



Service of Worship — July 6, 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: Steve & Caroline Becher

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.



CONTACTING STAFF: The main office is open 8am–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

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Harold Farren

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, David Schesser, 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.**

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: Butler Presbyterian Church, Butler, MO; Iglesia Emaus, San Mateo (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

KAIROS SELLING GROCERY BAGS: After service today reusable grocery bags will be for sale for \$3 in the concourse. Buy one and share one to encourage recycling. Additional funds above \$3 will be used to help PeaceWorks Kansas City.

40TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY AND MEMORY BOOK: Church member Kim Krueger is hard at work researching, writing, and designing a **GCPC 40th Anniversary History and Memory Book**, which we hope to complete by year’s end. This special publication will highlight the life of Grace Covenant year by year, featuring photos and reflections from church staff, team moderators, and members. We’re accepting contributions to the memory book portion **through July 31, 2025**. Share your memories at gcpc.org/memories. The final version — expected to exceed 250 pages — will be available as a downloadable PDF or as a printed, bound copy (*with printing cost to be announced later*). Questions? Contact Kim at kimgoeckler@outlook.com.

40TH ANNIVERSARY FUND: As we mark 40 years of ministry at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, we give thanks for the many ways this community has shaped lives. Again and again,

we've heard how Grace Covenant is a place of belonging, faith, and transformation. To help us continue the journey, we invite you to make an offering to our 40th Anniversary Fund. Your gift **supports the Facilities Reserve Account**, helping us care for our church building for future generations of ministry and mission. Join us in this journey of faith. Thank you for being part of our story—and the story which is still unfolding. Donate at gcpc.org/40thFund.

"I'M SO GLAD: KANSAS CITY AND THE ROOTS OF BLACK GOSPEL MUSIC," a documentary, will be shown **Sunday, July 13, 3–6pm** in the Grace Covenant sanctuary. This event is open to all. Child care for children aged five and under will be available by reservation. To reserve a spot, please e-mail the church office at office@gcpc.org with your name, the number of children, and their ages. Reservation deadline is Monday, July 7, at noon. For more information about the documentary presentation, please contact annestroud845@gmail.com.

WHAT IS PER CAPITA? Per capita is an annual per member apportionment assessed by the General Assembly (Book of Order, G-3.0106), to enable Presbyterians mutually and equitably to share the ecclesiastical and administrative costs of sustaining our witness to Christ through all the levels of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 2025, the amount requested from each member of a Heartland Presbytery congregation is \$44.98. Please donate your Per Capita donation via our secure payment portal at <https://onrealm.org/gcpc/-/form/give/KKHVZUJVDW>.

ADULT

PAGE TURNERS WILL MEET at the home of Cindy Schendel, 11654 Grant Dr. In OP, on Thursday, July 10, at 7pm. We will be discussing *Channel of Peace: Stranded in Gander* by Kevin Tuerff. RSVP to 913-558-2886 or cschen56@hotmail.com. Please come even if you have not read the book, it is always an interesting and entertaining evening!

DURING THEIR SUMMER HIATUS, THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP is meeting monthly to discuss a book with spiritual aspects. Everyone is invited to join us. The meetings are all on a Thursday in members' homes. Here are the details:

- July 17 @ 9:30 a.m.: *The Just Kitchen* by Derrick Weston and Anna Woofenden. Discussion will be at Glenda Johnson's house (11712 W. 108th St). RSVP to Glenda at: geojohnso@aol.com.
- August 14 @ 9:30 a.m.: *Stone Yard Devotional* by Charlotte Wood. Discussion will be at Cindy Schendel's house (11654 Grant Dr). RSVP to Cindy at: cschen56@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Johnson at agathatoo@gmail.com.

MUSIC

EMBELLISH HANDBELL ENSEMBLE — JULY 8: We are thrilled to welcome Embellish, a premier handbell ensemble from western Michigan, for a special concert on the evening of July 8 at 7pm in the GCPC Sanctuary! There is no cost to attend, but a love offering is appreciated to help offset the cost of the ensemble's travel. Join us for an unforgettable night of inspiring music. You won't want to miss this!

CHILDREN

NURSERY CARE — available during worship: We love seeing and hearing our children in worship, but if you prefer, our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in Room 22, in the children's wing. Worship bags are available on the bookshelf in the narthex for children who stay in worship.

MISSION

THE RETURN OF WORK WITH HABITAT KC AT GCPC! Due to the positive response to the interest survey, we have two dates set up for eight GCPC members to volunteer at the Habitat KC construction site in southern Olathe: July 22 and August 26. If you're interested in the July date, register at <https://build.habitatkc.org/reservations/21408?auth=1750174614> by noon on Friday, July 11. If you're interested in the August date, register <https://build.habitatkc.org/reservations/21409?auth=1750174782> by noon on Friday, August 12. You'll get an e-mail after registering inviting you to complete the volunteer application — this must be completed by the deadline! Spots are on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't wait until the last minute. If you have questions, reach out to Mikki at michala.walker@gmail.com.

- The workday is from 8:30am–3pm, with a 30-minute onsite lunch break. Bring your own lunch and a full water bottle (extra water will be available on site).
- Construction volunteers do not need to have any prior experience in construction or bring any of their own tools; we will give you all of the education and tools you need!
- All registered volunteers will receive their assignment location via automated email 3 days prior to the volunteer day.
- In case of inclement weather, please call our Weather Hotline at 816-897-7799 to hear the recorded message for any cancellations or changes. We update the message by 7:15am each morning.
- We ask that all volunteers stay the full day.
- We will have 30 minutes set aside for lunch time. You will need to provide your own lunches. Feel free to bring your lunch or have lunch delivered to the site.
- We highly recommend you bring a water bottle with you.
- Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirt, mud or house paint on, and wear sturdy/closed toe & heeled shoes (NO flip flops, sandals or crocs!) If you have work gloves, please bring them.
- Dress for the weather. If there has been rain on previous days, be prepared for the sites to be muddy.
- The use, purchase and possession of alcohol, drugs and weapons are forbidden on Habitat KC property and volunteer sites.
- All volunteers must be 16 or older to volunteer. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

MISSION NEEDS SOME NEW TEAM MEMBERS! Are you interested in joining the team that organizes GCPC's mission opportunities and giving? Mission team's work is important but not

difficult! We meet the first Monday of each month, by Zoom; we're usually done in about 30 minutes. Then work is mainly administrative and very flexible — sending e-mails, making the budget, researching mission opportunities. We only organize one big event per year — Workshop Sunday in October. Mission team is also going to need a new moderator in summer 2026. Let Mikki know if you are interested in joining us (michala.walker@gmail.com)!

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS! A very big thanks to two dozen friends who came to our Community Blood Center drive! Our 24 units of blood are making an impact right here in KC metro hospitals. Wednesday, October 22nd is our fall drive and appointments are ready for you to sign up now. Please give it a try! Contact Sarah Byrd for more info: 913-909-1559, swbyrdks@gmail.com. Cheers to these generous folks who showed up for their neighbors!

Sandy Adams
Paul Bruns
Lindsay Bucl
Sarah Byrd
Kimberly Dereberry
Christopher Dixon
Christopher Frye
Donna Heer

Ashley Jeffries
Shawna King
Lee Mattix
Michael Mattix
Cynthia Monshizadeh
Eleanor Nelson
Amanda Noren
Megan Novellano

Patrick O'Halloran
Karen Pack
David Peck
Jo Randolph
Jacob Schmidt
Holly Tamke
Joshua Wetzig
James York



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Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

**"Embellish Handbell Choir"
of Grand Rapids, Michigan
Concert**

Tuesday, July 8, 7pm

**"I'm So Glad – Kansas City and
the Roots of Black Gospel Music,
the Untold Story"
Special Movie Event**

Sunday, July 13, 3-6pm

GCPC Sanctuary

Child care available by reservation -
contact church office by July 7

New Member Class

Sunday, July 20

10:45am, Room 3

EncoreKC! Concert

"Don't Stop Us Now"

July 27, 3pm

Grace United Methodist Church
11485 S. Ridgeway Rd., Olathe

**Ministry Fair,
Sneak-a-Peek and
Blessing of the Backpacks**

Sunday, August 10, 10:30am

**Worship in the Park
(Lunch following)**

Sunday, September 7, 9:30am
Meadowbrook Park

**Generosity Town Hall
Stewardship Stories & Scrambled Eggs**

"Sharing a meal, sharing our mission"
(Brunch following worship)

Sunday, September 14, 10:30am

Workshop Sunday

September 28

9:30am-12:30pm

Fall BBQ

Saturday, October 4, 5pm

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26, 11:45am-1pm

**Intergenerational
Friendship Bracelet Making Party**

Saturday, November 15, 1-3:30pm

Heartland Hall

Open to all, friends and family

RSVP at gcpc.org/friendship

A Christmas Exclamation!

Sunday, December 7, 6pm



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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