



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — July 13, 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 worshiping with us today.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Karen & Keith Fankhauser in celebration of their 58th anniversary.

ELDER ON DUTY: Lara Schesser

HEAD USHERS: Berdine & Richard Eby

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, Kathy Bures

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 Global Ecumenical Liaisons: 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, Clinton, MO; First Presbyterian Church, Corder, MO; Heartland Presbytery Commission on Ministry; Congregación Buenas Nuevas, Nuevo San Carlos (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

TODAY WE WELCOME THE SSA CHORUS FROM ENCOREKC! The choir is a new choral ensemble which meets on Tuesdays, 10–11am at GCPC. It is under the leadership of Barbara Douglas and Leayn Losh and accompanist Mary Bertoldie. Enrollment will open for the fall session on July 21. Rehearsals will begin on September 9. EncoreKC! Foundation would like to thank GCPC for being our arts partner and providing space to rehearse.

JOIN US TODAY FOR INTERGENERATIONAL SUMMER FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES after worship in Heartland Hall. There will be baseball-themed activity stations, yard games outside, and even hot dogs and peanuts! All are welcome — BATTER UP!

"I'M SO GLAD: KANSAS CITY AND THE ROOTS OF BLACK GOSPEL MUSIC," a documentary, will be shown **TODAY, 3–6pm** in the Grace Covenant sanctuary. This event is open to all. For more information about the documentary presentation, please contact annestroud845@gmail.com.

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.

ENCOREKC! FOUNDATION PRESENTS ENCOREKC! CHORUS AND ACT II in a summer pops concert “Don’t Stop Us Now: Songs That Move Us” on Sunday, July 27, 3pm at Grace United Methodist Church in Olathe, 11485 S Ridgeview. EncoreKC! Chorus and Act II are choruses for anyone over 50 years of age. Come and join us!

SAVE THE DATE — WORKSHIP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28! Mark your calendars for this annual event - we spend the time we would normally spend in worship and Sunday school doing volunteer projects at GCPC and in the local community, followed by lunch! Look out for signups in late August/early September.

40TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES: Church member Kim Krueger is researching, writing, and designing a GCPC 40th Anniversary History and Memory Book, which we hope to complete by year’s end. We’re accepting contributions to the memory book portion through July 31, 2025. Share your memories at gcpc.org/memories. Questions? Contact Kim at kimgoeckler@outlook.com.

40TH ANNIVERSARY FUND: In gratitude for the ministry of Grace Covenant, 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.

SAVE THE DATE AND RSVP! Join us on Saturday, November 15, 1–3:30pm for an **Intergenerational Friendship Bracelet Party** in Heartland Hall. Open to friends, and family! Details at gcpc.org/friendship. You don’t have to have experience making these colorful beaded bracelets, we will teach you.

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

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.

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! We have one remaining date set up for eight GCPC members to volunteer at the Habitat KC construction site in southern Olathe — August 26. If you're interested in the August date, register at <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.

JULY DONATION PARTNER — 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 necessities 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.

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| • new hand & body towels | • small laundry baskets |
| • toilet paper | • full sized shampoo, conditioner, body wash & hand soap |
| • paper towels | • deodorant |
| • new pillows | • hair brushes |
| • new twin sized comforters | • small trash cans |
| • new twin sized sheet sets | • plastic cutlery |
| • shower curtains + rings | • disposable plates/bowls |
| • diapers (size 5 & 6) | |

JULY COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FROM 2025 MISSION

CALENDAR: The July Communion Offering will be directed to the PCUSA Global Ecumenical Partnership Fund. Our original Mission Calendar indicated that the July Offering would be directed to Mission Coworkers. In January 2025, PCUSA leadership announced planned reductions in the number of mission co-workers by at least 50 percent due to financial constraints. This reduction was part of a restructuring that resulted in the Presbyterian Mission Agency and Office of the General Assembly being combined into the new Interim Unified Agency. The remaining Mission Co-workers have been re-designated as Global Ecumenical Liaisons. You can read more about the changes and what the Liaisons do [here](#).

The 2025 Mission Calendar indicates that Communion Offering for July and August will be directed to the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Mission Co-workers, respectively. We will direct the July Communion Offering to the Global Ecumenical Partnership fund under the new Interim Unified Agency — this is as close as we can get to funding what was the Presbyterian Mission Agency — and we'll redirect the August offering to Habitat for Humanity. If you have individual gifts directed to the account that was used to fund the mission coworkers (account [E132192](#)), those gifts will now be used to support the Global Ecumenical Liaisons. Please contact Mikki Walker (michala.walker@gmail.com) with any questions.



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Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

**"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

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. Ridgeview Rd., Olathe

**Ministry Fair,
Sneak-a-Peek and
Blessing of the Backpacks**
Sunday, August 10, 10:30am

Worship in the Park
Meadowbrook Park
(Lunch following)
Sunday, September 7, 9:30am

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