



Service of Worship — March 24, 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: Joy Circo

HEAD USHERS: Tom & Anne Stroud

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.



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: Rosemary Gibson, Dave Peck

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: Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS - Mission & Antioch; Rantoul Community Presbyterian Church, Rantoul, KS; Raymore Presbyterian Church, Raymore, 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

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!

VBS DECORATING COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU to a craft session where we will begin creating items for VBS. Friday, April 5, 4–6pm in Heartland Hall. RSVP to Christy Soule or Kristy Shaw. Bring a good pair of scissors if you can.

ARE YOU IN PURSUIT OF SOME TRIVIA? Join us as the Care and Connection team again hosts an evening of Intergenerational Trivia. Join us Friday night, April 12, 5:30–7pm. The illustrious Jake Schmidt will be our fearless leader. We are asking participants to bring finger foods, either a light appetizer or a dessert. There will be a sign-up on April 7 in the church concourse, but please make sure to mark your calendars now. Oh, and last but not least, there will be prizes for you trivia-minded! GCPC is the place to be!

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 continues with the Lenten series *Meeting Jesus at the Table — A Lenten Study* by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. Please join us for an interactive dialogue at 10:45am in Room 3, or join us via Zoom at:

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

WHILE JUSTICE SLEEPS is a legal thriller novel by American politician and writer Stacey Abrams. Page Turners will be discussing this book on **Thursday, April 4**, at the 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 of Nall on 97th Circle. Please carpool if possible. Contact Teresa Ilten, 913-515-1087, if you are coming or for questions. Hope to see you there!

AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet April 3 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

CHILDREN

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.

WE HAD A HOPPING GOOD TIME YESTERDAY AT OUR EGG HUNT. Thank you to our volunteers and participants.

IT'S A SMASH SUNDAY. Children K–5th/6th are invited to join us from 4pm to 6pm today in Heartland Hall. We'll be discussing the maid of Israel with lots of fun and activities too.

VBS PLANNING IS ALSO UNDERWAY! Our Camper Registration is now available AND new this year, we have a Volunteer Registration form too. Our GCPC Children's Team will need lots of help to pull this year's VBS off so please let us know if you can help us in any way. We need YOU! You can find camper and volunteer registration at gcpc.org/vbs. Contact any member of the Children's Team if you have any questions about VBS. We are gonna have a great week at Camp Firelight.

MISSION

IHN TRAINING: Our next volunteer training will be held Tuesday, March 26, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 15915 W. 143rd St. in Olathe. The training will begin promptly at 6:30pm, ending by 8:30. Full and timely attendance is required to be considered a trained volunteer. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We are eager to broaden our base. Bring a neighbor, a friend, or a relative. All that we require is a desire to lift up those less fortunate. JoCo IHN is a wonderful opportunity to live your faith!

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 below (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.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:30pm

Good Friday, March 29, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday

8:45am, Flowering of the Cross

9:00am, worship begins. Music by the Praise Team.

10:45am, Flowering of the Cross

11:00am, worship begins. Music by Chancel & Exaltation! Singers, Charter Ringers, & Chancel Brass.



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