



**Service of Worship
September 5, 2021**

***“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.

“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: Kathy Jonas

Aging Challenges: Shirley Sisk

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Bryce Hearn, Shannon Lorimer. **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: Argentine United Presbyterian, Kansas City, KS; Elder’s Circle—New Worshipping Community; Iglesia Príncipe de Paz, Olinstepeque (MQP); Heartland Presbyterian Center Camp Board of Directors; Art Church—New Worshipping Community

(If you have a prayer request you’d like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at office@gcpc.org, or send to gcpc_prayers@yahoo.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed, Monday, September 6, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

CONTACTING STAFF: A reminder that the GCPC church building has returned to normal operations. The office is open from 8am to 4pm, but the best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

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HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME: Although we are now offering limited in-person worship, we encourage those who normally put their pledge in the offering plate each Sunday to mail their pledges to the church. The Finance Administrator will get them and see that they are deposited in a timely fashion. Of course, you may also make your pledge online by going to gcpc.org and clicking "Online Giving."

ADULT

THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR ADULT EDUCATION CLASS continues today at 10:45am in Room 4, or via the Zoom link listed at the end of this announcement. We will be taking a look at the PC(USA)'s relatively "new" Confession of Belhar, some thoughts from Ibram Kendi's book "How to Be an Antiracist," the commitment we've made in being a Matthew 25 Congregation, and applying these all to our continued spiritual growth and faith journeys. (Some fast tracking for sure!) Contact Joel for more information, joel.ilten@gmail.com. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3967863573?pwd=MFloWWI1emY0N2FINnBYaUxCeVpVQT09>

FOLLOW ME — BIBLICAL PRACTICES FOR FAITHFUL LIVING: A living faith is so much more than simply believing in God. Jesus called all sorts of people to follow him to God, showing concrete ways to love God and one another. Together we will learn about the Jesus' practices that have shaped the church. Participants will practice seeing Christ in every person and discover their own gifts of hospitality. This adult class will meet in **Room 3 at 10:45am**. Or join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84753688013?pwd=SzZsMTRuREJreXAweIN2QjB3VHRmZz09>

THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP will resume weekly meetings on September 9. This year, we're using a Kerygma study called *The Bible in Depth*. If you'd like to join our discussions, please contact Cheryl Johnson, agathatoo@gmail.com, as we're ordering the books. The cost of the books will be \$36.60. The group meets on Thursday mornings (duh!) from 9:30am until 11am. It's hoped that we can meet in person (wearing masks) in Room 3 but will keep Zoom as an option.

YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY! Even though it's Labor Day Weekend, and we know some of you will be traveling, we will still meet for Sunday morning classes. Join us in person or on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5784595517?pwd=RFlwNkltcUtlSVQ4czFQNXRyYUdHZz09>

NO CONNECT TODAY: We will be back to our "regular" schedule at 6:30–8pm Sunday, September 12.

FALL PRESBYTERY YOUTH RETREAT SEPT 25: Save the date for our full day (9am–4pm) retreat at Heartland Camp. We have a team of youth leaders coming up with a really great plan for us including a high ropes course, gaga ball and other options. Registration will open soon.

MISSION

HAITIAN DISASTER RELIEF FOR 2021 EARTHQUAKE: On August 14, the people of Haiti were rocked by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and accompanying aftershocks, taking nearly 2,000 lives, injuring over 3,000, and destroying homes and infrastructure for thousands more. Conditions in Haiti quickly worsened with the arrival of torrential rain from Tropical Storm Grace. For over a decade, GCPC has supported the Haitian people through Soles for Souls, Heart to Heart, Rocket Stoves, Children's Nutrition Project, Peanut Butter Project, alternative Christmas coupons, and an International Mission trip.

The Mission team is once again asking our congregation to support disaster relief efforts in Haiti. During September you will have the opportunity to assist in two ways.

- Please donate to the September Special Offering for Haitian relief. Funds will be given to Presbyterian Disaster Relief designated for Haiti. The Mission Team will begin by donating the first \$500 for the offering. It would be wonderful if donations from the congregation could match or even surpass this amount! Please mark the memo line: PDR-Haiti.
- The September 26th Noisy Offering will be donated to Presbyterian Disaster Relief designated for the people of Haiti. Bring your coins to make a generous noise (they will be collected in a COVID-safe way).

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER! Our donation partner for September is Johnson County Christmas Bureau. Each holiday season, JCCB conducts a Holiday Shop for low-income families, distributes food, collects coats, and fills many other needs for our brothers and sisters in need. JCCB is particularly concerned about hunger in our community this winter and the potential loss of the donations they would normally get from school food drives. They'd love to get canned food items from us to stock their food pantry — things like peanut butter, canned soups, canned tuna and chicken, and canned vegetables.

JCCB has also requested new and gently used children's coats, sizes newborn through boys and girls XXL. Sizes 7-12 are the most needed.

Please drop your donations off in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime you're at church. If you're not attending church in person this month, bring your donations to our drive-up drop-off event on September

18 from 9 to 10:30am. Let Mikki Walker know at michala.walker@gmail.com if you'd like to donate but neither of these options works for you.

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