



**Service of Worship  
September 26, 2021**

***“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.

**FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Harold Frye and family in memory of Jeremy Frye.

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Susan Sutherland

**USHERS:** Ashley Jeffries & Bert Benton

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

*“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:** Kathy Jonas

**Aging Challenges:** Shirley Sisk

**Military Service:** David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Bryce Hearn, Shannon Lorimer. **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'd like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at [office@gcpc.org](mailto:office@gcpc.org), or send to [gcpc\\_prayers@yahoo.com](mailto:gcpc_prayers@yahoo.com).)

## SPOTLIGHT

**THE SMOKE-OFF IS COMING!** Preparations continue for the Great GCPC Smoke-off on Saturday, October 23! Plan to join us for this fun potluck! Please bring a dish or two to share (salad, side dish, dessert). We have several smokers/grillers signed up, but we can always use more. Please contact Tom Stroud, [thomas.w.stroud@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.w.stroud@gmail.com) or 913-515-0591, if you can join the cooking brigade. We are blessed to have Christopher Callender and his musician friends ready to entertain us with bluegrass music before and during the meal. Proceeds from your cash votes for best BBQ will be donated to Heifer International. Make sure to get this event in your calendar. If you have questions, please call Teresa Ilten, 913-515-1087.

**STARS FOR EPIPHANY SUNDAY** will be fresh and newly cut this year. If you have sharp scissors, are a careful cutter, are vaccinated and-willing to wear a mask while cutting, please contact Nancy Kalesz at [nancy.kalesz@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.kalesz@gmail.com) to join in our annual Epiphany Star Project. Materials to be cut will be available on Sunday, October 10; see Nancy after the service. Cut stars need to be returned by November 13 to the church office. Please contact Nancy before October 10, so we can get the material packets ready.

**DONATIONS FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** GCPC would like to bring back the tradition of celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, the remembering of loved ones, or any special event, with flower arrangements for Sunday morning worship. The cost is \$35–\$40, whether the flowers are real or a beautiful faux arrangement made and donated by Linda McMaster. If you would like to donate, please contact Chelly King at [chelly41rn@gmail.com](mailto:chelly41rn@gmail.com) (rn not m) or 913-634-4450. (Note, the number in the last directory is no longer correct.) Please provide: occasion, which type of flower arrangement (real or faux), date, and memorial/honorarium name. The check can be made payable to GCPC with real or arrangement in the memo line and can be mailed or dropped off in the wooden box in the sanctuary as you enter or leave the service. If you order real flowers, please feel free to take them with you after church. Orders for real flowers must be placed by the Monday before the next Sunday. Thanks! —*Chelly King*

**CONTACTING STAFF:** A reminder that the GCPC church building has returned to normal operations. The office is open from 8am to 4pm, but the best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

Rev. Sue: [sue.trigger@gcpc.org](mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org)

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**HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME:** Although we are now offering limited in-person worship, we encourage those who normally put their pledge in the offering plate each Sunday to mail their pledges to the church. The Finance Administrator will get them and see that they are deposited in a timely fashion. Of course, you may also make your pledge online by going to [gcpc.org](http://gcpc.org) and clicking "Online Giving."

## ADULT

**PAGE TURNERS IN OCTOBER:** At 7pm on October 7 Page Turners will meet at Laura Patton's home to discuss *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to [lfpatton@gmail.com](mailto:lfpatton@gmail.com). Laura's address is 15814 Beverly St, Overland Park, KS 66223. Location Tip: The Patton's back yard shares a property line with Stanley Elementary School.

**AS THE PAGE TURNS** book group meets October 6 at 1:30pm in Room 3. The book for discussion is *The Stationary Shop* by Marian Kamali. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship. (Per GCPC guidelines, we are required to wear masks during our meeting time together.)

**SHALOM: FINDING PEACE IN THE BIBLE** is a six-week adult Bible study led by Kevin Johnson, which will be loosely taken from the Kerygma study "Shalom: A study of the Biblical Concept of Peace." We will look at the theological dimensions of peace as God's intention for this world, our continuing hope for peace, and our call to be peacemakers. Please bring your Bibles and a pen! The class will meet in **Room 4 at 10:45am**, or join via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/krd5pz84>

**FOLLOW ME — BIBLICAL PRACTICES FOR FAITHFUL LIVING:** A living faith is so much more than simply believing in God. Jesus called all sorts of people to follow him to God, showing concrete ways to love God and one another. Together we will learn about the Jesus' practices that have shaped the church.

Participants will practice seeing Christ in every person and discover their own gifts of hospitality. This adult class will meet in **Room 3 at 10:45am**. Or join via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/yanmupj9>

## YOUTH

**NO CONNECT TONIGHT!** We will resume with our normal Connect schedule next week, October 3, 6:30–8pm!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MORNING!** We hope to see you all this morning for Sunday school! Our interns will be joining us today! Join us in person or give us a heads-up if you want to join on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5784595517?pwd=RFlwNkltcUtlSVQ4czFQNXRyYUdHZz09>

**FALL YOUTH CALENDAR UPDATED:** You can pick up a hard copy on the youth wall or grab it at [gracecovenantyouth.shutterfly.com](http://gracecovenantyouth.shutterfly.com).

## MISSION

**HEART OF AMERICA CROP WALK 2021:** Grace Covenant will participate in the 2021 Heart of America CROP Walk. Given COVID-19, there will not be a community walk. We will plan for a short, socially distanced walk in our own area on Saturday, October 9, at 10am. Go to [crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo](http://crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo), and click on “Register” to register as a walker, or click on “Donate” to donate to the Grace Covenant team or a specific member of our team. Connect with Karen Pack, [karenwpack@gmail.com](mailto:karenwpack@gmail.com), or Dave Pack, [djpack.12645@gmail.com](mailto:djpack.12645@gmail.com), or see us in Heartland Hall after a Sunday worship service.

**HAITIAN DISASTER RELIEF FOR 2021 EARTHQUAKE:** On August 14, the people of Haiti were rocked by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and accompanying aftershocks, taking over 2,200 lives, injuring over 3,000, and destroying homes and infrastructure for thousands more. Conditions in Haiti quickly worsened with the arrival of torrential rain from Tropical Storm Grace. For over a decade, GCPC has supported the Haitian people through Soles for Souls, Heart to Heart, Rocket Stoves, Children’s Nutrition Project, Peanut Butter Project, alternative Christmas coupons, and an International Mission trip.

The Mission team is once again asking our congregation to support disaster relief efforts in Haiti. During September you will have the opportunity to assist in two ways.

- Please donate to the September Special Offering for Haitian relief. Funds will be given to Presbyterian Disaster Relief designated for Haiti. The Mission Team will begin by donating the first \$500 for the offering. It would be wonderful if donations from the congregation could match or even surpass this amount! Please mark the memo line: PDR-Haiti.
- The September 26<sup>th</sup> Noisy Offering will be donated to Presbyterian Disaster Relief designated for the people of Haiti. Bring your coins to make a generous noise (they will be collected in a COVID-safe way).

**GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER!** Our donation partner for September is Johnson County Christmas Bureau. Each holiday season, JCCB conducts a Holiday Shop for low-income families, distributes food, collects coats, and fills many other needs for our brothers and sisters in need. JCCB is particularly concerned about hunger in our community this winter and the potential loss of the donations they would normally get from school food drives. They'd love to get canned food items from us to stock their food pantry — things like peanut butter, canned soups, canned tuna and chicken, and canned vegetables.

JCCB has also requested new and gently used children's coats, sizes newborn through boys and girls XXL. Sizes 7-12 are the most needed.

Please drop your donations off in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime you're at church. If you're not attending church in person this month, bring your donations to our drive-up drop-off event on September 18 from 9 to 10:30am. Let Mikki Walker know at [michala.walker@gmail.com](mailto:michala.walker@gmail.com) if you'd like to donate but neither of these options works for you.

**GCPC FALL BLOOD DRIVE:** The next Blood Drive is October 20, 2–6pm at the church. The Blood Center has added additional COVID-19 precautions for your safety. To make an appointment, please visit [savealifenow.org/group](https://savealifenow.org/group), and enter Group Code: IM. For more information, contact Sarah Byrd, [sbyrdks@gmail.com](mailto:sbyrdks@gmail.com).

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