



Service of Worship — September 24, 2023

"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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN by Harold Frye in loving memory of Jeremy's birthday.

ELDER ON DUTY: Joy Circo

HEAD USHER: John Gilbert

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

PAD: Click this link: <https://bit.ly/GCPCattendance>, or scan the QR Code below, and it will take you to the link.



CONTACTING STAFF: The office is open 8am to 4pm, M–F. To reach a staff member by e-mail:

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Pledge Portal



"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

Cancer Treatment: Pam Kelly, Harold Farren, Katie Rickley

Aging Challenges

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Clara Frye. **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: Central Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Christ Presbyterian Church — Haitian Fellowship, Kansas City, MO; Covenant Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Iglesia Primitiva, Centro Cantel (MQP)

(If you have a prayer request you would like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at office@gcpc.org, or send to gcpc.prayers@gmail.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

TODAY, WE WELCOME KEVIN JOHNSON TO THE PULPIT. Kevin and his wife Cheryl have been members of Grace Covenant since 1990. Through the years, he has served the church in a variety of roles and currently organizes our monthly Uplift meals and teaches the youth Sunday school class. Kevin is thankful for the love, support and guidance this congregation showed to his daughter Katie Hearn and her husband Brandon through the years and is grateful that it's continuing to the next generation. Retired from a career as a systems analyst, Kevin serves as a barbecue judge through the Kansas City Barbecue Society (it's a tough job but ...) and loves spending time with his three granddaughters — Mallory, Charlotte and Grace. In his free time, Kevin enjoys spending time in his vegetable garden and baking bread.

WORKSHIP SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 8! Remember to sign up for a service project at www.gcpc.org/workship by October 1. Each member of a household needs to sign up for a project and indicate whether they'll be eating lunch! Contact Mikki for any questions, michala.walker@gmail.com. **Facilities Team is also planning several projects for the morning,**

including several outdoor clean-up activities and some painting and window repair jobs indoors. Click below to sign up! Contact Liz Chandler for more information, 11emchandler55@gmail.com. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ABAE28A5F4C16-44467782-facilities#/>

THE NEW MEMBERS' CLASS WILL BE HELD TODAY in Room 5, following the worship service. See Kathy Williams for more information.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GCPC ANNUAL BBQ & POTLUCK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 5–7PM.

If you're willing to grill or smoke meats at home to bring to the potluck, please contact Kevin Johnson, krpj01@gmail.com. If you're not a griller and would prefer to bring a side dish or dessert to share, please sign up in the concourse before or after church on a designated clipboard today, September 24, and October 1. Please let us know how many will be attending in your group. You can also e-mail the church office, office@gcpc.org, or call 913-345-1256. Hope you can join us!"

REDUCE! RECYCLE! REUSE! Stop in the Concourse today and view many items being given away free of charge. Lots of additional items have been added to the tables!

CHILDREN

ATW, MUSIC, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL continue this week.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS who have helped start our Sunday programs off well!

OUR ATW PROGRAM will share the 10 best ways to live (10 commandments) during worship today.

OUR LITTLEST ONES ARE HAVING A GREAT TIME in their Grace Studies. Our 2s/3s will be discussing the story of Joseph while our 4s/5s will talk about following Jesus and telling others about him too.

OUR GRACE MAKER'S WORKSHOP ROTATION continues to gain momentum. This week our children K–5th/6th will be sharing the story of Ruth and Naomi in our science and cooking rotations.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT AT VOA: It's a gathering week! The youth will be meeting at Village on Antioch (151st and Antioch) this week for youth group! We have enjoyed creating connections with their youth, and we are excited to head to their home turf tonight! Please bring \$5 for dinner! We are looking forward to seeing you there! Drop-off at 5pm; pick-up at 7pm.

MISSION

SEPTEMBER DONATION PARTNER — THE STARFISH PROJECT: The Starfish Project is a nonprofit in Olathe that works to help meet the basic needs of the community. They provide food, clothing, toiletries, haircuts, vision and dental screenings, services to help keep kids in school and grown-ups employed, training for new social workers, and more. They currently serve over 2,000 people a month! Please consider helping Project Starfish achieve their mission by donating any of the items below. Donations can be left in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime the church is open!

- 66-quart clear plastic tubs for storage
- bottles of water
- gallon-sized Ziplock bags
- plastic spoons/forks
- plastic clam shells (we use these to hand out meals)
- winter socks
- paper towels
- new or open bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash (like one you tried but didn't like)
- empty unlabeled clean prescription medicine bottles
- 4x6 craft zip lock bags
- wash cloths
- old T-shirts (can be stained or have holes, but must be clean)
- fleece (used for dog toys and muzzle mats for the rescues)

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — MISSION CO-WORKERS: PCUSA sends mission co-workers all over the world to serve in a variety of settings and support the overall mission of the church. While funding for the co-workers is all funneled into one pool for equitable distribution, each congregation is assigned specific co-workers to support with prayer. Ours are Leslie Vogel (mission co-worker in Guatemala since 2013) and Jeff and Christy Boyd (mission co-workers in Democratic Republic of Congo). Please consider committing to prayer or making a donation to support this good work!

CROP WALK 2023: Grace Covenant's CROP Walk tradition continues on Saturday, October 14, at 10am at Country Club Christian Church at 6101 Ward Parkway. See the Packs in Heartland Hall after worship for more information or to make a donation.

PLEASE SAVE YOUR PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS FOR WORKSHIP SUNDAY! For one of the service projects we'll be doing, we're going to need lots and lots of clean, dry plastic bags (think Walmart bags). Please leave bags in the boxes in the concourse anytime between September 10 and October 8. For any questions, contact Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com.

IHN STARTS AGAIN NOVEMBER 5, 2023. Please mark your calendars for our November host week. We will welcome our second support church, Shawnee Mission Unitarian Universalist Church (SMUUCH) to this rotation. An orientation will be held 4–4:45pm for our new volunteers and any of our current ones that wish to get an update. Tentatively SMUUCH will cover Wednesdays including overnight and Saturday morning host and breakfast.

GENEROSITY

GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATE FOR GOOD – LIVING IN GOD’S GRACE: Here is our pledging update as of September 19, 2023, which is 71% of the calendar year. There’s been consistent progress with 70% of *both* submitted pledge and rollover pledges received! We are thankful for the consistent generosity of our members. As always, we greatly **appreciate your generosity and commitment** to Grace Covenant. Please provide feedback to our team: Dave Sutherland, Ryan Hussey, Bill Brown, Rick Randolph, and Jane Knoche. Here is our giving progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (103)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	August 15th	Sept 19th
0% fulfilled	32	24	22	15	14
1-25% fulfilled	33	12	10	4	5
26-50% fulfilled	29	52	50	18	10
51-75% fulfilled	0	3	8	44	49
76-100% fulfilled	7	11	13	22	25
\$527,258*	\$187,129	\$211,292	\$259,907	\$337,665	\$371,416

Rollover Pledges (27)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	August 15th	Sept 19th
0% fulfilled	11	9	8	6	6
1-25% fulfilled	6	1	1	0	0
26-50% fulfilled	9	9	10	5	4
51-75% fulfilled	1	5	3	8	8
76-100% fulfilled	1	4	6	8	9
\$101,369	\$15,480	\$53,965	\$59,355	\$68,930	\$71,680

Five groupings are used to show giving progress and calendar relationship. They are 0%, 1-25%, 26-50%, 51-75%, 76-100%. Each pledge falls into one of these groups. *Slight decrease in Pledge totals due to adjustments by members. We are very grateful for the feedback on pledge amounts.

2024 PLEDGE DRIVE: Our theme for the pledge drive is ***What the Future Holds***. We are basing our campaign on this scripture from Jeremiah 29:11 — “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” We will kick off our Pledge Drive on Workshop Sunday, October 8, and Pledge Sunday will be November 5, 2023. Various members will be sharing our campaign message on Sundays. Please join us in creating an amazing future in 2024!

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