



## Service of Worship — October 8, 2023

*“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:** Mikki Walker

**HEAD USHER:** Dave Peck

**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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## Pledge Portal



*“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:** Pam Kelly, 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](mailto:office@gcpc.org), or send to [gcpc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:gcpc.prayers@gmail.com).)

**SPOTLIGHT**

**TODAY IS WORSHIP SUNDAY!** Following a brief worship service, we will break into groups to work on various service projects throughout the church. Thank you for all your hard work!

**CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE FYI:** The church office will be staffed by volunteers while Patrick is on vacation October 2-11, so office hours may vary some days. Please call, 913-345-1256, to make sure the building will be open if coming to the church for a not regularly scheduled meeting. Thank you.

**TRUNK OR TREAT PLANNING IS UNDER WAY.** Did you hear that we plan to bring back our hot dog lunch along with our games and trunk or treating? Invite your friends and neighbors. There will be fun for all ages! We are in need of volunteers and some items donated. Can you help? Please visit our SignUpGenius for more details. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a45a4a722a4fc1-trunk2#/>

**OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVE:** We're excited to host the Community Blood Center donation drive on October 25. Presenting donors will be entered into a drawing to win two tickets to Aerosmith's Farewell Concert Tour at T-Mobile Arena. New donors are always welcome! We'll be making

appointments between 2 and 6pm. Book at [savealifenow.org/group](http://savealifenow.org/group) and enter Group Code: IM. For questions, contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or [swbyrdks@gmail.com](mailto:swbyrdks@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN

**OUR NORMAL SUNDAY PROGRAMMING** will not be held today due to Workship Sunday. We'll be back next week to our normal schedule.

**TODAY IS A SMASH SUNDAY!** — 4–6pm in Heartland Hall. We continue our Children of the Bible series and learn how Timothy made his impact. See you there!

**DON'T MISS THE FUN LATER THIS MONTH!** Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29, 11:45am. See additional notes about this event in this bulletin's Spotlight section.

## MISSION

**OUR OCTOBER COMMUNION OFFERING WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE DUCHESNE CLINIC**, and they will also be our October Donation Partner. Located in Kansas City, KS, the Duchesne Clinic serves very low-income people who have no insurance and live in Leavenworth and Wyandotte Counties. Founded on the belief that health care is a basic human right, the clinic provides services to indigent patients, regardless of religious affiliation, with an emphasis on the values of compassion, respect of personal dignity, and a sensitivity to human suffering. The clinic currently requests these items, which may be left in the bin in the Weekday Entrance anytime the church building is open:

*ibuprofen*  
*decongestants*  
*multi-symptom cold remedies*  
*allergy relief meds (Allegra, Zyrtec, etc.)*  
*Coricidin HP*  
*vapor rub*  
*Mucinex*  
*lip balm*

*hand cream (personal size)*  
*hand sanitizer (personal size)*  
*tissues (cube-sized box preferred)*  
*knit gloves (1 size fits all preferred)*  
*sugar-free cough drops (bag count approx. 18–30)*  
*\$5 Walmart gift cards for prescription meds*

**CROP WALK 2023:** Grace Covenant's CROP Walk tradition continues on Saturday, October 14, at 10am at Country Club Christian Church at 6101 Ward Parkway. See the Packs after worship for more information or to make a donation.

## GENEROSITY

**GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATE FOR GOOD – LIVING IN GOD'S GRACE:** Here is our pledging update as of September 19, 2023, which is 71% of the calendar year. There's been consistent progress with 70% of *both* submitted pledge and rollover pledges received! We are thankful for the consistent generosity of our members. As always, we greatly **appreciate your generosity and**

**commitment** to Grace Covenant. Please provide feedback to our team: Dave Sutherland, Ryan Hussey, Bill Brown, Rick Randolph, and Jane Knoche. Here is our giving progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (103)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	August 15th	Sept 19th
0% fulfilled	32	24	22	15	14
1-25% fulfilled	33	12	10	4	5
26-50% fulfilled	29	52	50	18	10
51-75% fulfilled	0	3	8	44	49
76-100% fulfilled	7	11	13	22	25
<b>\$527,258*</b>	<b>\$187,129</b>	<b>\$211,292</b>	<b>\$259,907</b>	<b>\$337,665</b>	<b>\$371,416</b>

Rollover Pledges (27)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	August 15th	Sept 19th
0% fulfilled	11	9	8	6	6
1-25% fulfilled	6	1	1	0	0
26-50% fulfilled	9	9	10	5	4
51-75% fulfilled	1	5	3	8	8
76-100% fulfilled	1	4	6	8	9
<b>\$101,369</b>	<b>\$15,480</b>	<b>\$53,965</b>	<b>\$59,355</b>	<b>\$68,930</b>	<b>\$71,680</b>

Five groupings are used to show giving progress and calendar relationship. They are 0%, 1-25%, 26-50%, 51-75%, 76-100%. Each pledge falls into one of these groups. \*Slight decrease in Pledge totals due to adjustments by members. We are very grateful for the feedback on pledge amounts.

**2024 PLEDGE DRIVE:** Our theme for the pledge drive is ***What the Future Holds***. We are basing our campaign on this scripture from Jeremiah 29:11 — “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” We will kick off our Pledge Drive on Workship Sunday, October 8, and Pledge Sunday will be November 5, 2023. Various members will be sharing our campaign message on Sundays. Please join us in creating an amazing future in 2024!

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