



Service of Worship — July 27, 2025

*"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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Chelly King in loving memory of her husband, Gary Dubois.

ELDER ON DUTY: Kristy Shaw

HEAD USHERS: John & Mary Pat Gilbert

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.



CONTACTING STAFF: The main office is open 8am–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

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, David Schesser, Tom Jennings, Mary Ann Weyforth

Aging Challenges: Lee Will, Stewart Nelson, Charlie Bogan

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Clara Frye, Eliana Wilson. **All veterans, deployed military, and reservists.**

Our Global Ecumenical Liaisons: 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: Maya Quiché Presbytery; Heartland Presbytery New Worshipping Community Commission

(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

ENCOREKC! FOUNDATION PRESENTS ENCOREKC! CHORUS AND ACT II in a summer pops concert "Don't Stop Us Now: Songs That Move Us" **TODAY** at 3pm at Grace United Methodist Church in Olathe, 11485 S Ridgeview. EncoreKC! Chorus and Act II are choruses for anyone over 50 years of age. Come and join us!

THE ROSE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE is in celebration of Beckham Mitchell Johnson, born to Laura Johnson's brother, Matt, and his wife, Tara. This sweet little one is the very first grandchild in their family, making his arrival all the more special. Laura asks for prayers of gratitude for Beckham's safe delivery and for continued blessings over this beautiful new family of three.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE MINISTRY FAIR ON AUGUST 10 in Heartland Hall, following worship. This is a chance to see what small groups and teams are available and where you might want to get connected with other church members.

40TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES: Church member Kim Krueger is researching, writing, and designing a GCPC 40th Anniversary History and Memory Book, which we hope to complete by year's end. We're accepting contributions to the memory book portion through July 31,

2025. Share your memories at gcpc.org/memories. Questions? Contact Kim at kimgoeckler@outlook.com.

40TH ANNIVERSARY FUND: In gratitude for the ministry of Grace Covenant, we invite you to make an offering to our 40th Anniversary Fund. Your gift supports the Facilities Reserve Account, helping us care for our church building for future generations of ministry and mission. Join us in this journey of faith. Thank you for being part of our story — and the story which is still unfolding. Donate at gcpc.org/40thFund.

KAIROS SELLING GROCERY BAGS: After service today reusable grocery bags will be for sale for \$3 in the concourse. Buy one and share one to encourage recycling. Additional funds above \$3 will be used to help PeaceWorks Kansas City.

ADULT

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet August 6 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Caretaker* by Ron Rash. This is a change from the previous schedule. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

PAGE TURNERS' NEXT MEETING will be its annual book selection evening. (*Send your book suggestions to Janice Spence spence.j.m.797@gmail.com no later than July 31.*) Don't forget to bring your book if you have a copy to share with us to help us decide. The group will meet August 7, 7pm at Jo Randolph's, 2541 W. 89th St., Leawood, KS 66206. RSVP jrandolph4407@gmail.com.

DURING THEIR SUMMER HIATUS, THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP is meeting monthly to discuss a book with spiritual aspects. Everyone is invited to join us. The final meeting of the summer is August 14 at 9:30 a.m. The group will discuss *Stone Yard Devotional* by Charlotte Wood at Cindy Schendel's house (11654 Grant Dr). RSVP to Cindy at: cschen56@hotmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Johnson at agathatoo@gmail.com.

CHILDREN

UPCOMING FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

- **Today and August 3** — Summer Break for all ages: no Sunday school or activities.
- **August 10** — Ministry Fair after worship AND! Bring your backpacks to worship for the blessing of the backpacks!
- **August 17** — First ATW, and regular Sunday school classes of the school year for all ages!

NURSERY CARE — available during worship: We love seeing and hearing our children in worship, but if you prefer, our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in Room 22, in the children's wing. Worship bags are available on the bookshelf in the narthex for children who stay in worship.

MISSION

THE RETURN OF WORK WITH HABITAT KC AT GCPC! We have one remaining date set up for eight GCPC members to volunteer at the Habitat KC construction site in southern Olathe — August 26. If you're interested in the August date, register at <https://build.habitatkc.org/reservations/21409?auth=1750174782> by noon on Friday, August 12. You'll get an e-mail after registering inviting you to complete the volunteer application — this must be completed by the deadline! Spots are on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't wait until the last minute. If you have questions, reach out to Mikki at michala.walker@gmail.com.

JULY DONATION PARTNER — SAFEHOME is a domestic violence shelter in Overland Park. Their core purpose is to provide a healing atmosphere where survivors of domestic violence can gain inner strength, explore options, and be empowered to live a life free of abuse. You can help Safehome execute their important mission by donating an item from the list below; just leave donations in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime during July. Please note all items must be new, and toiletries must be full-sized.

- new hand & body towels
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- new pillows
- new twin sized comforters
- new twin sized sheet sets
- shower curtains + rings
- diapers (size 5 & 6)
- small laundry baskets
- full sized shampoo, conditioner, body wash & hand soap
- deodorant
- hair brushes
- small trash cans
- plastic cutlery
- disposable plates/bowls

JULY COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FROM 2025 MISSION CALENDAR: The July Communion Offering will be directed to the PCUSA Global Ecumenical Partnership Fund. Our original Mission Calendar indicated that the July Offering would be directed to Mission Coworkers. In January 2025, PCUSA leadership announced planned reductions in the number of mission co-workers by at least 50 percent due to financial constraints. The remaining Mission Co-workers have been re-designated as Global Ecumenical Liaisons. You can read more about the changes and what the Liaisons do [here](#). The 2025 Mission Calendar indicates that Communion Offering for July and August will be directed to the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Mission Co-workers, respectively. We will direct the July Communion Offering to the Global Ecumenical Partnership fund under the new Interim Unified Agency — this is as close as we can get to funding what was the Presbyterian Mission Agency — and we'll redirect the August offering to Habitat for Humanity. If you have individual gifts directed to the account that was used to fund the mission coworkers (account [E132192](#)), those gifts will now be used to support the Global Ecumenical Liaisons. Please contact Mikki Walker (michala.walker@gmail.com) with any questions.

Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

EncoreKC! Concert

"Don't Stop Us Now"

July 27, 3pm

Grace United Methodist Church
11485 S. Ridgeview Rd., Olathe

Ministry Fair, Sneak-a-Peek and Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 10, 10:30am

New Members welcomed in worship and Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 17, 9:30am

Noisy Offering

Sunday, August 24, 9:30am

Rev. Karen Wright Installation

Sunday, August 24, 3pm

Worship in the Park

Meadowbrook Park (91st & Nall)
Grand Pavilion (SE Corner) Prairie Village
(Lunch following)

Sunday, September 7, 9:30am

Generosity Town Hall

Stewardship Stories & Scrambled Eggs

"Sharing a meal, sharing our mission"

(Brunch following worship)

Sunday, September 14, 10:30am

Weekend Crafters Mini-Retreat

Friday, October 3, 6-8pm

Details TBA

Fall BBQ w/Dixieland Band

Saturday, October 4, 5pm

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 5, 9:30am

CROP Walk

October 12, 2pm

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26, 11:45am-1pm

Intergenerational Friendship Bracelet Making Party

Saturday, November 15, 1-3:30pm

Heartland Hall

RSVP at gcpc.org/friendship

A Christmas Exclamation!

Sunday, December 7, 6pm

The Longest Night

Sunday, December 21, 7pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 24, 5pm and 8pm

Bingo Night

Friday, January 23, Time TBA

Trivia Night

Saturday, April 18, Time TBA



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Details on these events and services
are shared in the midweek email, bulletin,
newsletter, and Facebook and Instagram.

For an online church calendar,
visit gcpc.org/calendar