



Service of Worship — July 23, 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.

TODAY’S FLOWERS are given by Angela & Chris Krug in celebration of their 16th anniversary.

ELDER ON DUTY: Mary Ann Weyforth

HEAD USHER: Eric Burdette

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.



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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: Rick Randolph and family in the death of his father.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Pam Kelly, Harold Farren

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: Maya Quiché Presbytery; Heartland Presbytery New Worshipping Community Commission.

(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

PREACHING THIS MORNING IS THE REV. DALE JACKSON. A native Kansan, he attended Louisville Presbyterian Seminary Theological seminary. He has served churches in Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, worked for the PCUSA national offices, and with the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. He has served on COM in two different Presbyteries and finds the opportunity to work with congregations and pastors in times of transition to be particularly rewarding. He and his husband, Dennis, have several grandchildren. He loves the theater, cooking, and firmly believes that chocolate makes all things better!

ADULT

TODAY’S GRACE SUMMER SESSION will meet after worship in Heartland Hall. We will be assembling care kits for our church members to have handy when they encounter someone in need. Please join us and take a kit or two home with you today!

RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING AT GCPC: Please join Liz Chandler and Mikki Walker after church on July 30 in Room 3 to learn about recent changes in waste management at GCPC. Have you

ever wondered what can go in our recycling bins? Or how they get emptied? Have you noticed the green bucket on the kitchen counter and wondered, “What’s that for?” Please bring all your questions and join us for this discussion about some of the ways GCPC continues to live our commitment as an EarthCare congregation.

DINNERS FOR 7 OR 8 will start up again this fall. New groups will be formed for the August–November session. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Williams either by e-mail, text, or phone. Let her know by July 23. There are three groups to choose from. The first is dinners in the home. The second is dinners at restaurants, and the third is dinners in the home with children. These dinners provide an opportunity to get to know your church family better in a relaxed and casual way. Each group will meet once a month starting in August and finishing in November. The dates, time and places will be determined by the members of the group. The first host will provide the main entrée and beverages. The other members will provide the side dishes. For those dining in restaurants, the first host will select the restaurant and contact the other members of the group. Groups will be notified by July 29 with an e-mail from Kathy. Contact Kathy at kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com or 913-485-1776.

DURING ITS SUMMER HIATUS, THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets once a month in a member's home to share fellowship and hold a book discussion. (In other words, come even if you haven't read the book!) Here is the remaining book for this summer:

- August 17: *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama at Glenda Johnson's house (11712 W. 108th Street) at 9:30am

Please contact Cheryl Johnson, agathatoo@gmail.com, with any questions.

YOUTH

7/25 SERVICE EVENT! We will be participating in a food service event on Tuesday, July 25, with Knute Rosche. We will help sort food items, pack bags, and load cars. It will start at 9am, so please join us bright and early at our first service event of the school year! Those who attend will be awarded the title of Team Captains for our following event at BRKThrough!

BRKTHROUGH: The youth are heading to BRKThrough for some healthy competition! BRKThrough is a huge building filled with about 30 individual rooms that contain physical, skill, and mental challenges. From running up a wall, to figuring out geographic puzzles and escape rooms, we will break into teams to compete against each other to see who can win the high score! This is an event you won't want to miss! Please let Lindsay know if you, or your youth, plan on coming! Lindsay needs a final number by Monday (7/24) at the latest!

BAND (NOTHING TO DO WITH MUSIC)! 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 BRKthrough, RoKC, so join the band!



MISSION

GRACE COVENANT WILL HOST IHN HOMELESS GUESTS AUGUST 6–13. We have two SignUpGenius links below for all our members and friends to help with in August. Click on the links to learn more and to volunteer.

The Food SignUpGenius provides a dinner meal for our guests and the two hosts each night:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4eabae28a1ff2-ihnfood8/93830784#/>

The Set Up/Tear Down/and Laundry SignUpGenius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4eabae28a1ff2-august/93830784#/>

Please contact Christine Caseres, crcaseres032@gmail.com, or Jane Knoche, jeknoche@att.net, with any questions.

JULY DONATION PARTNER — SAFEHOME: Safehome is a domestic violence shelter in Overland Park. Their core purpose is to provide a healing atmosphere where survivors of domestic violence can gain inner strength, explore options, and be empowered to live a life free of abuse. As the only domestic violence shelter in Johnson County, and the largest in the state of Kansas, Safehome strives to break the cycle of domestic violence and partner abuse for victims and their children in our community. Besides providing safe housing, Safehome also provides mental health counseling and legal services for shelter residents. Operating the shelter requires all the necessity of daily life for the women and children housed in it, many of whom leave their abusers with nothing but the clothes on their backs. You can help Safehome execute their important mission by donating an item from the list below; just leave donations in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime during July. Please note all items must be new, and toiletries must be full-sized.

hand and bath towels

toilet paper

paper towels

pillows

twin size blankets and comforters

twin size sheet sets

shower curtains and rings

diapers size 5 & 6

small laundry baskets

full-size hygiene items:

shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant

hair brushes

small trash cans

plastic cutlery

disposable plates/bowls

Walmart and Target gift cards

(Please drop these off in the church office,
not in the Weekday Entrance bin.)

JULY COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT: The Communion Offering for July will be directed to the Pentecost Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATE FOR GOOD — LIVING IN GOD’S GRACE: Here is our pledging update as of June 19, 2023, which is 47% of the calendar year. There’s been positive movement with 50% of projected pledge amounts being received. Some of that can be attributed to members who have pre-paid their 2023 pledges, but we must also thank the timely generosity of our members. For the second month in a row, we have received an additional pledge! We are seeing our 0% fulfilled numbers slowly decreasing. As always, we **thank you for your generosity and commitment** to Grace Covenant.

The Generosity team agreed to provide these updates for three months. If you find this information on giving beneficial, please provide feedback to our team and we will continue: Dave Sutherland, Ryan Hussey, Bill Brown, Jane Knoche, and Mitch Trigger. Here is our giving progress shown by numbers of pledges:

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

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

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 one additional pledge since May! Thank you for your supplemental pledge! That makes 35 members/households who have come forward with a supplemental pledge amount. As of June 19, 2023, 44.6% of our goal has been raised for a total

of \$22,335. You may be wondering why we are still campaigning for more funds? Our largest budget expenses are Facilities and Personnel. The other committee budgets are so tight, there is little room to grow these programs.

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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