



GlenPres

February 2023

Sharing God's love through our work and play

Grace and Peace to you!

As we approach the season of Lent, with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd, we enter into a time that reflects Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. We will be exploring Lent through themes from, Kate Bowler's book "The Lives We Actually Have," with her Lenten series, "Bless the Lent we Actually Have."

Here is how she describes this series:

"Lent is our annual rehearsal of the cosmic moment when Jesus' suffering and death and resurrection will change how we experience death. Death will not be the defining truth about us. Someday we will be freed from the gorgeous and horrible limitations of our human lives, and we will live forever with God (which is VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO IMAGINE. But it's the truth.). But first Jesus suffers and dies. We walk with him. And he walks with us. Jesus will walk with us through whatever kind of Lenten day you are having. The lovely one. The garbage one. The one that barely seems like it counted at all. As we toggle through every kind of emotion—boredom, devastation, happiness, irritation—we want to say: bless this Lent."

This book of blessings invites the language of the beatitudes such as, "Blessed are those who are fragile." Our Liturgical Arts team is hard at work putting together an outdoor cross display that will feature the words of the series as well as flowers created from recycled items. Indoors they will be bringing in the imagery of wilderness and connecting them with elements of recycled and raw materials.

There is also an individual devotional guide around this theme for the season of Lent available for free on Kate Bowler's website:

<https://katebowler.com/blessthislent/#individual>
or by contacting the church office.

If you have any questions on how you can get involved in our Lenten Art projects or want to know more about this Lenten series, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Blessings,

Rev. Kathleen Henrion



Thank you so much to all who came and participated in my Installation Service.

It was a deep delight to officially start our ministry together in this way, with prayers, song, blessings, preaching, and scripture. I feel profoundly blessed to be your pastor and am so excited to see how God will continue to reveal God's plans for us in the years to come.

If you didn't get a chance to be a part of the service and would like to see it, a recording of the service is available on our [YouTube page](#).

Thank you!

Pastor Kathleen





Church News

The session met twice in January. They were thrilled to accept the membership by transfer of new member Leslie McKinstry and to hire Carol Schmidt as the new Director of Music. In addition they approved two Continuing Education opportunities for Pastor Kathleen, one in February and one in March as well as received a detailed report about her Continuing Education experience in December. The annual statistical report for Presbytery was approved. And finally much discussion was held concerning GPC finances as the 2022 reports were received and the 2023 budget was approved.



February 12, while Pastor Kathleen is on professional development leave, we once again welcome Reverend Julie Berger to the pulpit.



FEEL LIKE PAINTING?

Don't miss your chance to release your inner VanGogh! Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship on February 12th. We'll be painting flowers for the outside cross. Don't wear your Sunday best!



It is with great excitement that we announce that Carol Schmidt has accepted our offer to become the Music Director at GPC after interviewing with the Music Director Search Committee. Carol has been our temporary pianist for many months, and she has been a great addition to our worship service.

Carol has extensive experience as a musician, choir director, and educator. She has served in various roles at several churches in the St. Louis area before joining GPC. Carol's official start date is Feb 1.

Carol has a deep faith that she displays through her musical talents. We are honored to have such an accomplished musician to enhance our worship and musical program at GPC. Please join us in welcoming Carol to the GPC family!



We are in need of Fellowship
volunteers! Contact Jan Nolan at
314-821-5574 or so-yo@swbell.net
to sign up for a Sunday!



**Congregational
MEETING**

SAVE THE DATE!

GPC's annual congregation meeting will be held Sunday, February 5th following our 10 am Worship Service. Contact the church office if you have not yet received a copy of the Annual Report and would like to.



The Souper Bowl of Caring will take place February 12th this year with all donations going to Webster Rock Hill Ministries. Please turn all donations into Matt Krob and write Souper Bowl of Caring on the memo line. More information on the Souper Bowl of Caring is available at tacklehunger.org.



February 22

8:15-9 am we will have Ashes to Go in front of our church

1-3 pm we will have Ashes to Go during Coffee Shop office hours (location TBD)

7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service including the imposition of ashes.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Feb. 2: Pastor Kathleen Pastoral Care, 1-5 Office hours

Feb. 5: **10 am worship, annual congregation meeting**

Feb. 7: 9-2 Kara office hours

Feb. 7-12: Pastor Kathleen out for professional development conference

Feb. 8: 9-2 Kara office hours, 6:30 pm choir

Feb.12: **10 am worship, flower painting for the church cross**

Feb. 14: 9-3 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 9-2 Kara office hours

Feb 15: 9-2 Kara office hours, 9-12:30 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 1-3 coffee shop hours, 6:30 pm choir

Feb. 16: 9-1 Pastor Kathleen Pastoral Care, 1-5 Office Hours

Feb. 19: **10 am worship**

Feb. 21: 9-3 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 9-2 Kara office hours

Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday (see page for list of events) 9-2 Kara office hours, 9-12:30 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 1-3 coffee shop hours, 6:30 pm choir

Feb. 23: 9-1 Pastor Kathleen Pastoral Care, 1-5 Office Hours

Feb. 26: **10 am worship, 11 am Connect Meeting**

Feb. 28: 9-3 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 9-2 Kara office hours



Week of 1/1/2023

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.

Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter and her aunt.

Week of 1/8/2023

Prayers for God's blessings on each of us this new year.

Prayers for safe journeys for those traveling to celebrate with family and friends.

Prayers for those who are sick or alone.

Prayers for Ellen, Joan's granddaughter, as she starts another round of chemo.

Prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy.

Prayers for safe travels for Lindsay, Shane & Hadley (Peggy's daughter and her family) as they camp for the next 5 months around Australia before their move to the US.

Safe travels for Leslen and Jeff Sanders traveling to Australia and New Zealand.



Prayer requests cont'd....

Week of 1/15/2023

Prayers for God's blessings on each of us this new year.

Prayers for those being affected by extreme weather.

Prayers for those who are sick or alone.

Prayers for Ellen, Joan's granddaughter, as she starts another round of chemo.

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

Joys

Gabe's surgery in December went well and she thanks everyone for their prayers.

Paige's mother is doing very well in memory care and they had a great visit last weekend.



Prayer requests cont'd....

Week of 1/22/2023

The family and friends of Kathy Whalen are in our prayers surrounding her death.

Week of 1/29/2023

Prayers for Carol Staeger who is dealing with severe back pain.

Prayers for Connie Beyrouthy's father, Victor, who has been hospitalized for several weeks after undergoing critical oral surgery.

Prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, who is not only dealing with cancer but also will be undergoing hernia surgery.

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

Worship at Glendale Presbyterian Church

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88072546641?pwd=a2NDNzVQMjVJocVNZdTIsc1pWVTRvQT09>

Meeting ID: 880 7254 6641

Passcode: 640048

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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

GlenPres Deadline

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

Tuesday, February 28th, 2022

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