



GlenPres

January 2023

Sharing God's love through our work and play

Grace and Peace to you!

"This year is a sealed envelope;
with apprehensive hope
we brace for anything.
I swear, I understand that nothing changes that,
the past will be the past,
but the future is brighter than any flashback."

These words from the song, "January White," sung by Ryan O'Neal from his music project, "Sleeping at Last" speak of the expectations we may carry as we face the new year. I know I am excited to see the bright future before us.

In our worship service on January 1st I preached about making some resolutions for the church and shared what some from outside of church responded in what they think the universal Church should have as a new years resolution. In my sermon I framed them through our text of Micah 6:8: "what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Here are the responses I received on my post and shared in worship:

How can we do justice?

- proclaim justice and peace.
- be the change the world needs.
- Work with other local churches to do mission together
- Fully embrace and affirm trans people.
- Cast down the mighty and send the rich away.
- Build a beloved community and not an empire.
- reparations to people of African descent
- address climate change head on
- emulate Jesus in our communities.

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How can we love kindness?

- widen our welcome: inclusion, acceptance of those different from us
- active listening towards demographics the stereotypical Western church tends to trample over or blow over as being dramatic
- get back to loving people
- the purpose of doing stuff for your neighborhood is not to get new members. The purpose is to make a difference in people's lives, regardless of what the church gets in return.
- Love God, Love your neighbor(s)/others , love yourself (as in your own community) in that order
- practice Christ-like love radically and relentlessly
- do a significant amount of ministry outside the walls of the building. Even better would be at least half
- be more welcoming of newcomers.

How can we walk humbly with our God?

- stay focused on and stay true to the word of God.
- Take a risk. Exercise hope/audacity over survival/preservation.
- take the gospel seriously (trying to live out Jesus' teachings) while not taking itself too seriously (have a sense of humor, don't focus on preservation of the institution).

So, what is your response? What resolutions do you think we should have as a church? As we seek to discover what God has in store for us in this New Year, may we be bold enough to truly do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God?"

With Hope,

Rev. Kathleen Henrion



The session met on December 11th to approve its 2023 organization. In addition, the 2023 session meeting and Communion dates were approved. The incoming elders joined the meeting and all discussed what they see for GPC's future. Discussions took place on the COVID policy and ideas to make the church more welcoming to guests. Committee reports were received. The session approved 2022 Continuing Education Leave days and two 2023 vacation days for Pastor Kathleen. At a short January 8th meeting, the session approved 2023 Continuing Education days for Pastor Kathleen and heard a report from her about her 2022 Continuing Education experience. The session will next meet on January 22.

2023 Church Leadership

Administrative Committee Co-Chairmen: Joan Rossi
and Leslen Sanders

Care Committee Chairman: Kathy Whalen

Connect Committee Chairman: Katie Niesen Cook

Discipleship Committee Chairman: Matt Krob

Nominating Committee Chairman: Deb Rose

Clerk: Peggy Mayfield

Treasurer: Steve Chamberlin

Much thanks to Caroline Chamberlin, Amanda Schnabel,
and Sue Van Patten for your service on session the last
two years. All of your leadership and work has been very
much appreciated!



**BOARDS &
COMMITTEES**

Grounds Committee



THANK YOU, MIKE!

With much appreciation we thank Mike Foresman for all of his years as chairman of Buildings and Grounds in recent years. He has been highly dedicated in all ways. In this last tenure, he has overseen too many major projects to count but include: replacement of the parking lot entrance and door; removal of the playground; change of pastor's office in 2020-21; rental of church building and parking lot to City of Glendale over a 2-year period; post-Covid lockdown cleanup; sewer and roof repairs; and most recently cleanup after July flooding as well as previous flooding. He has assisted in many projects including the installation of the tech area in the sanctuary balcony. Mike has saved the church a great deal of money by re-negotiating every contract we have whether it be insurance, utilities, trash, or equipment rental; and by always getting numerous bids on any project. (You can't begin to count how many times he has met contractors up at church to get bids.) He has kept our grass cut and our snow removed. He has changed more light-bulbs than you care to know and has made many a trip to purchase custodial supplies. Maybe most importantly Mike has kept our boiler working many a time. Mike's dedication to our building, finances, and congregation could not have been greater and for this we are all very appreciative. His expertise will continue to serve us even as he passes the chairmanship to Jeff Sanders. Mike, thank you, thank you, thank you!



face masks
are encouraged

The session masking policy states that when the transmission rate for Covid is HIGH in St. Louis County, the recommendation is that all those entering the church building be masked. This policy is in align with the CDC policy. The rate has been HIGH for several weeks. The church has disposable masks for anyone who would like to wear one and forgets to bring one. They are kept in the COVID basket in the parking lot lobby and in the office.



Congregational
MEETING

SAVE THE DATE!

**GPC's annual
congregation meeting will
be held Sunday, February
5th following our 10 am
Worship Service.**

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 1: **New Years Day 10 am worship service (Zoom only)**

Jan. 3: 9-3 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 9-2 Kara office hours

Jan. 4: 9-2 Kara office hours, 9-12:30 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 1-3 coffee shop hours, 6:30 pm choir

Jan 5: 9-1 Pastor Kathleen Pastoral Care

Jan. 8: **10 am worship**, 11 am session meeting

Jan. 10: 9-3 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 9-2 Kara office hours, 12-1 Liturgical Arts Committee meeting

Jan. 11: 9-2 Kara office hours, 9-12:30 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 1-3 coffee shop hours, 6:30 pm choir

Jan. 12: 9-1 Pastor Kathleen Pastoral Care, 9:30 am Liturgical Arts Committee meeting

Jan 15: **10 am worship**, 1:15 Installation Committee meeting,
2 pm Pastor Kathleen Installation Service

Jan. 17: 9-3 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 9-2 Kara office hours

Jan 18: 9-2 Kara office hours, 9-12:30 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 1-3 coffee shop hours, 6:30 pm choir

Jan 19: 9-1 Pastor Kathleen Pastoral Care

Jan 22: **10 am worship**

Jan 24: 9-3 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 9-2 Kara office hours

Jan 25: 9-2 Kara office hours, 9-12:30 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 1-3 coffee shop hours, 6:30 pm choir

Jan 26: 9-1 Pastor Kathleen Pastoral Care

Jan. 29: **10 am worship**

Jan. 31: 9-3 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 9-2 Kara office hours



While our ministry together has already begun, you're invited to Pastor Kathleen's installation service this Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 2 pm where we as a community get to celebrate with the Presbytery the official relationship of Pastor Kathleen as our new minister. This is an opportunity outside of Sunday morning worship for our congregation to share in worship with other ruling and teaching elders, nearby churches, and the greater Presbyterian leadership. In Ordination, we acknowledge that some people are set apart to do certain tasks for God. At a service of Installation, we celebrate the connection God makes between the ordained person and the community where God wants them to do those tasks. Please join us in this exciting service of worship!



Week of 12/11/2022

Prayers for safe travels during this holiday season.

Prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy in that he makes the right decision regarding a future treatment plan for his brain cancer.

Prayers for Nic Van Patten as he is still not getting better; he had two procedures last week and is still on antibiotics.

Prayers for Carol Staeger who is recovering from her recent hospital stay.

Prayers for David Hautsch and Kathy Whalen's friend, Sandy Finnegan who is seriously ill and in the hospital.

Prayers for Justin Cook and Megan Martinez for the loss of Megan's grandmother, Evelyn Martinez.

Prayers for Kara and her family as they mourn the loss of her step father.

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

Prayers for the Wilms family as they deal with a stressful family situation.

Week of 12/18/2022

Prayers for Don Orchard who is waiting test results to learn if his radiation treatments were successful.

Continued prayers for Ellen, Joan's granddaughter, and for Joan's Aunt Joan. Also a joy that Ellen celebrated her 2nd birthday on 12/11!

Prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy who is now in Tijuana, Mexico receiving alternative treatments for his brain cancer.

Prayers for Nic Van Patten who is hospitalized with pneumonia and bronchitis.



Prayer requests cont'd....

A joy that that Gabe's surgery was successful and many thanks for the prayers, meals and support from GPC.

Week of 12/25/2022

Prayers for Gabe and Michael who have been struggling with infertility for the past couple of years and will be starting IVF in the coming months.

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

Continued prayers for Randy's brother Buddy, who is in treatments for cancer.

Prayers for safe travels during this holiday season.

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Worship at Glendale Presbyterian Church

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88072546641?pwd=a2NDNzVQMVMJocVNZdTlSc1pWVTRvQT09>

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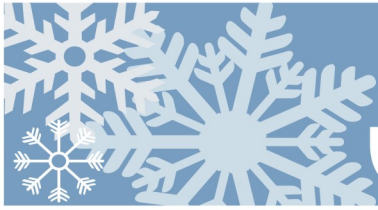
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JANUARY

Birthdays

Bob Montgomery	January 2
Howard Beyrouty	January 5
Randy Schroeder	January 8
Susan Niesen	January 9
Sonia Kesselring	January 12
Paige Stroud	January 13
Don Orchard	January 16
Bruce Canan	January 18
Ella Foresman	January 18
Rod Rogers	January 22
Elaine Bidstrup	January 28

GlenPres Deadline

Please submit articles, announcements, or anything you want in next month's
newsletter by:

Monday, January 30th, 2022

Email articles to glendalepres@gmail.com or leave in the Office