



**Service of Worship
February 28, 2021**

***“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.

“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: Gary Dubois, Gail Harris, Cindy Schendel, Paul Wirtz, Karen Fankhauser

Cancer Treatment: Kathy Jonas

Aging Challenges: Shirley Sisk

Military Service: Conner Maynard, 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, Osawatomie, KS—New Hope Parish; First United Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS—New Hope Parish; Miami Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS—New Hope Parish

(If you have a prayer request you'd like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at office@gcpc.org, or send to gcpc_prayers@yahoo.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

GCPC SPRING BLOOD DRIVE IS SHORT ON DONORS! A dozen more donors are needed to have a successful GCPC blood drive next Tuesday. We have a very dedicated donor crew, but things are complicated these days, as you know. My son-in-law has an appointment to donate and maybe a neighbor. YOUR help asking for donors could be crucial! Volunteering is a win/win for the donor and recipients! Many just need to be asked. Thank you! —*Sarah Byrd* (For questions or help with appointments, contact Sarah at 913-909-1559 or [Sarah Byrd.](#))

KCK HOT LUNCH UPDATE: It was wonderful to see so many of our members on the 20th, bringing sack lunches, supplies for Rosehill Elementary and even diapers for the Argentine Baby Closet. Your Mission Team enjoyed seeing everyone and was very grateful for the warmer weather that day. Meredith Watson received the summary from KCK Hot Lunch — *Thank you for all the yummy lunches Grace Covenant brought last Saturday. Praise be to God, the day was warmer than earlier in the week. 563 guests got to enjoy your sack lunches along with coffee and hot cocoa. The many comments from our guests included: "Thank you," "God bless you for all you do," "I would not have anything today if it weren't for you," are but a few of the kind words. We truly appreciate your continued support in our mission to feed and serve the people.*

THIS IS GRACE NEW MEMBER CLASS — February 21–March 7, 4pm via Zoom: Starting Sunday, February 21, we will host “This Is Grace” for anyone interested in learning more about Grace Covenant. The class is open to anyone and is the best way to get an overview of the church, get questions answered and discover more than you can learn from attending online worship each week. After the final session, if you want to join Grace Covenant, you will be invited to meet virtually with the Session (the governing body that oversees the ministry of the church and will be welcomed into our faith family in the official Presbyterian style at a scheduled date. If you decide you are not interested in joining, or not quite ready to join, we hope you will have a much better sense of Grace Covenant and we will continue to delight in your presence with us as a visitor and friend. For questions & to RSVP – Contact: Pastor Sue or Pastor Mitch (sue.trigger@gcpc.org or mitch.trigger@gcpc.org). Join the ZOOM meeting using Meeting ID: 878 2974 9481 and Passcode: GCPC2021.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY: Conversation Request for Black, Indigenous and Other Non-Black People of Color in Heartland Presbytery — Beginning this month, Heartland Presbytery will be undergoing an institutional audit led by Leslie Mac and Christina Rivera of Leslie Mac Consulting. This audit will be taking a look at all of Heartland Presbytery’s policies, processes and culture through a racial equity lens. As a part of this audit, Leslie and Christina would like to hear directly from Black, Indigenous and other non-Black people of color about their experience working within Heartland Presbytery. If you identify as non-White and would like to take part in this confidential conversation, please fill out this [Google Form](#) and Leslie Mac Consulting will be in touch to schedule a meet-up.

THE GENEROSITY TEAM WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone who has pledged to this year’s “Stewart-ship” Campaign. If you haven’t made your pledge yet, you can go online at <http://gcpc.org/2021pledge>, or you can call our Finance Administrator, Tara Hyder. You can also download a pledge card [HERE](#).

CONTACTING STAFF: A reminder that the GCPC church building is open to limited use in response to the ongoing public health emergency. Office staff members are primarily working remotely. The best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

Rev. Sue: sue.trigger@gcpc.org

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Tara Hyder (finance admin.): finance@gcpc.org

HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME: During this time of online-only worship, we encourage those who normally put their pledge in the offering plate each Sunday to mail their pledges to the church. The Finance Administrator will get them and see that they are deposited in a timely fashion. Of course, you may also make your pledge online by going to gcpc.org and clicking the "Online Giving" tab.

ADULT

LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK: A LENTEN STUDY — February 14–March 28; 11:15am Zoom Class —
Our adult Lenten study begins this Sunday and will explore the images of light and darkness in Barbara Brown Taylor's book, "Learning to Walk in the Dark." Taylor has become increasingly uncomfortable with our tendency to associate all that is good with lightness and all that is evil and dangerous with darkness. In this book, Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us "in the dark." Through darkness we find courage, we understand the world in new ways, and we feel God's presence around us, guiding us through things seen and unseen. Often, it is while we are in the dark that we grow the most. This Zoom online class will be led by a team of members. Join us at 11:15 a.m. at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88313024210?pwd=eDZGT2NSaE1CYUoxZ0JmWnpnemVvZz09>
Meeting ID: 883 1302 4210; Passcode: GCPC2020

YOUTH

PRIVATE MOVIE, THE CROODS: A NEW AGE – RSVP NOW! We have a movie theater reserved just for us today! It cost \$150 and we can have up to 20 people, so if we have 10 people, it will cost \$15 each but only \$7.50 if we have 20. Please RSVP right away to reserve your spot!

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS for youth will meet as usual today at our 11:30 time slot in Heartland Hall.

YOUTH SUNDAY PLANNING – Keep the videos coming! It's just a week away! Please don't put off any planning parts that you have been assigned. We need everything today so we can assemble. As always, please contact Miles for ideas and inspiration.

MISSION

ROSEHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WILL BE THE DONATION PARTNER FOR FEBRUARY. Requested donations include: hand sanitizers, Kleenex, copy paper, "Treasure Box" reward items such as: bouncy

balls, fun pencils, sticker sheets, erasers, and yo-yos, and other small toys. \$5.00 coffee shop gift cards are also requested for the schoolteachers. Please drop off your donations at church for on Feb. 20 between 8:15-9:15 AM (the same time as KCK Hot Lunch drop-off). Although the building remains mostly closed, you can also drop donations in the weekday entrance bin if you're at church for a music rehearsal or other event. If you would like to donate items but need an alternate drop off arrangement, contact Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT: Rosehill Elementary will also be the recipient of our Communion Offering in February. Communion offering can be given at any point during the month using one of the following methods:

- 1) Online – Just choose the “Communion Offering” fund on the payment portal and enter the desired amount.
- 2) By Mail – mail a check to church with “Communion Offering” in the subject line.

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