



Service of Worship — April 30, 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: Jim Byrd

HEAD USHER: Eric Burdette

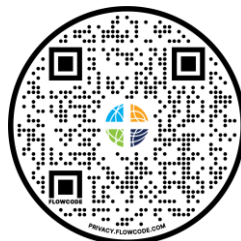
HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

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



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

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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: 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: Trinity Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO; Presbyterian Christian Church, Stewartsville, MO; Tarkio Presbyterian Church, Tarkio, 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

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY, 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 Adult Class

Room 4. You can join on Zoom at:

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

or Meeting ID: 838 1523 7214, Passcode: GCPC2022

Follow Me Adult Class

Room 3. Leadership is shared. You can join on Zoom at:

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

or Meeting ID: 838 2979 0055, Passcode: 723297

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP WILL MEET MAY 3 at 1:30 pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Summer at the Garden Cafe* by Felicity Hayes McCoy. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

RIVER OF THE GODS by Candice Millard is a story of genius, courage and betrayal in the search for the source of the Nile River. Page Turners will be discussing this book on Thursday, May 4, at the new home of Teresa Ilten. Please join us at 7pm at 5408 W. 97th Circle in Overland Park. We

live on a small cul-de-sac just east off Nall on 97th Circle. Contact Teresa Ilten, 913-515-1087, if you are coming or for questions.

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!** The decoration committee is 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 swbyrdks@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 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/>

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