Service of Worship — May 29, 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 worshiping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Diane Schmit

HEAD USHER: Eric Burdette

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:** Joe Hoffman, Tim Hayden, Steve Becher, Charlie Bogan

**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:** Heartland Presbytery Validated Pastors (chaplains—hospital, hospice, children’s homes; social workers; directors of nonprofits); Iglesia Monte Sinaí, Nimasac (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.)

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**SPOTLIGHT**

**REMINDER:** The church offices will be closed Monday, May 30, for the Memorial Day holiday.

**WHY DIDN’T THEY TEACH ME THAT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?** A member of the church asked that question recently. Others have asked similar questions. You are invited to share your questions about the Bible with Sue and Mitch, and they will address your questions in sermon this summer. What are you curious about? Send your questions to Mitch and Sue at sue.trigger@gcpc.org.

**SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT:** Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and meet on the west lawn on **Friday, June 10, at sunset** to watch *Encanto*. Invite your friends and family to this night of wonder and tropics! Popcorn, freeze pops, and beverages will be available. If there is rain, the event will be postponed until Friday, June 17. This movie will provide entertainment for young and old.

**SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE:** The next GCPC Blood Drive is Tuesday, June 21, 2–6pm. The Community Blood Center must collect almost 600 units of blood daily to maintain the needed supply for local
hospital patients. Contact Sarah Byrd, swbyrdfs@gmail.com, for more information. To make an appointment, visit: https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/77308.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR SIGN-UP POSTER is available by the coat closet. You may sign up for a Sunday to remember or honor a loved one by donating to the cost of the Chancel flowers. This year real arrangements will cost $35-$40. You may also choose to use a permanent arrangement for $30; this is considered a communion offering and can be so noted on your check memo line. Thank you for enhancing our worship services.

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

- Rev. Sue: sue.trigger@gcpc.org
- Rev. Mitch: mitch.trigger@gcpc.org
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ADULT

SHORT SURVEY: The Adult Team wants to hear from you as they plan for the future. Click the link to take a quick survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7D8WB63

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet June 1 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

PAGE TURNERS WILL MEET at the home of Kathy Bures on June 2, 7pm. The Book is Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents. Kathy's address is: 7131 Caenen Ave, Shawnee. Please RSVP to Kathy at kathy.bures@gmail.com, or 913.302.1755. All are welcome.

THE THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP is on hiatus until September except for three monthly book discussion meetings this summer. Please join us for any or all of the discussions, whether you read the book or not. We'll be discussing The Stranger in the Lifeboat by Mitch Albom on June 16 at Cindy Schendel's house, 11654 Grant Dr., at 9:30 a.m. Contact Cheryl Johnson, agathatoo@gmail.com, for more information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES CONTINUE TODAY:

- Follow Me: Living in Community: The Scriptures testify to the importance of community, from God’s admonition in Genesis 2:18 — that it is not good for humans to be alone—to Revelation 21 — where the vision of a new heaven and new earth is a city where God dwells with mortals. Between these first and final books in the Bible, scripture is filled with stories and teachings about life in community with God and our neighbors. What are
churches but a community of believers all worshiping God and learning to live together with gospel values? Come explore these stories of community and consider how we can live them out at GPCPC. This class will meet in Room 3. You can Zoom in at: https://tinyurl.com/yanmupj9

- **Good Goats: Healing Our Image of God:** This is one of Rev. Sue and Mitch’s favorite resources for talking about questions of sin, hell, vengeance. Through a blending of story, scripture and theology, this book tackles these issues in such a way that readers are led to transformation and healing. Books will be available from the church office or from Rev. Sue. The book is also available on Kindle, Amazon, and other booksellers. Suggested book donation — $8. The class will meet in Room 5. You can Zoom in at: https://tinyurl.com/krd5pz84

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**YOUTH**

**NO CONNECT THIS SUNDAY:** Enjoy the long weekend with your family and friends!

**SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS:** We have several fun youth events planned for the summer. Join the GCPC Youth “band” app below to see what events and times work best for you!

**JOIN THE “BAND”!** We have officially launched our Band platform! This will be our new form of communication with youth and families. It contains our yearly calendar, important medical and legal forms, updates on events and photos. This is the replacement for the old gracecovenantyouth@gcpc.org website, so we will be discontinuing that site within the next month. Scan the QR code to join now. There is a web browser version and an app. (We recommend the app so you can receive notifications on your phone).

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**CHILDREN**

**VBS DONATIONS:** Our VBS planning team is also looking for some donations to create an unforgettable experience on Adventure Island. If you are able to help, please check our donation board outside the Sanctuary, or check our Amazon wish list. For the next month or so, we will update both lists periodically as our plans develop. Thank you!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1NGYVE2CF80AC?ref_=wl_share

**HELP! We need:**
We need volunteers: to bake vanilla cupcakes with green frosting for Tuesday of VBS (50), and to move furniture after worship May 29.

We need decorating volunteers:
May 31, June 1 and 2 — 10am–12 (noon); 1pm–3pm
June 3 — 6–9pm; June 5 — Decorate after worship

MAY DONATION PARTNER: Our donation partner in May is our own Vacation Bible School program! The VBS team is collecting supplies needed for the VBS program and students. There are two ways you can contribute.

1. Order an item off their Amazon wish list here:
   https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1NGYVE2CF80AC?ref_=wl_share
   These items will be delivered directly to the church by Amazon.

2. Take an item from the donation board in the narthex by the library area. Bring these items to church per the instructions.

Thanks very much for your help! Together we can make VBS a fun and exciting week for kids to learn about the love of God.

THE PENTECOST OFFERING UNITES THE ENTIRE PCUSA to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Since 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than $16 million through this offering for ministries that benefit younger members of God’s family. A gift to the Pentecost Offering encourages and supports young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent is retained by GCPC; we’ll donate it to our long-time school partner, Rosehill Elementary. The Pentecost Offering will be formally collected during worship on June 5, but you can give any time in the month of June — just note on your payment that the gift is for the Pentecost Offering. Thanks as always for GCPC’s incredible generosity!