



Service of Worship — September 14, 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 worshipping with us today.

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Frank Slovick

**HEAD USHER:** Eric Burdette

**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.



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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:** Harold Farren, 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.**

**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:** Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, KS

(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**

**THE ANNUAL FALL BBQ POTLUCK** is Saturday, October 4, 5-7pm. We are giving our generous grillers a break this year, and we will be providing pulled BBQ pork (hot dogs for the kids). Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Please plan to bring your own re-usable or compostable products for your tableware. The Dixieland Band will once again bless us with great music. A goodwill donation will be collected to support The Renewed Hope Food Pantry. Sign-ups will be available before and after church, starting today! "Let the good times roll!"

**WEEKEND CRAFTERS FALL WORKSHOP** — GCPC Weekend Crafters will be hosting a Fall Workshop on October 3, 6–8pm in Heartland Hall. We welcome Katee Smith with The Barefoot Builder who will lead us through creating cute winter trees made of wood that measure 32" tall x 16" wide. Katee will assemble the trees for us ahead of time and we will be painting the trees at the workshop. Costs and registration can be found at [gcpc.org/crafters](http://gcpc.org/crafters). Registration ends Friday, September 23 at 10pm. *Invite a friend for a fun crafting evening out!*

**RSVP FOR OUR INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BRACELET PARTY** on **Saturday, November 15, 1–3:30pm** in Heartland Hall. Enjoy an afternoon of fun, creativity and fellowship hosted by the Weekend Crafters Group. Open to all friends and family of GCPC members! No experience necessary. You will need to bring your own supplies, and a plate of cookies to share. FULL DETAILS and RSVP link at [gcpc.org/friendship](http://gcpc.org/friendship).

## ADULT

**NO ADULT EDUCATION THIS WEEK:** Because of other scheduled church events, there will be no adult education classes this week. We're excited to begin our fall session on Sunday, September 21, with two engaging class options:

- Topical Class — Exploring current events that affect our church and community.
- Lectionary Bible Study — A weekly study of the PCUSA lectionary, including reflections on the sermon.

We look forward to expanding our adult education offerings this fall as we grow together in faith and encourage one another in our spiritual journeys. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to Kevin Johnson, Adult Ministry Team moderator.

## CHILDREN

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TODAY:

- ATW and combined Sunday school classes.
- **SMASH** — 4–6pm. (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.)

## MISSION

**KAIROS KLUES: Week 2: SEASON OF CREATION — *Peace with Creation*.** Join us all month long for activities and reflections. **Be sure to check out the bulletin board outside Heartland Hall for more information. Jeremiah 4:23–26**

When humanity turns away from God and Justice, creation suffers.

- **Peace:** Find the dove in a window of the sanctuary — note: God HAS NOT given up. What words come to you for peace in creation?
- **Environment:** As you walk/travel the community this week, do you notice a site of degradation, an environmental breakdown as a result of human sin and disobedience? Reflect on actions that add to or improve your God gifted home.
- **Justice:** Earth is NOT separate from human action — it is DEEPLY affected by our choices. What choices have you made to care for God's creation?

**SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT:** PCUSA's Peace and Global Witness Special Offering. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering promotes the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations keep up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. If you'd like to support the Peace and Global Witness offering, just use the "Communion" option in the online

portal or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope and turn in your donation by September 30.

**NO DONATION PARTNER FOR SEPTEMBER:** The 2025 Mission Calendar indicates that the September Donation Partner will be Care Beyond the Boulevard. However, CBTB is not accepting in-kind donations currently due to lack of storage space. We'll resume the donation partner program in October. In the meantime, donations of non-perishable food for the Renewed Hope Food Pantry are always welcome 24/7/365! Items for Renewed Hope go in the left-side bin in the Weekday Entrance.



# Upcoming Events and Services

*(Save these dates)*

## — 2025 —

### **Weekend Crafters Mini-Retreat**

Friday, October 3, 6-8pm

RSVP by September 26

Details and Registration at [gcpc.org/crafters](http://gcpc.org/crafters)

### **Fall BBQ w/Dixieland Band**

Saturday, October 4, 5pm

### **World Communion Sunday**

Sunday, October 5, 9:30am

### **CROP Walk**

October 12, 2pm

### **Trunk or Treat**

Sunday, October 26, 11:45am-1pm

### **Intergenerational**

### **Friendship Bracelet Making Party**

Saturday, November 15, 1-3:30pm

Heartland Hall

RSVP at [gcpc.org/friendship](http://gcpc.org/friendship)

### **Advent Begins**

Sunday, November 30, 9:30am

### **A Christmas Exclamation!**

Sunday, December 7, 6pm

### **The Longest Night**

Sunday, December 21, 7pm

### **Christmas Eve Worship**

Wednesday, December 24

5pm Family Service

8pm Traditional Service

## — 2026 —

### **Bingo Night**

Friday, January 23, Time TBA

### **Olympic Family Event**

Saturday, January 31, Time TBA

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, February 17, Time TBA

### **Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, February 18

### **Palm Sunday**

March 29, 9:30am

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 2, 7pm

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 4, Time TBA

### **Good Friday**

Friday, April 3, 7pm

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 5, 9am and 11am

### **Youth Sunday**

Sunday, April 12, 9:30am

### **Trivia Night**

Saturday, April 18, Time TBA

### **Vacation Bible School**

June 1-5, 9am-Noon

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](http://gcpc.org/calendar)