



GlenPres

Newsletter for Glendale Presbyterian Church
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From Pastor Kathleen

Grace and Peace to you,
As we find ourselves on the threshold of a new year, I am filled with gratitude and joy as I reflect on our Advent season and Christmas worship. It's always a joy to see how the Liturgical Arts team transforms worship with their gifts, interpreting the preaching and teaching through their art. So many of you offered your gifts of music in worship both here and together with Webster Groves, making Advent's old stories of expectation, be felt anew.

I know this season has been difficult for many, as in culturally prescriptive happy times grief, and loss can feel particularly sharp. I am grateful for how you are the Church to and with one another in the joys and the struggles. Your

engagement, commitment, and love for one another reflect the love of God at GPC.

It is my prayer the peace, hope, love, and joy, we experienced during Advent become realized in the work of justice and action toward the healing and wholeness of the world.

I am truly thankful for each one of you and how you make GPC the loving church that it is. May the love of God Emmanuel, give us strength to do the work God has for us to do!

Blessings,
Pastor Kathleen

Most of the GPC Staff at the Presbyterian Women's Staff Appreciation Lunch: Music Director, Carol Schmitt; Office Administrator, Jennifer Sebastian; and Custodian, Mary Johnson (not in attendance, but very appreciated, Financial Administrator, Linde Weber)



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Session Update



The session met on December 10 to say goodbye to Joan, Katie, and Elaine and to welcome Leslie, Sonia, and Beth who will begin their terms in January. The 2024 officers and committee chairmen were approved as well as monthly session meeting dates and regular Communion. Emma Kanerva's membership was transferred to Webster Groves Presbyterian Church and the Anderson family was moved to the Inactive Roll. The 2022 Financial Review was accepted and the session approved creating an electric storage drive for church financial records. Jennifer's office hours were increased from 10 to 11 hours/week. A policy for funeral receptions was approved. A Child and Youth Protection Policy was approved as well as new usher guidelines. Pulpit Supply compensation was increased to \$175 to align with Presbyterian of Giddings-Lovejoy requirements.

Important Upcoming Dates for New and Current Elders:

Saturday, January 6, 3 - 6 pm - Officer Training for 2024 Session.

Sunday, January 7, 10 am - Ordination (Leslie) and installation (Beth and Sonia) of new officers during worship.

Sunday, January 21, 11:15 - 2024 first session meeting

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

Thank you!

We are deeply grateful for the work of our outgoing class of elders:

Elaine Bidstrup, Katie Niesen Cook, and Joan Rossi.

If you are able, please send a note or message of appreciation to these individuals for their thoughtful work in the service of God and our church.



Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity in 2023 as we made a difference inside our church and outside in our community.

Heading into the new year your continued support is greatly appreciated.

You make the future for GPC!

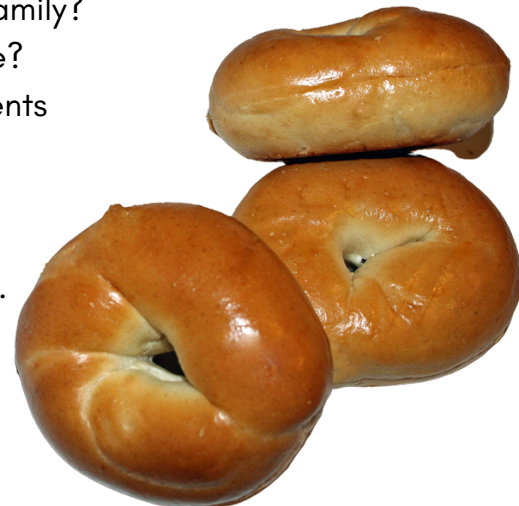


Fellowship

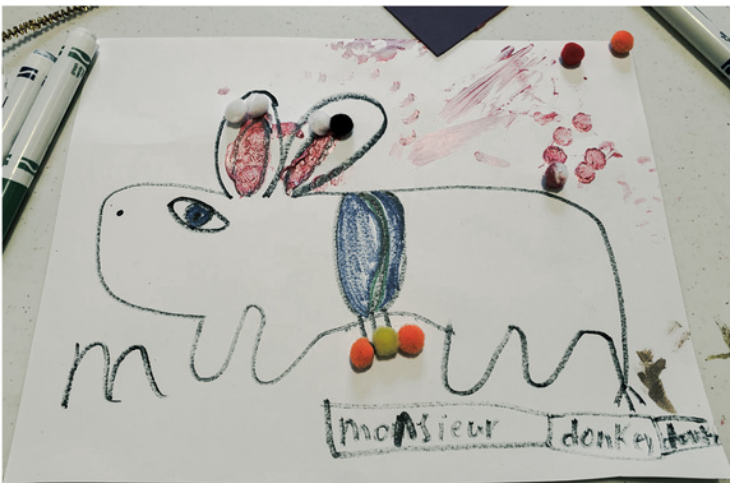
Do you enjoy snacking and visiting with your church family?
Do you have a favorite treat that you like to share?
If so, please consider signing up to bring refreshments for fellowship time after Sunday worship.



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



SCENES FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Advent Mural Art Workshop

– taught by –
Leslie McKinstry

*with special appearance of
Monsieur Donkey Donkey
(left)*





On the Calendar

GERRY VIRGIL MEMORIAL SERVICE - Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Parking for Gerry's service is in the Danforth University Center Garage. Take Wallace Drive north from Forsyth Blvd. and you will drive right into the garage. Graham Chapel is north of the building and then east. The reception and celebration of her life is immediately after the service at the nearby Bogey Club. Reservations are not required but it is helpful to the university if you do make a reservation. The link is in the December 13 email from GPC or you can contact Peggy and let her know.

Presbyterian Women's meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 9:30 a.m. in Room 208.

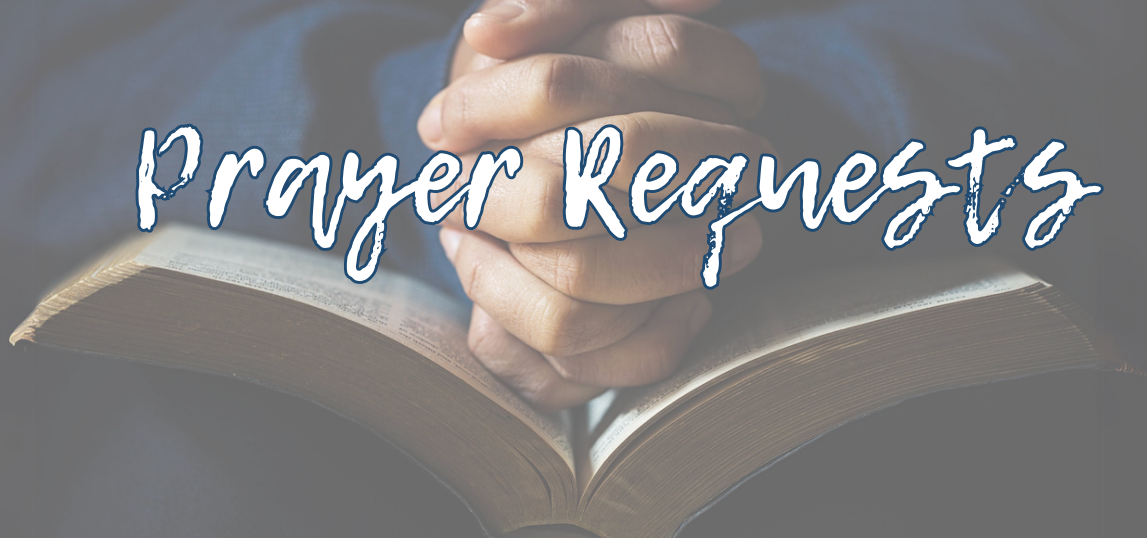
DON ORCHARD MEMORIAL

The children of Don Orchard chose Glendale Presbyterian to receive the donations in honor of Don's life in lieu of flowers. If you would like to remember Don and his dedication to service at GPC with a donation to his memorial fund please write "Don Orchard Memorial" in the memo of a check or place your donation in a memorial envelope that can be found on the windowsill right inside the sanctuary.

January Birthdays

Bob Montgomery	January 2	Paige Stroud	January 13
Howard Beyroudy	January 5	Bruce Canan	January 18
Randy Schroeder	January 8	Ella Foresman	January 18
Susan Niesen	January 9	Rod Rogers	January 22
Sonia Kesselring	January 12	Elaine Bidstrup	January 28





Prayer Requests

12/13

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for safe travels for all, over the holidays.

Continued prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, as he participates in a new clinical trial to treat brain cancer.

Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

12/10

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Jay Kanerva, recovering from a heart ablation procedure.

Prayers for Julie Tighe who lost her friend, Mike, to cancer.

Continued prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, as he participates in a clinical trial to treat brain cancer.

Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

12/17

(at WGPC)

12/31

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Paige's mother, Nancy, who has moved into skilled nursing. Prayers of gratitude that she is comfortable and receiving excellent care.

Prayers for travelers during the holidays, and for those feeling the loss of loved ones during this season.

Prayers for Roy Pullam, for healing and comfort as he continues cancer treatment.

Prayers for Joan's friend Lori, who recently lost her husband.

Continued prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, as he participates in a clinical trial to treat brain cancer.

Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

Praise and Celebration

Prayers of celebration for Joan's granddaughter who turned 3 recently.

Prayers of joy and good health, for Mary Beth's daughter, Katie, who is pregnant with her first baby.

