



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — September 8, 2024

*“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: Barbara Douglas

HEAD USHERS: Dave & Vicki Peck

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, and it will take you to the link.



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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, Katie Rickley, David Schesser

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: Argentine United Presbyterian, Kansas City, KS; Elder's Circle – New Worshipping Community; Iglesia Príncipe de Paz, Olinthepeque (MQP); Heartland Presbyterian Center Camp Board of Directors; Art Church – New Worshipping Community; Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting — September 10

(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

REDUCE, RECYCLE, RE-USE: Today and September 15, we are having our third Reduce, Recycle, Reuse giveaway. Please gather after worship to peruse the tables in the concourse. Come see the goodies we are giving away!

IN OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY ERA: Intergenerational Friendship Bracelet Making Party, Saturday, September 21, 1–3pm in Heartland Hall. Open to all friends and family of GCPC members. In the spirit of our "40th Anniversary ERA," GCPC's Weekend Crafters Group is celebrating friendship by hosting this fun event. To keep this as a free event, no supplies will be provided for you. Please bring your own. Having your own supplies will ensure you can continue to make bracelets to share with family and friends. Please bring a dozen cookies (of any kind) to share. FULL DETAILS and RSVP found at gcpc.org/friendship.

40TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS AND VIDEO: GCPC will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in June 2025. The 40th Anniversary Committee is in the process of gathering photos, stories, video and

assistance in telling the history of Grace Covenant and we need your help! **Digital photos or videos:** If you have digital photos or videos that you can share with us, upload them through the church's website at <https://gcpc.org/40>. **What do we want?** We are looking for photos that tell the story of GCPC and show our members and families. Here is a "general" list: weddings, baptisms, VBS, BBQs, special events, Easter, Christmas Eve photos from all years, mission trips, Sunday school, mission projects, small groups, Star Sunday, choral and bell performances from all years, members wearing GCPC T-shirts, potluck dinners, pancake suppers, trunk or treat ... etc. **Share your story in video:** We are seeking individuals and families to share their GCPC stories and memories on SHORT (under 3 minute) videos to share on our website, in worship and on social media. If you are interested in being a part of this project, contact [Kim Krueger](#) with questions.

ADULT

JOIN THE ADULT CLASS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, FOR DIVIDING LINES: A HISTORY OF SEGREGATION IN KANSAS CITY. This session will focus on how local, state, and federal government acted to keep Kansas City segregated throughout past decades and even now. As a bonus to this class, you are encouraged to download VoiceMap from your favorite app store or the link below. This application includes a number of guided tours of interest to those who live in the metropolitan area. Beginning at Shawnee Mission East, the app will lead you through Prairie Village to Mission Hills then into Missouri where housing patterns have been impacted intentionally to separate people of color from the more privileged white families. The tour will require about two hours of time with views of Troost, the Paseo, 18th and Vine, and many other locations that result from actions in Kansas City's history. VoiceMap can be found by scanning the QR code or here: <https://voicemap.me/tour/kansas-city/dividing-lines-a-history-of-segregation-in-kansas-city>



CHILDREN

OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS CONTINUE TODAY with ATW, music, and Sunday school. Please stop by the Children's bookshelf outside the sanctuary if you need further information.

MISSION

SEPTEMBER DONATION PARTNER AND COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT: Johnson County Christmas Bureau. JCCB is a nonprofit supporting our low-income neighbors in Johnson County. Their mission is to provide warmth and support during the winter holiday season to low-income families, and to increase awareness and understanding of poverty in Johnson County. This year we are collecting new and gently used books for JCCB, including board books, children's books in English and Spanish, young adult books, adult fiction books, and Bibles. Please leave your donations in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime in September. If you like, you can order a book from the Amazon wish list (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2EB37DH1V7SN5?ref=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_5) and it will be delivered directly to JCCB. If you'd like to support JCCB with a

financial donation, 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.

KAIROS PEACE POLE PICNIC: Join us on Friday, September 13, at 5:30pm to view the Peace Pole Art Project at Black Hoof Park, Stone Wall Shelter. Bring a picnic meal, and we’ll have some fellowship and a short discussion about these peace poles and what would your peace pole include? Black Hoof Park is at 9053 Monticello Rd., Lenexa, KS 66220. Follow the signs to the Boat Dock for parking. You can easily locate the Stone Wall shelter and picnic tables to your left. Our Peace Pole Picnic event supports our Kairos Peace & Justice advocacy pillar. Rain out date is September 20. The Peace Poles Community Art Project is a series of poles designed by community members and adorned with original art and messages of peace. The display began in May and continues through September 30. Questions? Contact Jane Knoche, jeknoche@att.net.

THE GOOD FAITH NETWORK is an organization composed of faith-based organizations and individuals who seek to foster a more just society. This fall the Good Faith Network will be holding Listening Sessions for members and potential members to hear about how we as a community perceive and understand justice in fostering an equitable society. Following the Listening Sessions, the Network is able to identify key issues important to its membership. These issues become the focus of the collective strength of the Good Faith Network as it seeks to transform ideas into action that bring about change. Addressing the need for a mental health crisis center, the need for affordable housing and the need to respond to homelessness have been the Good Faith Network’s top priorities. If you are interested in attending a Listening Session, please contact one of the following: Dave Pack: djpack.12645@gmail.com, Don or Joy Wilson: donjoywilson@gmail.com, Eileen Thomson: esthompson@gmail.com.

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