



**Service of Worship — July 31, 2022**

*“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:** Terri Monrad

**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.



*“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:** Andrew Sellers

**Cancer Treatment:** Bob Shadburn, Tim Hayden

**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:** Maya Quiché Presbytery; Heartland Presbytery New Worshiping 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](mailto:office@gcpc.org), or send to [gcpc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:gcpc.prayers@gmail.com).)

## SPOTLIGHT

**GRACE COVENANT WILL HOLD A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY,** to elect a new slate of Elders. The slate of Elder candidates includes: Joy Circo, Laura Schesser, Jake Schmidt, Tom Stroud, and Miles Dalton (Youth Elder).

**ENCOREKC!, GRACE COVENANT'S ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE CHOIR** for singers age 50+, will perform a Summer 2022 Choral Concert **today at 3pm** at Village on Antioch, 14895 Antioch Rd., Overland Park, KS. The concert will also include special guest artists Vocal Ease. Admission is free.

**SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST:** Next Sunday, August 7, we welcome Arnold Rawls, tenor, to sing in worship. Arnold portrayed the leading tenor role, Calaf, in Puccini's "Turandot" in the Lyric Opera of Kansas City's first season in the Kauffman Center. Go to [www.arnoldrawls.com](http://www.arnoldrawls.com) to read more about Dr. Rawls' operatic accomplishments.

**AUGUST 21 GOLF SCRAMBLE UPDATE:** The response to this year's event is growing! It looks like we will have the largest group in several years, but there is still room for more. For more information, visit the GCPC Facebook Page (GCPC Church) and link to Upcoming Events.

- The enrollment forms for the Baker/Reynolds Golf Scramble have been distributed in the church bulletins for the last few weeks. If you would like to receive an enrollment form for the tournament, drop an e-mail to Bill Turner ([wturner9@gmail.com](mailto:wturner9@gmail.com)) and he will e-mail it to you.
- Because there are enrollments for the Golf Scramble as well as donations being submitted for the Baker/Reynolds Scholarship (non-golfers), there could be some confusion as to how the funds are to be applied. If you are making a donation to the Scholarship Fund (and not golfing) be sure to send a note to [finance@gcpc.org](mailto:finance@gcpc.org) so Tara will know how to apply the funds to the account.
- Baker/Reynolds Silent Auction: I am pleased to announce that Ric Cummings and Chris Frye have agreed to donate a photo (Ric) and a custom painting (Chris) to be auctioned to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. Look for photos of the auction items in the next few weeks. We will hold a silent auction during the Ministry Fair on August 14.
- Scholarship Fundraiser Update: At the present time, we are a little over half way to the stated goal of \$20,000. If you haven't made a contribution yet and are inclined to do so, it is not too late.

**THE GCPC QUARTERLY BINGO EVENT IS BACK!** Join us Friday, August 12, 6–8pm in Heartland Hall for a night of fun, laughter, fellowship, and BINGO! We ask everyone to bring a heavy appetizer to share. If you have missed the previous BINGO nights, now is your chance to join in the fun.

**CONTACTING STAFF:** The office is open 8am to 4pm, M–F. To reach a staff member by e-mail:

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**INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY AT 10:45:** *We Are All in This Together: Exploring God's Creation* — Join us after worship as we think about ways we can care for the Earth by lowering our carbon footprint. We will enjoy games and conversation that will help people of all ages think about how we can care for the Earth every day. The class will be held in Heartland Hall.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST: PENCILS, NOTEBOOKS, BACKPACKS AND ... LUNCHES!** Many of us take a lunch to school or work, or buy fast food or convenience foods for lunch. A lot of foods use disposable packaging, which adds to the plastic pollution problem. Join us August 7 for a Sunday school class on low-effort, no-waste lunches for kids, adults, and anyone else who likes a tasty and sustainable noon meal. Part of our year-long series on Caring for Creation, this class in Heartland Hall will include a presentation by Mikki Walker and time for questions and discussion.

**WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:** Our summer book read is *Inhabiting Eden* by Professor Patricia Tull. Books are still available in Patrick's office. We ask for a \$10 donation. Sunday discussions continue at 11:45am with our wrap up on **August 7** with Nelson Townsend as discussion leader. We meet in Room 3 in person or virtually via:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84193985803?pwd=Vca5Y\\_TBYdkuqzMsxlt4X1ely5-7-.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84193985803?pwd=Vca5Y_TBYdkuqzMsxlt4X1ely5-7-.1)

Meeting ID: 841 9398 5803; Passcode: 207196

Be sure to stop by the bulletin board outside Heartland Hall and explore how we plan to spend this year learning, working, playing, praying, and caring for all of God's creation, or contact Rev. Sue, [sue.trigger@gcpc.org](mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org).

**PAGE TURNERS WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 4,** at 7pm at the home of Teresa Ilten. It's book selection month. Members should bring the books they are recommending and be prepared to discuss them. Teresa's address is 12691 S. Hagan in Olathe. For more information, you may reach Teresa at (913) 515-1087. Hope you can attend!

**THE THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP** is on hiatus until September except for three monthly book discussion meetings this summer. Please join us for the remaining discussion, whether you read the book or not.

- 8/18 — *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans, Sarah Evans' house (6402 Cooper St.) Contact Cheryl Johnson, [agathatoo@gmail.com](mailto:agathatoo@gmail.com), for more information.

## YOUTH

**NEXT GCPC YOUTH EVENT AUGUST 7:** Details TBA

**BACK TO SCHOOL GATHERING AT MAIN EVENT! AUGUST 21:** The Presbytery Youth will be gathering on August 21 to celebrate our students and the beginning of school! We will be meeting at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church at 4pm. We will then head to Main Event to play arcade games, laser tag, bowling and more!

- **Cost:** It will cost only \$15 a person for the event. This includes a \$10 arcade card, bowling, laser tag, high-ropes course, and 2 slices of pizza and a soft drink.
- **Time:** We will gather at Pine Ridge at 4pm, and we will dismiss from Main Event at 8pm. Let Miles know if you need a ride and he will arrange a carpool from GCPC.

*Please RSVP by the 14th of August. You cannot attend the event without an RSVP! Most RSVPs will be on our “Band” app but this one will have a special link since it’s a Presbytery event.*

**KICK-OFF PARTY AT MILES’ HOUSE, AUGUST 28!** Miles will be hosting a youth and family kick-off party at his house on August 28! All youth and families are welcome to join. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert, and Youth Team will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers! Please let us know if you plan on attending. Miles will send more information including the address at a later date!

**PRESBYTERY RETREAT SEPTEMBER 23–24:** Miles is currently planning a retreat to Heartland for the Presbytery youth in addition to the back-to-school event. This will be the 23<sup>rd</sup>–24<sup>th</sup> of September at Heartland Camp. The retreat is based on Triennium theme of “When Did We See You” and is for youth in grades 9–12! More information on price will be available closer to the date, but be sure to mark your calendars for this event!

## MISSION

**JULY DONATION PARTNER — SAFEHOME:** 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. As the only domestic violence shelter in Johnson County, and the largest in the state of Kansas, Safehome strives to break the cycle of domestic violence and partner abuse for victims and their children in our community. Besides providing safe housing, Safehome also provides mental health counseling and legal services for shelter residents. Operating the shelter requires all the necessities of daily life for the women and children housed in it, many of whom leave their abusers with nothing but the clothes on their backs. You can help Safehome execute their important mission by donating an item from their Amazon wish list — see the link below. Items on the list range in price from \$5 to \$135 and will be shipped directly to Safehome by Amazon — no need to bring anything to church. As always, thanks for GCPC’s generosity and commitment to being the hands of Christ in the world!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GSMOTQJ60QV3/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GSMOTQJ60QV3/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

**IHN AT GRACE COVENANT:** We are pleased to announce our 73rd week of IHN Hosting will be August 7–14. We are asking our trained volunteers to help host in the evenings and overnight. The current guest list includes one single female and two families with three teens and one child. Everyone’s help in providing food is always appreciated. Visit the link to our food sign up if you would like to provide part or all of a meal.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EABAE28A1FF2-ihnfood4>

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