



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — June 8, 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 Harold Frye in loving memory of his son Jeremy.

ELDER ON DUTY: Paul Bruns

HEAD USHER: Eric Burdette

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: Lee Mattix and family in the death of her mother; Dave Stalling and family in the death of Dorothy Stalling.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, David Schesser, Tom Jennings

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: Heartland Presbytery Validated Pastors (chaplains-hospital, hospice, children’s homes; social workers; directors of nonprofits); Iglesia Monte Sinaí, Nimasac, San Andrés Xecul, Totonicapán (MQP); Heartland Presbytery Personnel Committee

(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

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 60+ VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE VBS POSSIBLE, including everyone who donated supplies, decorated, and prayed for a spirit-filled VBS week! *And* an EXTRA HUGE THANK YOU to Erin Frye, Keith Langabee, Christy Soule, Kristy Shaw, Kim Krueger and the whole VBS committee for your tireless work to make this week so awesome for everyone! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! “I’m So Glad: Kansas City and the Roots of Black Gospel Music” documentary will be shown **Sunday, July 13, 3–6pm** in the Grace Covenant sanctuary. This event is open to all.

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>

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES! We're gathering stories, reflections, and memories from all generations — adults, families, youth, children, current and former members, and our extended faith community — for a *Special 40th Anniversary Booklet*. To be included, **please submit your contribution by June 8**. Share your memories in one of three ways to be included. Submit online at gcpc.org/memories; or email Kim Krueger at kimgoeckler@outlook.com.

RSVP NOW FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE & BRUNCH: Come celebrate 40 years of God's grace and faithfulness with us on **Sunday, June 22!** We'll gather for a special **Worship Service at 9:30am**, followed by a **brunch** to continue the celebration. All are welcome — family, friends, and members of the wider community! To help us plan for food and seating, please **RSVP by June 8** at: gcpc.org/40th-rsvp

INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BRACELET PARTY – JULY 12: Join us for an afternoon of fun at our **Intergenerational Friendship Bracelet Party Saturday, July 12, from 1–3pm in Heartland Hall!** All ages are welcome to create bracelets, share stories, and build community across generations. Bring a snack to share. See RSVP link for all the details, including a supply list. **RSVP EARLY** at gcpc.org/friendship and bring a friend!

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

PAST AND PRESENT CHANCEL AND EXALTATION! SINGERS: We would be absolutely thrilled to invite you to lend your voices in celebration of GCPC's 40th Anniversary during the 9:30am service! We can't think of a better way to mark this milestone by coming together and making music! We ask that you are available for at least one rehearsal, preferably two. Potential dates for you to consider: Wednesday, June 18 (6:30pm rehearsal); Saturday, June 21 (10am rehearsal),

Sunday, June 22 (9:30am service and celebration — Call Time TBA). Contact Patrick O'Halloran, 913-530-6446 or patrick.ohalloran@gcpc.org for more information or to sign up. We are so excited about the possibility of singing with you all!

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

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!



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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)

RSVP ASAP at gcpc.org/40th-rsvp

“Embellish Handbell Choir” of Grand Rapids, Michigan Concert

Tuesday, July 8, 7pm

GCPC 40th Anniversary Friendship Bracelet Making Party

Saturday, July 12, 1-3pm

Heartland Hall

Intergenerational - Open to All

RSVP at gcpc.org/friendship

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