



## Service of Worship — October 29, 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:** Tom Stroud

**HEAD USHER:** Eric Burdette

**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:** Mary Pat Gilbert, Wilma Haney

**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](mailto:office@gcpc.org), or send to [gcpc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:gcpc.prayers@gmail.com).)

**SPOTLIGHT**

**TODAY WE WELCOME REV. MELISSA BOWERS** to the pulpit. Rev. Melissa is a chaplain, ordained pastor, and spiritual director. When she is not helping patients, families, and spiritual seekers, she enjoys motorbiking and gardening. She and her husband, Tim, have three grown children and two grandchildren. They live in Kansas City with their cute poodle, Sparky! You can reach her at [revmomb@aol.com](mailto:revmomb@aol.com).

**THE RED BAG CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS** will be here NEXT Sunday, November 5! Please look for them in the hallway between the concourse and Heartland Hall.

**THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE CHILI SUPPER** will take place in Heartland Hall on Wednesday, November 22, 5:30–6:45pm. Bring your out-of-town-guests, your next-door neighbors, your friend, or just yourself! As an Earth Care Congregation, we are asking everyone to bring their own tableware along with a pot of chili, a pan of cornbread, or a dessert. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/GCPCchili>

**2024 PLEDGE DRIVE:** Our theme for the pledge drive is *What the Future Holds*. The campaign is based 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! You may fill out your pledge, using the enclosed bulletin insert and drop it in the offering plate. Pledge cards are also available on the Generosity bulletin board in the concourse and may be dropped in the inbox outside the Finance Administrator's office. You may also make your pledge online at:



<https://onrealm.org/gcpc/-/form/pledge/2024pledgedoffering>

**THE GCPC WEEKEND CRAFTERS ARE HOSTING A FABRIC ORNAMENT WORKSHOP** on November 3 at 6pm. If you would like to join us, please visit <https://gcpc.org/weekend-crafters/weekend-crafters-fun-with-fabric.html> for more details and to register for this event. We are requesting registration by Monday October 30th.

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT, ADVENT IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER** and Children's Team and Adult Team need some help planning our annual Advent Fair. Think “The Amazing Race”, but instead “The Amazing Journey to Bethlehem” will be our theme. Joel Ilten, from the Adult Team, has some great ideas already, but we need a team to help us pull it off. Please let Angela Krug, [angelakrug@yahoo.com](mailto:angelakrug@yahoo.com) or 913-449-3916, know if you would be interested in heading up this team or being a member of the team to help make this a success!

**ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, HEARTLAND CAMPS AND RETREAT CENTER** will begin a new tradition — an annual Day of Caring to raise \$30,000 to support the overnight camp programs and purchase Bibles we give to all first-time overnight campers. Heartland is committed to offering top-quality summer camp programs that every family can afford. Each overnight camp is subsidized by 50% through the generous support of our friends like you. Several generous donors have pledged up to \$15,000 in matching donations for this event! Please join them to impact all our campers' lives. Visit [www.heartlandcamps.org/donate](http://www.heartlandcamps.org/donate) to make a difference.

**NEED ASSISTANCE FROM THE TECH CREW IN WORSHIP, A CLASS, OR AN EVENT?** If you are wanting to project PowerPoint, a video, or anything else in worship, or if you need assistance for a Sunday school class or event related to media please get it to **Jason Turner, Audio Visual Technician, no later than Thursday by noon prior to the Sunday or three days prior to an event.** His e-mail address is: [gcpc.media@gmail.com](mailto:gcpc.media@gmail.com) Thank you!

**ADULT**

**STARTING THIS SUNDAY, THE ADULT MINISTRIES TEAM is combining Adult Sunday class into one classroom.** In *Room 3* we continue to look at major **World Religions**, their history, evolution, conflicts and inter-relations, with each class presented by a different speaker. This Sunday's class,

presented by Rick Randolph, covers the many tenets of the Islamic faith. To attend via Zoom, please use the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815237214?pwd=TVh4VWZldC9hbGJCL1k5dIViWVlwUT09/>

Meeting ID: 838 1523 7214 / Passcode: GCPC2022. Future classes will conclude with Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism. We hope to see you there!

**THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP WILL MEET NOVEMBER 1 AT 1:30PM** in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

**PAGE TURNERS WILL MEET THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7PM** at Johnnie Baker's house to discuss *Women Talking* by Miriam Toews. Johnnie's address is 8608 W. 152 Terr., Overland Park. (Carpooling suggested since it's on the end of a cul-de-sac!) Please RSVP to 913-219-3893 or [johnniebkr@gmail.com](mailto:johnniebkr@gmail.com). You can also use the Bookclubs' app or Facebook to respond. (The movie adaptation is also good and available on Prime.) Hope to see you on November 2.

## CHILDREN

**OUR ATW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS MEET TODAY.** If you need help finding any of our Sunday school classes, look for more information near our children's bookcase just outside the sanctuary doors.

**TRUNK OR TREAT IS HERE!** Following our Sunday school programming, join us in Heartland Hall for our games and lunch. Our costume parade will follow soon after. Witching you all a Happy Halloween!

## 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
<b>\$527,258*</b>	<b>\$187,129</b>	<b>\$211,292</b>	<b>\$259,907</b>	<b>\$337,665</b>	<b>\$371,416</b>

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
<b>\$101,369</b>	<b>\$15,480</b>	<b>\$53,965</b>	<b>\$59,355</b>	<b>\$68,930</b>	<b>\$71,680</b>

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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