



Service of Worship — August 6, 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: Barbara Douglas

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.



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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, Gardner, KS; Iglesia Espiritu Santo, La Cumbre (MQP)

(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

PREACHING THIS MORNING IS STEPHEN WING. Stephen Wing is not Stephen King (as accidentally announced last Sunday). He does not write horror stories, nor does he even like reading them. He does like baking, especially bread. And he loves playing Chase 'Em with his two young grandchildren. Stephen is actually a 5'2" mass hypnotist, who hypnotizes crowds of people into believing he is really 6'9". Stephen Wing is also a retired Presbyterian pastor whose ministry spanned 40 years. He has served churches in Kansas, Nebraska and California, mostly in small town, rural settings. He has two grown children and two grandchildren. Stephen attends Grace Covenant and sings and plays with the Praise Team.

WELCOME OUR NEW AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN, JASON TURNER, TO GCPC. Jason has a full range of Film Experience. Since the year 2000 he has worked as a filmmaker, producer, screenwriter, director, editor, and cinematographer. He also has extensive experience and skills in media including producing videos, social media, film reviews/articles, streaming, and voiceovers. He has won multiple awards at film festivals around the country. In the academic world Jason is nearing completion of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Digital Cinematography at Full Sail University. Finally, one of his best decisions was to become engaged to Bob & Linda's

daughter, Andrea Dover. You can see why we are excited to have Jason join our staff. "Welcome, Jason!"

SNEAK-A-PEEK IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 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.
- Are you interested in Adult Sunday School programming? Head over to Room 3 to learn more.

PLAN TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S MINISTRY FAIR ON AUGUST 13, 10:30AM. 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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS REMINDER: The new school year is about to begin, and we want to send our children, youth, and educators back to school with a blessing from our congregation and a reminder that God and GCPC are always there to support them. **Bring your backpack to worship next Sunday, August 13,** and receive a special tag with a blessing for the school year.

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, with any questions.

PAGE TURNERS will meet at Anne Stroud's home on Thursday, August 10, at 7 pm to pick the books for the coming year. RSVP: annestroud845@gmail.com or 913--515-6084. All are welcome.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: GCPC Children's Team is working on our fall Sunday school planning. We have two urgent needs.

- Our preschool teaching team needs at least one more teacher to join our team of teachers. These teachers will lead our darling preschool children through their first year of Sunday school programming.
- 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.

Again, each of these positions has a team of teachers working together. This allows the team to accommodate any week where one teacher may not be available to help. We also have a list of substitute teachers who can fill in as needed too. We can work with anyone's schedule who might be feeling called to help our GCPC children. Please contact the children's team at gcpcchildren@gmail.com to let us know of your interest. We'll help answer any questions or help you get plugged into these rewarding opportunities to work with our children. Thank you!

YOUTH

BRKTHROUGH: Thank you to everyone who came to BRKThrough last Sunday. We had such an amazing time, and we had an amazing turn out! Congratulations to Conor, Morgan, Natalie, and Brandon for taking the high score, and placing 14th overall. Check out the pictures on the BAND or GCPC Facebook page!

SUMMIT WAVES: The Presbyterian youth groups from across the city are gathering on August 13 at Summit Waves. If you are interested in coming, please let Lindsay know as soon as possible, as we need to buy tickets ahead of time. Each participant will be responsible for their own transportation (unless a parent wants to volunteer to carpool!). Dinner will be provided by GCPC!

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 Summit Waves and RoKC, so join the band!



MISSION

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 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!

JOCO IHN — OUR HOMELESS SUPPORT PROGRAM: This Sunday we are scheduled for our 78th rotation to house situationally homeless guests at Grace Covenant. Last Saturday the family of 9 that stayed with us in June graduated. Christine Caseres and Jane Knoche would like to thank you again for all the support you provided in June. Currently we have one guest in the program and will know by Thursday if we will be hosting or if they will house the guest in a hotel for our rotation week.

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

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. Here is the link if you don't want to use the QR code. [Give Now \(onrealm.org\)](https://onrealm.org)



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