



## Service of Worship — August 13, 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 USHER:** Steve Becher

**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**

**Cancer Treatment:** Pam Kelly, Harold Farren

**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, Higginsville, MO

(If you have a prayer request you would like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at [office@gcpc.org](mailto:office@gcpc.org), or send to [gcpc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:gcpc.prayers@gmail.com).)

**SPOTLIGHT**

**PREACHING THIS MORNING IS REV. DON WILSON.** He is a retired Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament and member of Heartland Presbytery. In addition to having served as a transitional pastor (interim) for three congregations, he has served Heartland Presbytery as a member of the Commission on Ministry, Presbytery Council, and as Presbytery Moderator. Don is married to Joy, a GCPC member. They are parents of two adult children and have five grandchildren.

**PRAISE TEAM WILL LEAD WORSHIP** next Sunday, August 20, in Scripture & Song.

**THE MINISTRY FAIR IS TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.** Come to Heartland Hall to find out more about the life and work of GCPC. Each ministry team and committee will have a table where you can learn about their work, volunteer opportunities, ask questions, and more.

**SNEAK-A-PEEK IS TODAY, 10:30AM.** Everyone interested in Sunday school will want to begin with Sneak-a-Peek activities. Stop by all of our Sunday school rooms to see what we have in store for you this coming school year.

- Families with infants and children/youth through 12th grade can stop by

the Noah's Ark mural for a map of all the stations to visit. (See announcement in the Children's section of these announcements.)

- Are you interested in Adult Sunday school programming? Head over to Room 3 to learn more.

**CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY INSTALLED ART WALL** in the hallway between the Concourse and Heartland Hall. Thank you to Kathy Williams and Cindy Monshizadeh for all their work hanging the art and Liz Chandler for getting the pieces framed. If you have any information on the individual works of art, such as who may have donated it, please contact Liz at [lizchandler814@yahoo.com](mailto:lizchandler814@yahoo.com).

**FURNITURE GIVEAWAY!** Stop in the Concourse today (and for the next two Sundays) and view many chairs and other pieces of furniture no longer needed at the church but needing good homes! The items are free of charge.

## ADULT

**DURING ITS SUMMER HIATUS, THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets once a month in a member's home to share fellowship and hold a book discussion. (In other words, come even if you haven't read the book!) Here is the remaining book for this summer:

- August 17: *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama at Glenda Johnson's house (11712 W. 108th Street) at 9:30am

Please contact Cheryl Johnson, [agathatoo@gmail.com](mailto:agathatoo@gmail.com), with any questions.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GCPC WEEKEND CRAFTERS FALL WORKSHOP** on Friday, August 25, at 6pm in Heartland Hall. We welcome Katee Smith who owns her own small business out of Ottawa Kansas, "Barefoot Builder LLC." She will lead us through making three wood block pumpkins that you can personalize to your liking. The cost will be \$25 per person for workshop supplies. Light snacks provided too. Invite your friends and neighbors. Registration details will be coming soon or check our own GCPC Weekend Crafters Facebook group for up-to-date information.

## CHILDREN

**SNEAK-A-PEEK:** After worship today, head over to the Weekday Entrance where you can grab a map showing you where our Sneak-a-Peek locations are this year. Our teachers and leaders are excited to give you a preview of the awesome things we have in store for our kiddos with our Sunday school programs.

**MINISTRY FAIR:** Following Sneak-a-Peek, stop in Heartland Hall for our Ministry Fair. You'll find information from lots of different teams at GCPC and all the opportunities they offer. Look for the Children's Team table where you can get the low-down on what we have in store for the new school year. See you then!

**REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Awakening to Worship and Sunday school program begin next week on August 20, and this is also a SMASH Sunday. Kindergarten– 5th graders are invited to join us for water play fun, 4–5pm.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** GCPC Children's team has an urgent need for a shepherd! Our workshop rotation program serves as Sunday school for our Kindergarten– 5th graders. We are in need of another Shepherd to join our team of shepherds that accompany the children each week to whatever their rotation is for the week. This shepherd does not do any lesson planning but helps assist the workshop leader as needed to ensure the children get the most out of their time together. Contact our Children's Team members or e-mail [gpcchildren@gmail.com](mailto:gpcchildren@gmail.com) if you can help even just once or twice a month. Thank you.

## MUSIC

**MUSIC REHEARSALS RESUME!** Praise Team has begun rehearsals (youth & adults) Tuesdays at 7pm. Other ensemble beginning dates: Joy! Singers (4s–1<sup>st</sup> grade) Rm 25 & Celebration! Choir & Chimes Rm 15 (2<sup>nd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade) Sunday, 8.20.23 10:45am; Chancel & Exaltation! Singers Rm 6 (7<sup>th</sup> grade–adults) Wednesday, 8.30.23 7:05pm; Charter Ringers Rm 1 (adults) Wednesday, 9.13.23; Spirit! Ringers Rm 1 (5<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade) 12pm & Jubilation! Ringers (9<sup>th</sup> grade–adults) Sunday, 9.17.23 12:45pm Rm 1. GCPC Orchestra will play in December. Come by the “Music Table” in Heartland Hall at 10:30am today to sign-up for one or more ensembles.

## YOUTH

**MINISTRY FAIR TODAY!** Stop by the Ministry Fair today and visit the youth table! All youth announcements and important details will be on display at the table. (There might be a sweet treat for those that visit😊!)

**PLEASE JOIN THE BAND!** Band is an app that creates a place for groups to post events and information in a central location. Since our contact information is currently being updated, BAND helps Lindsay provide updates and announcements promptly (instead of reaching out to everyone individually). You could miss out on future events and gatherings at fun locations such as bonfires and RoKC, so, join the BAND!



## MISSION

**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 will be held on Sunday, August 27, at the Falcon Valley Golf Course. Golfers will be asked to pay \$100 to cover the cost of the golf, prizes and a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. Entry Forms will be available as part of the church bulletin on Sundays from now until the Scramble. Those interested can also reach out to Bill Turner at [99wdturner@gmail.com](mailto:99wdturner@gmail.com) for more information or to receive entry forms. We would also specifically like to thank Ryan Peck and 3Gen Wealth for their generous \$500 contribution to sponsor one of the prize holes in the scramble! If there are any other parties who would like to sponsor one of the prize holes (There are a total of 4.), please contact Bill Turner as noted above. This has become an important tradition at GCPC to support our youth. Thank you for your continued support!

**GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATE FOR GOOD – LIVING IN GOD'S GRACE:** Here is our pledging update as of July 10, 2023, which is 50+% of the calendar year. There's been positive movement with 54.8% of submitted pledges amounts received and 64.5% of rollover pledge amounts received. As always, we **thank you for your generosity and commitment** to Grace Covenant. The Generosity team agreed to provide these updates for three months. We plan to continue our updates for the remainder of the year. Team members: 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	July 10th
0% fulfilled	32	24	22	20
1-25% fulfilled	33	12	10	8
26-50% fulfilled	29	52	50	41
51-75% fulfilled	0	3	8	18
76-100% fulfilled	7	11	13	16

\$533,282.63	\$187,129	\$211,292	\$259,907	\$292,458
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Rollover Pledges (28)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	July 10th
0% fulfilled	11	9	8	6
1-25% fulfilled	6	1	1	0
26-50% fulfilled	9	9	10	9
51-75% fulfilled	1	5	3	5
76-100% fulfilled	1	4	6	7
\$101,369	\$15,480	\$53,965	\$59,355	\$65,395

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 Update**

Our \$50,000 Faith and Hope Campaign has 35 members/households who have come forward with a supplemental pledge amount. As of July 10th, 2023, 44.9% of our goal has been raised for a total of \$22,22,460. This is a 0.3% increase of We will continue to share information for this campaign as part of our effort to keep you informed on our Church financial giving status. Our largest budget expenses are Facilities and Personnel. Please consider our Faith and Hope Campaign and give a supplemental pledge. You can access it through our giving portal and ***choosing the 2023 Faith and Hope Fund*** or by sending an e-mail to Tara Hyder, [finance@gcpc.org](mailto:finance@gcpc.org). Here is the link if you don't want to use the QR code. [Give Now \(onrealm.org\)](https://onrealm.org)



### **Pledge Portal**



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