



Service of Worship — September 28, 2025

***“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.

ELDER ON DUTY: Melanie Townsend

HEAD USHERS: Mike & Susan Fitzgerald

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

NURSERY CARE is available during worship, located in Room 22 in the east wing.

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.



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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: Julie Passet and family in the death of her mother, member Gail Harris.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Kevin Johnson, Trooper Shaw

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, Tom Jennings, Mary Ann Weyforth

Aging Challenges: Lee Will, Stewart Nelson, Charlie Bogan

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Clara Frye, Eliana Wilson. **All veterans, deployed military, and reservists.**

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; Beloved Parish; 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

THE ANNUAL FALL BBQ POTLUCK is Saturday, October 4, 5-7pm. We are giving our generous grillers a break this year, and we will be providing pulled BBQ pork (hot dogs for the kids). Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Please plan to bring your own re-usable or compostable products for your tableware. The Dixieland Band will once again bless us with great music. A goodwill donation will be collected to support The Renewed Hope Food Pantry. Sign-ups will be available before and after church today! "Let the good times roll!"

RSVP FOR OUR INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BRACELET PARTY on **Saturday, November 15, 1–3:30pm** in Heartland Hall. Enjoy an afternoon of fun, creativity and fellowship hosted by the Weekend Crafters Group. Open to all friends and family of GCPC members! No experience necessary. You will need to bring your own supplies, and a plate of cookies to share. FULL DETAILS and RSVP link at gcpc.org/friendship.

ADULT

ADULT EDUCATION: Microplastics! Current analysis indicates that the average person in the US consumes 250 grams of microplastics per year. Join Rick Randolph in Room 3 at 10:45am today

for a class discussion on the nature of microplastics and their short- and long-term effects on health. **Worship Reflection:** Join Jan Cummings at 10:45am in Room 5 for thoughts on today's sermon.

BOOK GROUPS: As the Page Turns will meet October 1 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Emily's House* by Amy Belding Brown. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship. **PageTurners** will meet at October 2, 7pm, at Anne Stroud's house. (9821 Broadmoor St., Overland Park — just to the south of Jan Cummings house where we met last month. The book selection is *North Woods* by Daniel Mason. Please RSVP to Anne at annestroud845@gmail.com, 913-515-6084 or GCPC PageTurners page on FB. All are welcome! Please come even if you haven't read the book. And feel free to park in the driveway.

CHILDREN

ATW AND REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MORNING. Check out our bulletin board outside of the sanctuary for updates and grab a fall calendar. **Forms Due:** Please fill out this form for the children in your family who are involved in our programming. This helps us better serve all of our GCPC children.



LOOKING AHEAD ...

October 5: World Communion Sunday, regular programming

October 12: All-music hour during Sunday school and Smash, 4–6pm

October 19: Joy! and Celebration! Choirs sing in worship. At 4pm families meet at Shaake's Pumpkin Patch (1791 N 1500 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66046) for an informal Fall Family Fun meet-up.

TRUNK OR TREAT!

is October 26, 11:45–1pm.

Sign up here:



YOUTH

REGULAR PROGRAMMING TODAY: 10:45–11:05am — Youth Fellowship in the Lounge; 11:05–11:45am — Middle School Sunday school in Room 19b and High School Sunday school in Room 19a. Check out our bulletin board outside of the sanctuary for updates and grab a fall calendar. **Forms Due:** Please fill out this form for the youth in your family who are involved in our programming. This helps us better serve all of our GCPC youth.



LOOKING AHEAD ...

October 5: World Communion Sunday, regular programming

October 12: Regular programming, 4-6pm Youth Group

October 19: Regular programming, at 4pm families meet at Shaake's Pumpkin Patch (1791 N 1500 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66046) for an informal Fall Family Fun meet-up.

Oct 26: Regular programming, THEN! TRUNK or TREAT! from 11:45am to 1pm. The youth are encouraged to participate however they feel comfortable. The youth help lead games with the younger groups, but they are also welcome to go Trunk or Treating!

November 9: Youth Bonfire, 4–7pm, drivers needed

MISSION

SAVE THE DATE — NOVEMBER 18 — for GCPC's next workday with Habitat KC! A sign-up link will be provided in October. We can send up to eight people; in July and August we only had six and five people sign up, respectively. If you've been hesitating, November is the time to act! Contact michala.walker@gmail.com with any questions.

KAIROS KLUES: We begin this week of the Season of Creation, honoring Natural Protected Areas. PEACE. ENVIRONMENT. JUSTICE. Explore the World's Protected areas <https://bit.ly/3Kq8HU9>. Learn about local, regional and country protected areas — <https://bit.ly/4nkKIVa>. Check out the local history exhibit on WATER and the ripple effects we all have on our water system <https://bit.ly/3lhZJrA>

COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — PCUSA's Peace and Global Witness Special Offering: A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering promotes the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations keep up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion — GCPC will give our 25% to [PeaceWorks KC](https://www.peaceworks.org/). Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. If you'd like to support the Peace and Global Witness offering, just use the "Communion" option in the online portal or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope and turn in your donation by September 30.

NO DONATION PARTNER FOR SEPTEMBER: Our September Donation Partner was to be Care Beyond the Boulevard. However, CBTB is not accepting in-kind donations currently due to lack of storage space. This month, donations of non-perishable food for the Renewed Hope Food Pantry are always welcome 24/7/365! Items for Renewed Hope go in the left-side bin in the Weekday Entrance.



Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

— 2025 —

Fall BBQ w/Dixieland Band
Saturday, October 4, 5pm

World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 5, 9:30am

CROP Walk
October 12, 2pm

Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 26, 11:45am-1pm

**Intergenerational
Friendship Bracelet Making Party**
Saturday, November 15, 1-3:30pm
Heartland Hall
RSVP at gcpc.org/friendship

EncoreKC! Chorus Concert
"An American Quilt: Folk Music that Inspires Us"
Sunday, November 16, 3pm
Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, KS

Advent Begins
Sunday, November 30, 9:30am

A Christmas Exclamation!
Sunday, December 7, 6pm

The Longest Night
Sunday, December 21, 7pm

Christmas Eve Worship
Wednesday, December 24
5pm Family Service
8pm Traditional Service

— 2026 —

Bingo Night
Friday, January 23, Time TBA

Olympic Family Event
Saturday, January 31, Time TBA

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 17, Time TBA

Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 18

Palm Sunday
March 29, 9:30am

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2, 7pm

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4, Time TBA

Good Friday
Friday, April 3, 7pm

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 5, 9am and 11am

Youth Sunday
Sunday, April 12, 9:30am

Trivia Night
Saturday, April 18, Time TBA

Vacation Bible School
June 1-5, 9am-Noon

Details on these events and services are shared in the midweek email, bulletin, newsletter, and Facebook and Instagram. For an online church calendar, visit gcpc.org/calendar