



Service of Worship — June 15, 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 in memory of Mary Ann Wilson from the Gene Wilson family .

ELDER ON DUTY: Mary Ann Weyforth

HEAD USHER: Richard & Berdine Eby

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 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, Albany, MO; Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Appleton City, MO; Parkville Living — New Worshiping Community

(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

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed Thursday, June 19, in recognition of Juneteenth.

VISIT THE INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STATIONS in Heartland Hall, following worship today. Some stations will be Father's Day themed. There will be crafts, a card-making station, a coffee talk table with guided questions for discussion, a reading station, and some games — something for everyone of all ages to enjoy. Bring a father figure with you, or just come and enjoy!

RSVP NOW FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE & BRUNCH on Sunday, June 22, 9:30am with brunch following! All are welcome to attend the brunch, but to plan for food and seating, we request you RSVP no later than June 16 at: gcpc.org/40th-rsvp.

"I'M SO GLAD: KANSAS CITY AND THE ROOTS OF BLACK GOSPEL MUSIC," a documentary, will be shown **Sunday, July 13, 3–6pm** in the Grace Covenant sanctuary. This event is open to all. Child care for children aged five and under will be available by reservation. To reserve a spot,

please e-mail the church office at office@gcpc.org with your name, the number of children, and their ages. Reservation deadline is Monday, July 7, at noon. For more information about the documentary presentation, please contact annestroud845@gmail.com.

MAKE PLANS TO DONATE BLOOD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, between 2–6pm, in Heartland Hall at GCPC! 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/auth/signin>

WHAT IS PER CAPITA? Per capita is an annual per member apportionment assessed by the General Assembly (Book of Order, G-3.0106), to enable Presbyterians mutually and equitably to share the ecclesiastical and administrative costs of sustaining our witness to Christ through all the levels of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 2025, the amount requested from each member of a Heartland Presbytery congregation is \$44.98. Please donate your Per Capita donation via our secure payment portal at <https://onrealm.org/gcpc/-/form/give/KKHVZUJVDW>

INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BRACELET PARTY — POSTPONED TO THE FALL. Information will be shared when it is rescheduled.

ADULT

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 meetings are all on a Thursday in members' homes. Here are the details:

- July 17 @ 9:30 a.m.: *The Just Kitchen* by Derrick Weston and Anna Woofenden. Discussion will be at Glenda Johnson's house (11712 W. 108th St). RSVP to Glenda at: geojohnso@aol.com.
- August 14 @ 9:30 a.m.: *Stone Yard Devotional* by Charlotte Wood. Discussion will be 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.

MUSIC

EMBELLISH HANDBELL ENSEMBLE — JULY 8: We are thrilled to welcome Embellish, a premier handbell ensemble from Western Michigan, for a special concert on the evening of July 8 at 7pm in the GCPC Sanctuary! There is no cost to attend, but a love offering is appreciated to help offset the cost of the ensemble's travel. Join us for an unforgettable night of inspiring music. You won't want to miss this!

CHILDREN

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 GOOD FAITH NETWORK INVITES YOU to hear about and to celebrate the past year's work advocating for elder care, homelessness, affordable housing and mental health. We will meet at the Islamic Center of Johnson County, 9005 W. 151st Street, Overland Park, on Sunday, June 29, 3–4:30pm. For any questions or for more information please contact:

Dave Pack: dipack.12645@gmail.com

Don or Joy Wilson: donjoywilson@gmail.com

Eileen Thomson: esthompson@gmail.com

JUNE DONATION PARTNER — THE STARFISH PROJECT: The Starfish Project is a nonprofit in Olathe that works to meet the basic needs of the community. It provides food, clothing, toiletries, haircuts, vision and dental screenings, services to help keep kids in school and grown-ups employed, training for new social workers, and more. The organization currently serves over 2,000 people a month! Please consider helping Project Starfish achieve its mission by donating any of the items below. Donations can be left in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime the church is open!

- new kids' underwear and socks — all sizes
- 66 quart clear plastic tubs for storage
- peanut butter, canned chicken and ready to eat canned meals
- full-sized toiletries, especially shampoo and liquid body soap for boys and shaving gel/cream for both boys and girls. There's an Amazon wish list for these items if you prefer to shop online.
- open bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash (like products you tried but didn't like)
- travel-sized toiletries
- clean/dry grocery sacks (put these in the barrel in the concourse, not in the Weekday Entrance bin)
- washcloths
- old T-shirts (can be stained with holes, but please be sure they are clean)
- fleece (used for dog toys and muzzle mats for the rescues)

JUNE COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — PCUSA PENTECOST OFFERING: The Communion Offering for June will be directed to the Pentecost Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. If you'd like to give to the Pentecost Offering, just write "Communion Offering" on your check and drop it in the offering plate, or check the "Communion Offering" box in the online giving portal. Thanks as always for your generous support!

GENEROSITY

GENEROSITY FULFILLMENT JUNE 2025 UPDATE — Generosity through the Generations: The figures are in for Grace Covenant's generosity through May 2025. The Generosity Team is happy to share our 2025 fulfillment number as of June 6. We have received nearly 45% of our total pledges and only 42% of this year has gone by us. **We are appreciative of everyone who has contributed to Grace Covenant.** Here is our progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (132)	March 31st	June 6th
0-25% fulfilled	98	56
26-50% fulfilled	18	51
51-75% fulfilled	4	6
76-100% fulfilled	12	12
\$723,971	\$226,719	\$324,383

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.

Our Generosity team meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30pm in person or by Zoom. We are always glad to have new team members. The current team members are Andrew Sellers, Jane Knoche, D.P. Karen Wright, Keith Langabee, and Kim Krueger. We are planning our “Stewardship Stories and Scrambled Eggs” on Sunday September 14. Please contact Andrew or Jane if you are interested — we have room for *you*!



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Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

Church Office Closed

Juneteenth
Thursday, June 19

GCPC 40th Anniversary Celebration

Brunch Following Worship

Sunday, June 22, 9:30am
Please RSVP your attendance
gcpc.org/40th-rsvp

"Embellish Handbell Choir" of Grand Rapids, Michigan Concert

Tuesday, July 8, 7pm

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

Worship in the Park

(Lunch following)
Sunday, September 7, 9:30am
Meadowbrook Park

Generosity Town Hall

Stewardship Stories & Scrambled Eggs

"Sharing a meal, sharing our mission"
(Brunch following worship)
Sunday, September 14, 10:30am

Fall BBQ

Saturday, October 4, 5pm

Trunk or Treat

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

A Christmas Exclamation!

Sunday, December 7, 6pm



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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