



Service of Worship — August 27, 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: Lara Schesser

HEAD USHERS: Richard & Berdine Eby

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

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, Independence, MO; Trinity Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO

(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

TODAY WE WELCOME Rev. Jen Baer, Stated Clerk and Resource Presbyter, Heartland Presbytery, to the pulpit. She handles much of the details and administrative work of the Presbytery. When she is not working she is spending time with her husband and two kids and three cats. She loves preaching and spending her Sundays visiting churches around the presbytery.

FURNITURE GIVEAWAY! Stop in the Concourse today 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.

AFTER THE HEAT OF THIS PAST WEEK — aren't you concerned about our changing climate? Attend the Presbyterians for Earth Care Conference and learn what YOU can do, September 20–23 at the lovely Masanetta Conference Center. Check out the many ways one can attend (in person in VA, in person at three satellite sites, or on Zoom.) Heartland Earthkeepers have scholarships available. More information may be found on the bulletin board outside Heartland Hall or at <https://presbyearthcare.org/2023-conference/>. For scholarship application submissions (due September 1), or questions contact Heartland Earthkeepers: earthkeepershp@gmail.com



ADULT

THE NEXT PAGE TURNERS MEETING IS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, at 6:30pm. We'll meet at Vicki Peck's home at 12521 Richards Street, Overland Park. Please bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share, and let Vicki know what you'd like to bring. You're invited even if you haven't read our book, *Trophy Girl*, by Marlis Manley. The author, a friend of Linda Hoffman's, will be here too. What a treat! Anyone who wants to join Dave Peck can meet him at Talk of the Town, 119th & Quivira. He'll be watching the Chiefs game. (vpeckster@gmail.com or 913-706-9679)

A BIG thank you to Page Turners whose members have generously donated over a dozen library books directly at the August Page Turners meeting or gift certificates to the project: Chinle Planting Hope. The first-of-its-kind bookmobile project developed on the Diné (Navajo) reservation to bring learning opportunities to the communities in and around Chinle, AZ. This project is just one of many that Rick and Jo Randolph became acquainted with while traveling in April with the PC(USA) Peacemaking Study Seminar, studying the Southwest and the Doctrine of Discovery. —Jo & Rick Randolph

AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet September 6 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. We will select books for the coming year. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

CHILDREN

NURSERY NEWS: Our nursery is open for infants and above. Stop by and say, “Hi,” to Carolyn, Cathy and Meg! Room 22.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS ARE IN FULL SWING!

We begin at 10:45am and end at 11:45am.

- **Grace Studies**
 1. Our 2s/3s will meet in Room 23 for Sunday school.
 2. Our 4s/5s will meet in Room 26 for music and continue onto Sunday school.
 3. This week our students are talking about following Jesus.
- **Grace Makers**

- **Kindergarten** — 1st grade will meet in Room 26 for music and continue onto their workshop following music.
- 2nd–5th/6th grades will meet in Room 15 for music and continue onto their workshop following music.
- Our students begin with music time and continue exploring the creation story with activities in our computer and science labs.

Note: ATW and Sunday school programs will NOT meet next Sunday, September 3, due to the Labor Day holiday.

YOUTH

THE GATHERING KICK OFF BBQ TODAY: Join us at Stoll Park, 5–7pm for our Kickoff BBQ happening TODAY! We will be starting a partnership with Village on Antioch Presbyterian Church’s youth program for the semester with exciting events such as visiting the pumpkin patch, scavenger hunts, and mission projects. Today will kick it all off! Join us for some hotdogs, burgers, corn hole, 9-square, and more, as we start making some new cross-church relationships!

MISSION

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE is working with the Presbytery of the Pacific following the fires that killed at least 111 people on the Hawaiian island of Maui. To help the people of Maui recover, Mission team has directed \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief. For more details on how PDA is responding to the disaster in Maui, please go to presbyterianmission.org and search for “Maui.”

PLEASE SAVE YOUR PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS FOR WORKSHIP SUNDAY! For one of the service projects we’ll be doing, we’re going to need lots and lots of clean, dry plastic bags (think Walmart bags). Please leave bags in the box in front of the sanctuary anytime between September 10 and October 8. For any questions, contact Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com.

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 is today at the Falcon Valley Golf Course. This has become an important tradition at GCPC to support our youth. Thank you to all involved in this year’s event.

IHN UPDATE: Thank you to everyone that was on standby and was able to help with our August IHN rotation. Your flexibility is wonderful! We had four guests scheduled Thursday, two showed up and one remained the rest of the week. A bit disappointing until you hear that our guest just paid off her eviction notice that week! The other two guests joined on Sunday — and this Tuesday a family of four started the program. So we have one single woman, two moms, one teen, and three boys! The **12th annual fundraising Auction for JOCO IHN** is coming September 28. Historically, each congregation creates a basket valued at \$100, which the auction attendees bid on during the silent auction portion of the evening. We have a \$50 donation toward our gift basket and a Kenyan nativity set donation. JOCO IHN has revamped their web site. You can buy your ticket to the dinner and silent auction or just register for the silent auction there — JOCOIHN.org.

GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATE FOR GOOD — LIVING IN GOD’S GRACE: Here is our pledging update as of August 15, 2023, which is 62.5% of the calendar year. There’s been wonderful progress with 63% of submitted pledge amounts and 68% of rollover pledges received. We are very grateful for the timely generosity of our members. We continue to see our 0% fulfilled numbers decreasing. As always, we **thank you for your generosity and commitment** to Grace Covenant. Please provide feedback to our team: 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	August 15th
0% fulfilled	32	24	22	15
1-25% fulfilled	33	12	10	4
26-50% fulfilled	29	52	50	18
51-75% fulfilled	0	3	8	44
76-100% fulfilled	7	11	13	22
\$533,282.63	\$187,129	\$211,292	\$259,907	\$337,665

Rollover Pledges (27)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	August 15th
0% fulfilled	11	9	8	6
1-25% fulfilled	6	1	1	0
26-50% fulfilled	9	9	10	5
51-75% fulfilled	1	5	3	8
76-100% fulfilled	1	4	6	8
	\$101,369	\$15,480	\$53,965	\$59,355
		\$68,930		

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 Closeout

Our \$50,000 Faith and Hope Campaign is closing out. We received one additional gift in July! With the departure of three staff members, our deficit budget needs are not as critical. Thank you to each of our 38 members/households for your supplemental pledge! As of August 15, 2023, \$22,710.20 has been raised.



Mark your Calendar for the Town Hall — September 10 after worship in Heartland Hall. Lunch will be provided by the Generosity Team. Each team will provide a brief review of the proposed 2024 budget, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, and let us know your thoughts before the budget is finalized and then approved by Session.

Pledge Portal



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