



**Service of Worship — March 12, 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:** Bill Turner

**HEAD USHER:** John Gilbert

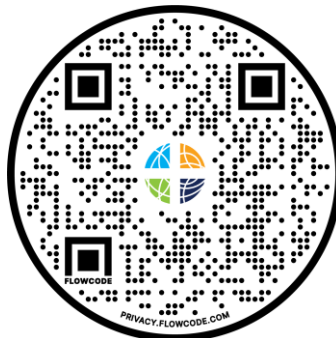
**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE.** Please ask at the sound booth.

**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**

**Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses**

**Cancer Treatment:** Bob Shadburn, Tim Hayden

**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**

(If you have a prayer request you would like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at [office@gcpc.org](mailto:office@gcpc.org), or send to [gcpc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 have three upcoming gatherings 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](mailto:taxdheer@gmail.com).

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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. In this thoughtful study, respected Old Testament scholar Patricia K. Tull explores the Scriptures for guidance on today's ecological crisis. Tull looks to the Bible for what it can tell us about our relationships, not just to the earth itself, but also to plant and animal life, to each other, to descendants who will inherit the planet from us, and to our Creator. She offers candid discussions on many current ecological problems that humans contribute to, such as the overuse of energy resources like gas and electricity, consumerism, food production systems — including land use and factory farming — and toxic waste. On March 5, we'll discuss the first two chapters, "The Problem of Change, Then and Now" and "Humans and Creation." Nelson Townsend, Jo Randolph, and Mikki Walker will lead these discussions, which all are welcome to attend (even if you haven't read the 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. Spiritual practices are seen as those things Jesus did, said, or embodied; we as Jesus' followers try to do so as well. Many of the spiritual disciplines covered in this unit have emerged over the centuries as Christians have experimented with ways to make space in their lives to be with Jesus and to allow Jesus to transform them. Zoom in at:

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## CHILDREN

**AWAKENING TO WORSHIP CONTINUES TODAY** for children ages 4–1<sup>st</sup> 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

**SPRING SCHEDULE:** We are planning for Reconnect Events March 19, 26 and April 2, 16, and 30. I would also like to add an evening event in there also at some point just for fun. Stay tuned for that. 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 with that!

**SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP?** Details are coming together for a high school (graduated 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade) mission (and maybe music) trip June 10–17. The current plan is to head to St. Louis, Memphis, or Nashville on the 10<sup>th</sup> for fun and perhaps to share music in worship with a host church on Sunday. From there we would head to Tennessee or Kentucky to serve with the Appalachian Service Project until Saturday morning. Please let me know if you are interested!

**REGGIE REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP:** Youth Team is still taking applications for 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 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders. The application deadline is March 26!

## 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 66<sup>th</sup> 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.

**NOISY OFFERING MARCH 19!** Lug your loose change jar to church on March 19 for the first Noisy Offering of 2023! This offering will be directed to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the ministry and mission agency of PCUSA. Their work covers four ministry areas: Compassion, Peace &

Justice; Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries; Theology, Formation & Evangelism; and World Mission. Presbyterian Mission Agency works to inspire, equip and connect all Presbyterians for the church's work.

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**[gpc.org](http://gpc.org)**



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 on the right).
- 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](mailto:michala.walker@gmail.com) with any questions!