



Service of Worship — October 1, 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 worshipping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Joy Circo

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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Pledge Portal



“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: Jerry & Jo Anne Kenefake

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

(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 KATHRYN BATES. Rev. Kathryn Bates, Honorably Retired, grew up in Kansas City North and graduated from North Kansas City High School. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa and Dubuque Theological Seminary. Ordained in the Iowa Annual Conference of the UMC, she transferred 20 years later into PCUSA where she served in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska (where she assisted in the creation of a shared ministry involving a PCUSA, a ELCA, and a UCC in three different communities). She currently lives in Kansas City North near her grown children and grandchildren. She appreciates your invitation to worship with you today.

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE FYI: The church office will be staffed by volunteers while Patrick is on vacation October 2-11, so office hours may vary some days. Please call, 913-345-1256, to make sure the building will be open if coming to the church for a not regularly scheduled meeting. Thank you.

TODAY IS THE SIGN-UP DEADLINE FOR WORKSHIP SUNDAY ON OCTOBER 8! Sign up for a service project at www.gcpc.org/workship. Each member of a household needs to sign up for a project and indicate whether they'll be eating lunch! Contact Mikki with any questions, michala.walker@gmail.com. **Facilities Team is also planning several projects for the morning,**

including several outdoor clean-up activities and some painting and window repair jobs indoors. Click below to sign up! Contact Liz Chandler for more information, 11emchandler55@gmail.com. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ABAE28A5F4C16-44467782-facilities#/>

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE ANNUAL GCPC BBQ POTLUCK! Please join us on Saturday, October 7, 5–7pm in Heartland Hall. Sign-up sheets will be available in the concourse before and after service **TODAY**. If you are able to bring BBQ meat or fish from home, please notify Kevin Johnson at krpj01@gmail.com. If you would like to bring a side dish or dessert, please indicate that information on the sign-up sheets at church, or contact the church office at 913-345-1256. We'd like to encourage everyone to bring their own re-usable dishware, silverware and cups, as is possible. Hope you can join us for fun, fellowship and fantastic food!

OCTOBER IS HERE AND OUR TRUNK OR TREAT PLANNING IS UNDER WAY. We plan to bring back our hot dog lunch along with our games and trunk or treating. Invite your friends and neighbors. There will be fun for all ages! We are in need of volunteers and some items donated. Can you help? Please visit our SignUpGenius for more details. Thank you!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a45a4a722a4fc1-trunk2#/>

OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVE: We're excited to host the Community Blood Center donation drive on October 25. Presenting donors will be entered into a drawing to win two tickets to Aerosmith's Farewell Concert Tour at T-Mobile Arena. New donors are always welcome! We'll be making appointments between 2 and 6pm. Book at savealifenow.org/group and enter Group Code: IM. For questions, contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or swbyrdks@gmail.com.

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| ADULT |
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PLEASE JOIN THE ADULT EDUCATION TEAM TODAY for a special joint Sunday school class following worship (10:45–11:45am) in the Choir Room (Room 6) for a "State of GCPC — Call Process Update" presentation. Updates and Q&A will be hosted and moderated by Tom Stroud (Bridge Pastor), Terri Monrad (IPNC Process), Melanie Townsend (Mission Statement), and Kevin Mason (Personnel Team). For those who wish to attend online, please use the Zoom link below. We hope to see you there!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815237214?pwd=TVh4VWZldC9hbGJCL1k5dIViWVlwUT09>
Meeting ID: 838 1523 7214; Passcode: GCPC2022

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet October 4 at 1:30 pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Forty Autumns: A Family's Story of Courage and Survival on Both Sides of the Berlin Wall* by Nina Willner. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

PAGETURNERS WILL MEET THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, AT 7PM at Cheryl Johnson's house to discuss *The Book of Charlie* by David von Drehle. Her address is 12840 Century St., Overland Park. Please RSVP. Cheryl's phone number is 913-488-2710 and her e-mail address is agathatoo@gmail.com. You may also use the Bookclubs app or our Facebook to respond.

CHILDREN

TODAY, WE CONTINUE with our Awakening to Worship, music and Sunday school programming. Next week, we will not hold our Sunday programming due to Workshop Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS: SMASH Sunday next week, October 8, 4–6pm. We continue our Children of the Bible series and learn how Timothy made his impact. Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 29, 11:45am. See additional notes about this event in Spotlight section.

MISSION

OUR OCTOBER COMMUNION OFFERING WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE DUCHESNE CLINIC, and they will also be our October Donation Partner. Located in Kansas City, KS, the Duchesne Clinic serves very low-income people who have no insurance and live in Leavenworth and Wyandotte Counties. Founded on the belief that health care is a basic human right, the clinic provides services to indigent patients, regardless of religious affiliation, with an emphasis on the values of compassion, respect of personal dignity, and a sensitivity to human suffering. The clinic currently requests these items, which may be left in the bin in the Weekday Entrance anytime the church building is open:

ibuprofen
decongestants
multi-symptom cold remedies
allergy relief meds (Allegra, Zyrtec, etc.)
Coricidin HP
vapor rub
Mucinex
lip balm

hand cream (personal size)
hand sanitizer (personal size)
tissues (cube-sized box preferred)
knit gloves (1 size fits all preferred)
sugar-free cough drops (bag count approx. 18–30)
\$5 Walmart gift cards for prescription meds

CROP WALK 2023: Grace Covenant's CROP Walk tradition continues on Saturday, October 14, at 10am at Country Club Christian Church at 6101 Ward Parkway. See the Packs in Heartland Hall after worship for more information or to make a donation.

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 boxes in the concourse anytime between September 10 and October 8. For any questions, contact Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com.

IHN STARTS AGAIN NOVEMBER 5, 2023. Please mark your calendars for our November host week. We will welcome our second support church, Shawnee Mission Unitarian Universalist Church (SMUUCH) to this rotation. An orientation will be held 4–4:45pm for our new volunteers and any of our current ones that wish to get an update. Tentatively SMUUCH will cover Wednesdays including overnight and Saturday morning host and breakfast.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE AT RENEWED HOPE FOOD PANTRY: ReNewed Hope makes a significant impact for good in our community by helping solve the problem of food insecurity — lack of reliable access to affordable, nutritious food. Many GCPC members have already volunteered at ReNewed Hope, and food donations may always be left in the bin in the Weekday Entrance. ReNewed Hope needs many volunteers to fulfill their mission. They have service opportunities on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, and Friday evenings. Please check out their website for more information and use the links there or the Vomo app to volunteer! <https://renewedhopefoodpantry.org/>

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| GENEROSITY |
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GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATE FOR GOOD – LIVING IN GOD’S GRACE: Here is our pledging update as of September 19, 2023, which is 71% of the calendar year. There’s been consistent progress with 70% of *both* submitted pledge and rollover pledges received! We are thankful for the consistent generosity of our members. As always, we greatly **appreciate your generosity and commitment** to Grace Covenant. Please provide feedback to our team: Dave Sutherland, Ryan Hussey, Bill Brown, Rick Randolph, and Jane Knoche. Here is our giving progress shown by numbers of pledges:

| Submitted Pledges (103) | April 12th | May 16th | June 19th | August 15th | Sept 19th |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 0% fulfilled | 32 | 24 | 22 | 15 | 14 |
| 1-25% fulfilled | 33 | 12 | 10 | 4 | 5 |
| 26-50% fulfilled | 29 | 52 | 50 | 18 | 10 |
| 51-75% fulfilled | 0 | 3 | 8 | 44 | 49 |
| 76-100% fulfilled | 7 | 11 | 13 | 22 | 25 |
| \$527,258* | \$187,129 | \$211,292 | \$259,907 | \$337,665 | \$371,416 |

| Rollover Pledges (27) | April 12th | May 16th | June 19th | August 15th | Sept 19th |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 0% fulfilled | 11 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| 1-25% fulfilled | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 26-50% fulfilled | 9 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 4 |
| 51-75% fulfilled | 1 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 8 |
| 76-100% fulfilled | 1 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 9 |
| \$101,369 | \$15,480 | \$53,965 | \$59,355 | \$68,930 | \$71,680 |

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. *Slight decrease in Pledge totals due to adjustments by members. We are very grateful for the feedback on pledge amounts.

2024 PLEDGE DRIVE: Our theme for the pledge drive is ***What the Future Holds***. We are basing our campaign on this scripture from Jeremiah 29:11 — “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” We will kick off our Pledge Drive on Worship Sunday, October 8, and Pledge Sunday will be November 5, 2023. Various members will be sharing our campaign message on Sundays. Please join us in creating an amazing future in 2024!

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