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Newsletter for Glendale Presbyterian Church
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From Pastor Kathleen

Grace and Peace to you,
You know that experience of hearing music that moves you profoundly and then seeking ways to hear it more? Maybe you listen to it over and over on Spotify, buy a CD, or go to a concert. Have you ever had the chance for your own organization to host a concert for an artist that you're excited about in this way? If so, you can understand my excitement at Glendale Presbyterian Church hosting Spencer LaJoye and Sadie Gustafson-Zook in concert on Monday, February 19th at 6:30 pm. Their music speaks to a longing for authenticity

and renewal of purpose. It invites us to practice the faith we profess and work for justice, joy, and belonging. I heartily believe in their work and trust that if you come to this concert you will leave with a renewed sense of hope. You're not going to want to miss this!

Blessings,
Pastor Kathleen

Check out the collage below to see a glimpse of Pastor Kathleen's experience volunteering at the APCE (Association of Partners in Christian Education) Conference last week at Union Station in St. Louis



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Session Update



The session met on January 10 and approved sponsoring a concert in our sanctuary on February 19. The session met again on January 18 for its regular monthly meeting and accepted confirmand Caroline Krob into membership. They also approved the 2024 budget, the withdrawal of funds to replenish cash reserves, and the updated Financial Management Procedures. The session also approved becoming a More Light Presbyterians church. 2024 dates for Pastor Kathleen's Professional Education Days and Service for the Greater Church Days were also approved. Thank you notes were received from three organizations to which we make donations. Reports were received from all committees.

At the January 18 session meeting the session affirmed the Mission Statement of More Light Presbyterians which states "Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) people of faith in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and in society."



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

Church Officers

2024 Session:

Beth Ford
Sonia Kesselring
Matt Krob
Leslie McKinstry
Deb Rose
Leslen Sanders

Committee Assignments

Administration

Leslen Sanders, Chair
Steve Chamberlin, Treasurer
Jeff Sanders,
Buildings & Grounds Chair
Jaime Krob, Personnel Chair
Leslen Sanders,
Stewardship Chair

Discipleship

Matt Krob, Chair

Care

Leslie McKinstry, Chair

Connect

Debbie Rose, Co-Chair
Sonia Kesselring, Co-Chair

Nominating

Beth Ford, Chair



Join Us for a Concert!

Monday, February 19th at 6:30 pm
Suggested Donation \$10-\$20



Spencer LaJoye

Spencer LaJoye (luh-JOY) is an East Coast singer/songwriter from the Midwest making queer indie folk music for everyone. The 2021 Kerrville Songwriting Competition winner spins crystalline vocals through a loop pedal while strumming an acoustic guitar in charming, banter-heavy performances that keep audiences laughing one moment and weeping the next.

Sadie Gustafson-Zook

"She manages to blend her varied musical experiences into a satisfying combination that is folk at its core but enhanced with jazz influences. She uses her voice with the precision of an instrument, leaping between registers and outlining jazz chords, all with grace and ease, never in a gratuitous, showy manner."

- No Depression Music Journal



Fellowship

Do you enjoy snacking and visiting with your church family? Do you have a favorite treat that you like to share?

If so, please consider signing up to bring refreshments for fellowship time after Sunday worship. Anything is welcome - snacks do not have to be homemade. A sign-up sheet is available outside the church office.

Thank you for your participation!



Sunday School

Sunday School Class on January 21

Sunday School teacher Caroline Chamberlin reports that this activity “was part of the cooking curriculum for this semester (which is centered on the Lord’s Prayer) – we focused on ‘give us this day our daily bread’.

The girls did a great job with fixing the ‘daily bread’ for Fellowship.

If only I’d done a better job at selecting baking sheets....

Still, good to know the smoke alarms work!”





On the Calendar

Sunday, February 4

Annual Congregational Meeting after worship.

Sunday, February 11

- During worship, Caroline Krob will be confirmed and join our church as a new member. Be sure to attend to give her our support as she takes this exciting step!

-Session Meeting after worship

February 14th at 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday service

Monday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Concert Event

GPC will be hosting singer-songwriters Spencer LaJoye and Sadie Gustafson-Zook for a special concert. Please be sure to attend! A \$10-\$20 donation is suggested

Tuesday, February 20 at 9:30 am

Presbyterian Women's Meeting

February 25 and March 2, PC(USA)/GPC "101" Class - after worship

For those of you interested in joining the church, or just learning more about GPC, and the PC(USA) as a whole, we invite you to attend two Sunday learning sessions. Don't miss this unique learning opportunity. Everyone is welcome!

February Birthdays

Carol Wright - February 13

Hae Jeong Schroeder - February 15

Beth Ford - February 19

Mary Beth Reynolds - February 19

Kurt Buchholz - February 25

Caroline Krob - February 28



Stewardship

Per Capita

We start another year strong with the leadership of our Giddings Lovejoy Presbytery, leading the way with support for the local Presbyterian churches in our region. Every organization needs leadership, and this includes our church home. From our Presbytery we receive information, support and opportunities to be part of God's greater church. Glendale Presbyterian is involved in the workings of the Presbytery, and we are represented at the regular meetings by one of our Session members and Pastor Kathleen.

The per capita per member for 2024 is \$36.00.

You may make this payment at any time. Please make a note your donation is for "per capita".

We are planning a special event in April to celebrate our contributions to the greater church.
You will just flip for it!



Prayer Requests

1/7

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Peggy's friend Beth, who is dealing with liver failure.
Prayers for the family of Robert Blair who died recently.
Prayers for Carol Cook's son and wife, who are traveling in Patagonia.
Prayers for the family of Byron Hatfield, who died suddenly, and for his newborn daughter Alice.
Continued prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, as he continues to battle brain cancer.
Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

Praise and Celebration

Prayers of thanks for Leslie McKintray's father, Jere, who is healing well.

1/14

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Jere Dorough, Leslie's dad, as he continues to recover from pacemaker surgery.
Prayers for Mary Beth Garasky's sister, Jane, who has been ill.
Prayers for the family of Kersten Johnson, former classmate of Paige Stroud, who passed away.
Prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, who is stopping cancer treatments and entering hospice care.
Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

1/21

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for warmth for those who are cold, food for those who are hungry, safe journey for those travelling, and strength for first responders.
Prayers for Barb and Tom Cavicchia, recovering from illness.
Prayers for Claire's friend recovering from a car accident.
Prayers for David's grandmother who was recently in the hospital.
Continued prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, who is stopping cancer treatments and entering hospice care.
Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, who had several procedures this past week, and for her Aunt Joan.

1/28

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Paige Stroud and her family, whose mother passed away after an extended illness.
Continued prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, who is in hospice care.
Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

