



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — October 6, 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 worshiping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Lara Schesser

HEAD USHERS: Mike & Susan Fitzgerald

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

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: David Schesser

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: Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Iglesia Getsemaní, Pachaj, Cantel (MQP); Heartland Presbytery Mission and Social Justice

(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

OUR CHILDREN'S TEAM IS EXCITED TO INVITE EVERYONE TO OUR ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT on Sunday, October 27, at approximately 11:45am for a hot dog lunch, games and of course Trunk or Treating. We are looking for a few donations and for people to host a trunk or volunteer for our event. Please visit our SignUpGenius if you are able to help: <https://bit.ly/GCPCTrunks2024>

BEING PART OF A CONNECTIONAL CHURCH, Grace Covenant pledges to support the operations of our General Assembly, Synod of Mid-America, and Heartland Presbytery. **The 2024 per capita is \$43.94 per member.** The Session has pledged to give that full amount. We invite each member to prayerfully consider giving his or her \$43.94 to offset this expense in GCPC's budget. We hope to have all who are able to provide our part in supporting the work of our leaders and officers within The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Checks may be made out to GCPC with "per capita" in the memo line. Thank you.

SAVERS FUNDRAISER FOR 40TH ANNIVERSARY: Workshop Sunday is October 13, an annual event where we gather for a short worship service, then we participate in service projects. One of the

six projects this year is assisting with sorting items donated by members for a **Savers FUNdraiser for our 40th Anniversary fund**. SEE BELOW for a list of items that Savers accepts for this FUNdraiser. ALL ITEMS must be clean and in sellable condition. Please bring and leave in Room 19b (lower level) before October 13, or contact Kristy Shaw to work out drop-off coordination.

- **Clothes:** men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.
- **Household Textiles:** bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.
- **Small Household Goods:** kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics.
- **Books & Media:** paperback, hard cover — all genres. media needs to be boxed separately.
*No encyclopedias or textbooks.

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS WANTED! Once again, we will be making mats from plastic grocery bags for the **Starfish Project, on Workship Sunday, October 13**. We are going to need **LOTS & LOTS of clean, dry plastic bags** (think Walmart bags). Please leave bags in the barrel in the concourse anytime through October 8. Contact Mikki Walker with questions. Project Starfish distributes these mats to unhoused individuals to ensure they won't have to sleep on the bare ground.

DONATIONS NEEDED: One of our projects for Workship Sunday will be tying quilts for Uplift, and we are out of batting! If you are interested in donating for the project, please purchase the minimum size 72x90" 80/20 (cotton/poly blend) batting and put it in the Peacemaker's bin in the Weekday Entrance. JoAnn Fabric frequently puts it on sale, or you might purchase from Amazon and have it delivered to Donna Heer (10915 S Barker Rd, Olathe 66061) — link attached. Thank you for helping! https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07B4Y7ZY9/?coliid=I1N5NUWFBNS1LP&colid=3G4MV2HOPSTJO&ref=list_c_wl_lv_ov_lig_dp_it&th=1

COMMUNION PREPARATION: We need someone to be in charge of communion preparation starting in January. This person(s) does not necessarily have to do the communion prep each month but just needs to make sure the supplies are there and that someone is doing the prep. Please contact Chelly King (913-634-4450) or Kathy Bures (913-302-1755) for more information.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3: The November 3 bulletin will contain an insert with the names of those who have passed since All saints' Sunday, 2023 (November 5, 2023). If you would like to include the name of a relative or friend who has passed this past year, please send that person's name to office@gcpc.org *no later than noon on Wednesday, October 23*.

CHILDREN

JOIN US FOR OUR NORMAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING TODAY. If you need further information, please check the Children's Bookcase outside the sanctuary for details.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: Join us Sunday, October 27, at approximately 11:45am for a hot dog lunch, games and of course Trunk or Treating. Invite your family and friends. Let's boo this!

MISSION

CROP WALK 2024: Grace Covenant's CROP Walk tradition continues TODAY at 2pm at Country Club Christian Church, 6101 Ward Parkway.

MAKE PLANS TO DONATE BLOOD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, between 2–6pm, in Heartland Hall at GCPC! All donors will be entered into a sweepstakes for a chance to win two Chiefs tickets and a parking pass! New donors are always welcome! Contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or swbyrdks@gmail.com, with questions.

Sign up here: https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/83532

OCTOBER DONATION PARTNER AND COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT: The published 2024 Mission calendar indicated that we would be supporting Duchesne Clinic in October as the donation partner and communion offering recipient. However, Duchesne Clinic unfortunately closed earlier this year. Therefore, we will instead be supporting:

Donation Partner — Care Beyond the Boulevard

Care Beyond the Boulevard takes free, high-quality medical care to people experiencing homelessness in Kansas City through both traditional clinics and on their mobile bus clinic. You can find more information at <https://www.carebeyondtheboulevard.org/>. To aid them in their mission, we'll be collecting:

- blankets (any size larger than baby blankets)
- Adult-size coats
- toothbrushes, toothpaste
- deodorant
- combs/picks
- body wash
- wet wipes
- razors
- batteries
- dryer sheets or bug spray
- sunscreen
- socks

Please leave donations in the weekday entrance bin any time in October.

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 October 30.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE AT RENEWED HOPE FOOD PANTRY: ReNewed Hope makes a significant impact for good in our community by helping solve the problem of food insecurity. Many GCPC members have already volunteered at ReNewed Hope, and food donations may always be left in the bin in the Weekday Entrance. The pantry has volunteer opportunities on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, and Friday evenings. Please check out their website for more information: <https://renewedhopefoodpantry.org/>

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