



Service of Worship — September 10, 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: Barbara Douglas

HEAD USHER: John Gilbert

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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"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: Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, KS; Heartland Presbytery Planning Group

(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

TODAY, WE WELCOME REV. SUSAN COX. Susan is a United Methodist minister serving in retirement as the chaplain at Westchester Village in Lenexa, a senior housing facility. She has pastored churches throughout southern Illinois and Missouri. She also served as District Superintendent for the northern Kansas City area. She has two adult children, Cana and Caleb Cox-Johnson and has crocheted over 750 warm hats over the past four years for homeless/houseless persons in Kansas City and throughout the United States. Carla enjoys the company of her husband Anthony, their cat Dolly, and being outside in nature.

STAY FOR THE TOWN HALL FOLLOWING WORSHIP! Meet in Heartland Hall. Lunch will be provided by the Generosity Team. Each team will provide a brief review of the proposed 2024 budget, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, and let us know your thoughts before the budget is finalized and then approved by Session.

JINGLE, JINGLE! WHAT'S THAT NOISE? Jingle, Jingle! It's a kid with a coffee can! Jingle, Jingle! Quick, find some loose change! That's right, it's time for a Noisy Offering on September 17! Bring your coins to church to support SowHope, a global nonprofit that works to meet the needs of

women living in extreme poverty. We'll also be hearing a Minute for Mission from Beth Lillian on the 17th with more details about the excellent work SowHope does around the world.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GRACE COVENANT, a class will be held on September 24 at 10:45am in Room 3, following the worship service. Please contact Kathy Williams, 913-485-1776 or kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com, if you are interested and would like more information.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GCPC ANNUAL BBQ & POTLUCK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 5–10PM. If you're willing to grill or smoke meats at home to bring to the potluck, please contact Kevin Johnson, krpj01@gmail.com. If you're not a griller and would prefer to bring a side dish or dessert to share, please sign up in the concourse before or after church on a designated clipboard on September 17 or 24 and October 1. Please let us know how many will be attending in your group. You can also e-mail the church office, office@gcpc.org, or call 913-345-1256. Hope you can join us!"

REDUCE! RECYCLE! REUSE ! Stop in the Concourse today (and for the next two Sundays) and view many items being given away free of charge.

CHILDREN

DURING TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR and while parents attend our Budget Town Hall, we will be offering children's programming. Our ATW kids will be escorted directly from ATW to their music class. Any other children can head over to their music classroom after worship. During our time together, we will also escort the children through the lunch line too. Parents can pick up their kiddos after the Budget Town Hall in their music class rooms.

NEXT WEEK IS A SMASH SUNDAY. Our K–5th/6th graders will meet September 17, 4–6pm to begin exploring stories within the Bible that feature children. First up, Miriam! RSVP to gcpcchildren@gmail.com or via our Facebook Event/Post.

GCPC CHILDREN'S FACEBOOK GROUP with lots of great information can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2555575044593497>

YOUTH

SCAVENGER HUNT TODAY! Thank you to all who came to The Gathering kick-off BBQ! We had such a fun time getting to know everyone and we are excited for the rest of the year! Today we are participating in a scavenger hunt across the Overland Park area! We are meeting at Grace Covenant at 5pm, and there will be pizza provided! We ask that each participant bring \$5 to cover the cost of food. We will finish back at GCPC around 7pm. Excited to see everyone!

MISSION

SEPTEMBER DONATION PARTNER — THE STARFISH PROJECT: The Starfish Project is a nonprofit in Olathe that works to help meet the basic needs of the community. They provide 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. They currently serve over 2,000 people a month! Please consider helping Project Starfish achieve their mission by donating any of the items below. Donations can be left the Weekday Entrance bin anytime the church is open!

- 66-quart clear plastic tubs for storage
- bottles of water
- gallon-sized Ziplock bags
- plastic spoons/forks
- plastic clam shells (we use these to hand out meals)
- winter socks
- paper towels
- new or open bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash (like one you tried but didn't like)
- empty unlabeled clean prescription medicine bottles
- 4x6 craft zip lock bags
- wash cloths
- old t-shirts (can be stained or have holes, but must be clean)
- fleece (used for dog toys and muzzle mats for the rescues)

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT —MISSION CO-WORKERS: PCUSA sends mission co-workers all over the world to serve in a variety of settings and support the overall mission of the church. While funding for the co-workers is all funneled into one pool for equitable distribution, each congregation is assigned specific co-workers to support with prayer. Ours are Leslie Vogel (mission co-worker in Guatemala since 2013) and Jeff and Christy Boyd (mission co-workers in Democratic Republic of Congo). Please consider committing to prayer or making a donation to support this good work!

CROP WALK 2023: Grace Covenant's CROP Walk tradition continues on Saturday, October 14, at 10am at Country Club Christian Church, 6101 Ward Parkway. You can go to events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/grace-covenant-presbyterian-church and click on "Join The Team" to register as a walker, or click on "Make a Donation" to donate to the Grace Covenant team, or click on "Donate" next to a specific team member to donate to that team member.

PLEASE SAVE YOUR PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS FOR WORKSHIP SUNDAY! For one of the service projects we'll be doing, we're going to need lots and lots of clean, dry plastic bags (think Walmart bags). Please leave bags in the box in front of the sanctuary anytime between September 10 and October 8. For any questions, contact Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com.

GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATE FOR GOOD — LIVING IN GOD’S GRACE: Here is our pledging update as of August 15, 2023, which is 62.5% of the calendar year. There’s been wonderful progress with 63% of submitted pledge amounts and 68% of rollover pledges received. We are very grateful for the timely generosity of our members. We continue to see our 0% fulfilled numbers decreasing.

As always, we **thank you for your generosity and commitment** to Grace Covenant. Please provide feedback to our team: Dave Sutherland, Ryan Hussey, Bill Brown, and Jane Knoche. Here is our giving progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (103)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	August 15th
0% fulfilled	32	24	22	15
1-25% fulfilled	33	12	10	4
26-50% fulfilled	29	52	50	18
51-75% fulfilled	0	3	8	44
76-100% fulfilled	7	11	13	22
\$533,282.63	\$187,129	\$211,292	\$259,907	\$337,665

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

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.

Faith and Hope Campaign Closeout

Our \$50,000 Faith and Hope Campaign is closing out. We received one additional gift in July! With the departure of three staff members, our deficit budget needs are not as critical. Thank you to each of our 38 members/households for your supplemental pledge! As of August 15, 2023, \$22,710.20 has been raised.

Pledge Portal



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