



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — August 11, 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: Paul Bruns

HEAD USHER: Steve Becher

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.



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: George Moody and family in the death of Catherine Moody. (Memorial: August 13, Reception 10:30am, Service 11am.)

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: David Schesser, Bryan Evans, Jerry McMaster

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: 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

THE MINISTRY FAIR IS TODAY IN HEARTLAND HALL, following worship. Plan to stop by and see the small groups and church teams highlighted. This is a time to sign up for what interests you.

THE ANNUAL BAKER/REYNOLDS GOLF SCRAMBLE will be August 25 at Falcon Valley Golf Course. (First tee time at 1pm.) This is the 19th year of this event, benefiting the Youth of GCPC, in memory of Larry Baker and Reggie Reynolds. If you are interested in playing in this year's scramble, donating to the fund, or participating in the Silent Auction, see your bulletin inserts.

“THIS IS GRACE” — NEW MEMBERS’ CLASS will be held on Sunday, August 18, following the worship service, at 10:45am in Room 4. The class is led by Rev. Karen Wright and is open to all. This is the best way to get an overview of the church. First-time visitors and long-time friends are encouraged to attend to get questions answered and to discover the exciting ways Grace Covenant carries out God’s work. There is no assumption on our part that you will join following the class. The class will include a discussion on the meaning of membership and “Everything you’ve wanted to ask a pastor but have been unable to ask.” If you are interested, please contact

the church office, 913-345-1256, or Kathy Williams, 913-485-1776 or kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE — OCTOBER 13 — FOR WORKSHIP 2024! Plans are underway for Workshop Sunday on October 13. We hope to offer a couple of new service projects this year, so stay tuned for more information and sign-up details in September!

40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS: 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!

- **Printed photos:** There will be a table at the August 11 Ministry Fair staffed by committee members who can scan your 4x6 (or other sized photos) on-the-spot to add to our digital library. All we ask is that you have them face-up and sorted by the same size. We can scan them in seconds and give them right back to you.
- **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. Everything from current to years past! 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.

ADULT

DURING THE SUMMER, THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet in members' homes for monthly book discussions. Everyone is welcome to join us — whether or not you have read the book. Contact Cheryl Johnson at agathatoo@gmail.com if you have questions:

- **August 15 @ 9:30 a.m.** *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* by Ann Spangler at Lee Mattix's house (11107 W. 132nd Court). RSVP to Lee at lamattix@gmail.com.

CHILDREN

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR IS BEGINNING, and we want to send our teachers and students back with a blessing. Whether you have brought your backpack today or not, we want to share a backpack tag with you to remind you that God is with you.

AS ALWAYS, OUR NURSERY IS OPEN FOR INFANTS AND ABOVE during worship and Sunday School. Carolyn, Cathy, and Meg are always excited to see our kiddos. Stop by and say, "Hello." You'll find them in Room 22.

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP IN HEARTLAND HALL FOR OUR MINISTRY FAIR. Stop by our Children's Ministry table to learn about this year's activities and update your child's information for us. We have put together a "Sneak-a-Peek" Scavenger hunt for children of all ages too.

NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, our normal Sunday morning activities resume.

- Our children ages 4–2nd grade are invited to attend our Awakening to Worship experience during worship. After Children's Time, you'll find our ATW greeter in the back of the sanctuary to escort our children to our ATW room (Room 12). Parents can pick up their children at the conclusion of worship.
- Our Sunday School programming begins at 10:45am, and we begin with music time each week. Please stop by the Children's bookshelf outside the sanctuary if you need further information.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, IS ALSO SMASH SUNDAY. We'll hold our summer water play event, 4–5pm in the courtyard. Children K - 5th/6th are invited to attend. Please wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. See you then.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS who help run our children's programs. We appreciate you.

MISSION

AUGUST DONATION PARTNER — CROSS-LINES: Cross-Lines was established in 1963 as “a place of hope” for those struggling with the hardships of poverty, providing direct assistance to at-risk families, the elderly, and single individuals struggling to make ends meet. 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. You can help Cross-Lines by donating one of the items from their basic needs list below. Please leave your donation in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime during August.

- diapers (especially sizes 4, 5, and 6)
- shampoo
- deodorant
- toothpaste
- razors
- laundry detergent
- dish soap

AUGUST COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT: MISSION CO-WORKERS: PCUSA's mission co-workers serve in a variety of settings around the world and support the overall mission of the Presbyterian Church. Co-workers' assignments are generally in the areas of:

- evangelism
- global education
- community development
- health ministries
- peace and justice
- interfaith dialogue

Their call to service includes a commitment to partnership and mutuality in the work they perform. If you'd like to support the Mission Coworkers, just use the "Communion" option in the online portal or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope and turn in your donation by August 30.

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