



Service of Worship — May 26, 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: Kristy Shaw

HEAD USHER: Eric Burdette

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.



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: Shirley Faulwell

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, Katie Rickley

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

(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 VBS DECORATING TEAM WELCOMES ANY HELPING HANDS to our work time over the next few weeks. Here is our list of dates and time:

Tuesday, May 28: 10am–12pm; BREAK and then 1–4pm

Wednesday, May 29: 10am–12pm

Thursday, May 30: 10am–12pm; BREAK and then 1–4pm

Friday, May 31: 10am–12pm; BREAK, then 1–4pm

Saturday, June 1: 10am–1pm; 2–6pm;

Sunday, June 2: 11am–1pm; 6pm–8pm

Please contact Kristy Shaw or Christy Soule if you plan to attend with us. Many times we meet in Heartland Hall.

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

HELP WANTED: Would you like to help Grace Covenant stride into its future? Our Generosity Team meeting date is flexible and only one hour. Participation by Zoom is available. Once a month, the team meets to review pledge fulfillment. Quarterly we meet with the Finance Team. Come share your ideas and dreams! Our pledge drive planning begins in July and culminates in November. Please contact Rev. Karen Wright or Jane Knoche for more information.

ADULT

ADULT EDUCATION: We will be playing a lively game of Bible Jeopardy this Sunday in adult education! Join us for some fun!

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet June 5 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *East of Troost* by Ellen Barker. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

PAGE TURNERS will discuss *A Dangerous Business* by Jane Smiley on June 6, 7pm at Barb Brown's home: 12337 Noland, Overland Park. Everyone is welcome! Contact Barb at: brownchat8@gmail.com or 913-709-2761.

CHILDREN

OUR ATW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING has ended for our 2023–24 school year. Thank you again to all of our families and volunteers for a great and memorable year.

VBS IS ALMOST HERE! JUNE 3–7 — If you have a camper who is not yet registered, please contact any Children's Team member, and we'll work out the details with you. **We love our VBS volunteers and if you would like to help us provide snacks/treats** for them during VBS, we would love your donation. Homemade and store-bought goodies are perfect. Fresh fruit, meat & cheese, brownies and coffee cake have been favorites in years past. Please bring them by the kitchen anytime this week and mark for VBS. We are excited for a fantastic week of VBS!

MUSIC

REZOUND!, A NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED HANDBELL ENSEMBLE, will present a concert at GCPC on Friday, May 31, at 7pm as part of its 2024 Spring Concert Series. Join us for an evening of well-loved tunes and enthralling original compositions. With 16 musicians and more than 300 individual handbells and chimes, each lending its unique timbre to the overall musical voice of the performance, a Rezound! concert is like a symphony of bells. We are pleased to announce that our own Trey Bures, Lindsay Callender, Jill Endaya-Allen, and Marshall Allen are ringers in this outstanding ensemble. See you there!

MISSION

BAKER/REYNOLDS GOLF SCRAMBLE 2024: I have reserved Sunday, August 25, at Falcon Valley Golf Course for this year's event. More details and sign-up information will be provided beginning in mid-July. I wanted to get the date published so those interested can mark their calendars. As we did in 2022, I am in the process of obtaining some items for auction to supplement the

fundraising for this event! Feel free to reach out to me if you or your businesses have an interest in providing auction items or being a sponsor for one of the holes in the scramble. Get ready! — Bill Turner, 99wdturner@gmail.com

MAY COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IS CROP HUNGER WALK: CROP Hunger Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States. They support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in Bismarck, North Dakota (1969), and York, Pennsylvania (1970). Since then, CROP Hunger Walk events have been held in hundreds of communities, large and small, raising millions of dollars to eradicate hunger and poverty. Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime. The Heart of America CROP Walk won't take place until this fall, but we can support the global CROP organization now. If you'd like to support the CROP Walk, just use the "Communion" option in the online portal or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope. Thanks as always for GCPC's amazing generosity!

GENEROSITY

GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATE — WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS: The generosity of Grace Covenant continues! As we come to mid-May we have seen an increase in submitted pledges from 103 to 114. We are not quite 40% of the way through the year and we have received 48% of the pledges, which is amazing. We give thanks for those who pay all or most of their pledge at the beginning of the year, but we are just as grateful for the continued generosity throughout the year.

As we move into the summer months, please don't forget about giving of your time, talent, and treasure at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. Generosity is about the spirit in which we live our lives in response to the love God has given freely to us. This community has been generous in the first 39 years of ministry and continues to be so today and for whatever the future holds.

Here is our giving progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (114)	March 31st	May 21st
0-25% fulfilled	76	37
26-50% fulfilled	20	56
51-75% fulfilled	1	4
76-100% fulfilled	17	17
\$599,410	\$214,344	\$287,477

Rollover	March 31st	May 21st
Pledges (16)		
0-25% fulfilled	10	6
26-50% fulfilled	5	8
51-75% fulfilled	0	1
76-100% fulfilled	1	1
\$34,662	\$6,668	\$10,019

Four groupings are used to show giving progress and calendar relationship. They are 0-25%, 26-50%, 51-75%, 76-100%. Each pledge falls into one of these groups.

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