



Service of Worship — October 15, 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: Angela Krug

HEAD USHER: John Gilbert

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: Shirley Faulwell

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

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." 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!

TRUNK OR TREAT PLANNING IS UNDER WAY. Did you hear that 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#/>

BLOOD DONATION JUST BECAME MORE INCLUSIVE: The Community Blood Center applauds the FDA's guidance establishing a donor screening process based on individual donor assessment, not sexual or gender identity. For more details, check CBC's website. GCPC's drive is on Wednesday this time, October 25, between 2pm and 6pm. Let's show our support by making appointments now. As always, please consider who might come to donate with you. New donors

are always welcome! A special, "Thank You," to so many of you for being lifesavers over and over! Another change is that since Aerosmith's concert is cancelled, presenting donors will instead be entered into a drawing for two Chiefs tickets with parking pass for the November 20 game. Book donor appointments at savealifenow.org/group and enter Group Code: IM, or contact Sarah Byrd at swbyrdks@gmail.com or 913-909-1559. What hasn't changed: Go Chiefs! and Go Blood Drive!

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5: The November 5 bulletin will contain an insert with names of those who have passed since All Saints' Sunday 2022 (November 6, 2022). If you would like to include the name of a relative or friend who has passed this past year, please send that person's name to office@gcpc.org *no later than noon on Wednesday, October 25.*

ADULT

TODAY WE ARE BEGINNING TWO NEW SIX-WEEK ADULT SUNDAY CLASS SERIES from which you can choose:

In Room 3 is our Bible Study Series: "Journeying with Mark — Reflections on the Gospel."

Each week will look at the Book of Mark from a different "seasonal" perspective. Class discussions led by Barbara Douglas. To attend via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87128220057?pwd=aUNUTm5KM3U5czBZeWZYi9VajZsdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 2822 0057; Passcode: 653673

In Room 4 we are looking at major world religions, their history, evolution, conflicts and inter-relations, with each class presented by a different speaker. Today we look at various "Images of God" from prehistory to present day, and how that connects us to the "history of God." Tom Stroud will facilitate this week's presentation. To attend via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815237214?pwd=TVh4VWZldC9hbGJCL1k5dIVjWVlwUT09>

Meeting ID: 838 1523 7214; Passcode: GCPC2022

Both series will run for six weeks through November 19 but are also designed as stand alone weekly classes so please join us in either classroom on any given week. We hope to see you there!

CHILDREN

TODAY, WE CONTINUE with our Awakening to Worship, music and Sunday school programming.

MISSION

OUR OCTOBER COMMUNION OFFERING WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE DUCHESNE CLINIC, and they are also 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. 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

GENEROSITY

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.

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