



Service of Worship — August 20, 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 worshiping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Angela Krug

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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“Pray for one another” — James 5:15

We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

All Grieving the Death of a Loved One: Jenny Stromberg and family in the death of her father.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Charlie Bogan

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: First Presbyterian Church, Holden, MO; Iglesia Salem, La Cumbre (MQP); Heartland Presbytery Commission on Preparation for Ministry

(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

PRAISE TEAM LEADS WORSHIP today in scripture and song.

CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY INSTALLED ART WALL in the hallway between the Concourse and Heartland Hall. Thank you to Kathy Williams and Cindy Monshizadeh for all their work hanging the art and Liz Chandler for getting the pieces framed. If you have any information on the individual works of art, such as who may have donated it, please contact Liz at lizchandler814@yahoo.com.

FURNITURE GIVEAWAY! Stop in the Concourse today and next Sunday and view many chairs no longer needed at the church but needing good homes! The items are free.

50+ COME SING WITH US! EncoreKC! Chorus is a choir for singers over 50 years of age. This 70-member, non-audition choir will begin rehearsals on Monday, August 28, 10:45am–12pm, at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. This season, EncoreKC! Chorus will present "Pops with

EncoreKC!" on November 12 at 3pm at Village on Antioch. For more information about this choir, go to EncoreKC.org.

ADULT

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Have you ever taken part in a gathering that left you wondering what the point was? Priya Parker (author of *The Art of Gathering*) notes that often people participate in things without having a clear understanding of the purpose of that gathering, let alone how to meaningfully participate or make the most of that time. We are not exempt from these dynamics in the church! How do we understand, articulate, and experiment in the various purposes of "church events"? And how might people in our neighborhoods and communities benefit from understanding what exactly we are doing when we gather? Join Sara Hayden, and others from GCPC in an interactive workshop to explore ways the people of God can gather with others in ways that matter to those who participate! The class will be held via Zoom in the choir room following worship.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83829790055?pwd=MnpSL1MwS2VBbWN0OEU5aFJGaTJLdz09>

Meeting ID: 838 2979 0055 ; Passcode: 723297

IF YOU MISSED REGISTERING FOR OUR GCPC WEEKEND CRAFTERS FALL workshop and would like to attend, please contact Christy Soule today to see if we can add you to the fun! Our workshop will be held Friday, August 25, at 6pm in Heartland Hall, and cost is \$25 per person. Additional details: <https://gcpc.org/crafters>

CHILDREN

AWAKENING TO WORSHIP BEGINS TODAY! ATW invites children age 4–1st grade to join us for a special children's worship experience. Our ATW greeter will be at the back of the sanctuary at the end of Children's Time to escort the children to ATW. Parents may pick up their children after worship in Room 12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY! Our children should head to their music rooms at 10:45am and will later be escorted to their Sunday school classroom. Parents can pick up from that same classroom at 11:45am.

- 2s/3s will meet in Room 23
- 4s/5s will meet in Room 26 for music and will move to classroom 25 for Sunday School
- Kindergarten–1st grade will meet in Room 26 for music (Sunday school classroom varies each week — check the wall near the basement stairwell for our schedule)
- 2nd–5th/6th grades will meet in Room 15 for music (Sunday school classroom varies each week - check the wall near the basement stairwell for our schedule)

IT'S A SMASH SUNDAY. Our Kindergarten–5th–grade kiddos are invited to join us for our end of summer splash play TODAY, 4–5pm. (Please note the time change from our standard SMASH events.) Kiddos should wear their swimsuits and bring a towel. Please RSVP to gcpcchildren@gmail.com if you haven't already.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: GCPC Children's team still has an urgent need for a shepherd! Our workshop rotation program serves as Sunday school for our Kindergarten–5th–graders. We are in need of another shepherd to join our team of shepherds that accompany the children each week to whatever their rotation is for the week. This shepherd does not do any lesson planning but helps assist the workshop leader as needed to ensure the children get the most out of their time together. Adding another member to our team would allow flexibility for everyone's schedule while still helping our kiddos. Contact our Children's Team members, or e-mail gcpcchildren@gmail.com if you can help even just once or twice a month. Thank you.

FACEBOOK GROUP: Have you joined our GCPC Children's Facebook group? If you join our group of amazing people, you'll have access to all the latest information on our GCPC Children's Program. Join today, all the cool kids are doing it. Search for GCPC Children or use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2555575044593497>

YOUTH

PLEASE JOIN THE BAND! Band is an app that creates a place for groups to post events and information in a central location. Since our contact information is currently being updated, BAND helps Lindsay provide updates and announcements promptly (instead of reaching out to everyone individually). You could miss out on future events and gatherings at fun locations such as bonfires and RoKC, so, join the BAND!



MISSION

AUGUST DONATION PARTNER IS CROSS-LINES: The mission of Cross-Lines is to provide people in the Kansas City area affected by poverty with services and opportunities that encourage self-confidence, meet the needs of today, and provide tools for future self-sufficiency. Their three main programs are housing stabilization, hunger relief, and supplemental programs that provide basic resources such as food, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, diapers, and showers for homeless individuals. They also provide assistance with medical and dental emergencies, and host an annual Christmas store. Please help Cross-Lines achieve their mission by donating any of the items listed below. Hygiene items need to be new; winter weather items can be used as long as they are in good condition. Drop donations in the bin in the Weekday Entrance anytime the church is open. Thanks as always for GCPC's support and generosity!

- diapers (especially sizes 4, 5, and 6)
- shampoo
- deodorant
- toothpaste
- razors
- laundry detergent
- dish soap

- winter hats
- winter gloves
- hand warmers
- adult-size coats (coats must be able to stand up to winter elements)

THE 18TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE to raise funds for GCPC Youth through the Baker/Reynolds Scholarship Fund will be held on Sunday, August 27, at the Falcon Valley Golf Course. Golfers will be asked to pay \$100 to cover the cost of the golf, prizes and a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. Entry Forms will be available as part of the church bulletin on Sundays from now until the Scramble. Those interested can also reach out to Bill Turner at 99wdturner@gmail.com for more information or to receive entry forms. We would also specifically like to thank Ryan Peck and 3Gen Wealth for their generous \$500 contribution to sponsor one of the prize holes in the scramble! If there are any other parties who would like to sponsor one of the prize holes (There are a total of 4.), please contact Bill Turner as noted above. This has become an important tradition at GCPC to support our youth. Thank you for your continued support!

GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATE FOR GOOD – LIVING IN GOD’S GRACE: Here is our pledging update as of July 10, 2023, which is 50+% of the calendar year. There’s been positive movement with 54.8% of submitted pledges amounts received and 64.5% of rollover pledge amounts received. As always, we **thank you for your generosity and commitment** to Grace Covenant. The Generosity team agreed to provide these updates for three months. We plan to continue our updates for the remainder of the year. Team members: Dave Sutherland, Ryan Hussey, Bill Brown, and Jane Knoche.

Here is our giving progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (103)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	July 10th
0% fulfilled	32	24	22	20
1-25% fulfilled	33	12	10	8
26-50% fulfilled	29	52	50	41
51-75% fulfilled	0	3	8	18
76-100% fulfilled	7	11	13	16
\$533,282.63	\$187,129	\$211,292	\$259,907	\$292,458

Rollover Pledges (28)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	July 10th
0% fulfilled	11	9	8	6
1-25% fulfilled	6	1	1	0
26-50% fulfilled	9	9	10	9
51-75% fulfilled	1	5	3	5
76-100% fulfilled	1	4	6	7
\$101,369	\$15,480	\$53,965	\$59,355	\$65,395

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.

Faith and Hope Campaign Update

Our \$50,000 Faith and Hope Campaign has 35 members/households who have come forward with a supplemental pledge amount. As of July 10th, 2023, 44.9% of our goal has been raised for a total of \$22,22,460. This is a 0.3% increase of We will continue to share information for this campaign as part of our effort to keep you informed on our Church financial giving status. Our largest budget expenses are Facilities and Personnel. Please consider our Faith and Hope Campaign and give a supplemental pledge. You can access it through our giving portal and ***choosing the 2023 Faith and Hope Fund*** or by sending an e-mail to Tara Hyder, finance@gcpc.org. Here is the link if you don't want to use the QR code. [Give Now \(onrealm.org\)](https://onrealm.org)



Pledge Portal



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