KC.
- Books will go to the Friends of the
- JoCo Library.

All donation items need to be in bags or boxes with lids or closable flaps, and small enough to be easily lifted by one person onto the truck.

Blessings Abound can accept: practical housewares, art, small kitchen appliances, toys and games (that are not missing pieces or are damaged), tools, decor items, clean clothes in good condition, sewing machines and material, pillows and linens, dishes, and cookware.

Blessings Abound CANNOT accept: garage sale leftovers, exercise equipment, damaged items, safety recalled items, items missing pieces. No furniture will be accepted at the church.

To ensure we don't overflow the space available to store these donations, please don't exceed 40 items per household.

Contact Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com with any questions!