



Service of Worship — May 18, 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 worshipping with us today.

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Andrew Sellers

**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**

**Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses:** Rick Randolph, Shirley Faulwell

**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:** Jacoby Chapel, Warrensburg, MO; Our Neighbors at the Linwood Area Ministry Place (L.A.M.P.)

(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**

**CELEBRATE OUR STORY — SHARE YOUR MEMORIES!** We're collecting stories, reflections, and memories from across the generations—adults, families, youth, and children, current and past members, and extended faith community, for a "Special Anniversary Booklet."

- What does Grace Covenant mean to you?
- What moments, events, or people made an impact on your faith journey?
- What special memories do you carry from your connection to GCPC?

Whether it's a short paragraph, a photo, a poem, a drawing, or just a few heartfelt sentences, we welcome your contribution. Children and youth are especially encouraged to share drawings or short notes! **Please submit by May 26.** Submit on our website at [gcpc.org/memories](https://gcpc.org/memories), e-mail Kim Krueger at [kimgoeckler@outlook.com](mailto:kimgoeckler@outlook.com), or drop off any drawings, photos to the church office. Thank you for being a part of our story!

**RSVP FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE & BRUNCH:** Join us as we celebrate 40 years of God's grace and faithfulness on Sunday, June 22, 2025. Worship at 9:30am. Brunch to follow. We welcome family, friends, and community members to join us in this joyful celebration! **Kindly RSVP by June 12**, so we can plan for food and seating. **RSVP here:** [gcpc.org/40th-rsvp](https://gcpc.org/40th-rsvp).

**VBS SIGNUPS AND VOLUNTEER INVITE:** *Road Trip — On the Go with God* Vacation Bible School, June 2–6, 9am-Noon, Ages 4 yrs–5th Grade. Embark on a fun journey with God through the Bible! Head here to register and sign up to volunteer: <https://gcpc.org/vbs/roadtrip.html>

**VBS DECORATION:** We've set up these working sessions and welcome anyone to join us. Please RSVP to Kristy Shaw or Christy Soule, it will help ensure we have supplies and plans ready for all the helping hands.

**Decoration Prep:**

Tues., May 20: 6–8pm

**Decorating the week before VBS:**

Tues., May 27: 9–11:30am & 6–8pm

Wed., May 28: 9–11:30am & 1–3pm

Thurs., May 29: 9–11:30am & 1–3 pm

Friday, May 30: 9–11:30am & 1–3pm

Sat., May 31: 9–11:30am and 1–3pm

Sunday, June 1: 12–2pm

<b>ADULT</b>
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**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:

- May 22 @ 9:30 a.m.: *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are* by Ann Voskamp. Discussion will be at Sarah Byrd's house (7821 W. 115th St). RSVP to Sarah at: [sbyrds@gmail.com](mailto:sbyrds@gmail.com).
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:cschen56@hotmail.com).

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Johnson at [agathatoo@gmail.com](mailto:agathatoo@gmail.com).

**THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR HELP FROM THE WHOLE CHURCH** to pull off our summer VBS program! Would you like to help lead kiddos, organize, serve snacks, decorate, donate funds, or something else? Sign up to help here: <https://gcpc.org/vbs/volunteer.html>, or check with Emily—she will find a spot for you to help out: ([emily.dixon@gcpc.org](mailto:emily.dixon@gcpc.org))



<b>MUSIC</b>
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**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](mailto:patrick.ohalloran@gcpc.org) for more information or to sign up. We are so excited about the possibility of singing with you all!

## CHILDREN

**SMASH**, our K–5<sup>th</sup> grade fellowship, meets TODAY, 4–6pm, in Heartland Hall.

**NURSERY CARE — Available during Worship and Sunday School:** 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.

**AWAKENING TO WORSHIP (ATW)** is our child-friendly worship experience for children ages 4 through FIRST GRADE. The children depart with leaders from the Sanctuary following the Children's Time in worship. Parents may pick up their children in Room 12 on the lower level following worship.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL — 10:45–11:45am: Toddlers/Preschool** is for 2–4yrs. Rooms 20/25; **4-year-olds – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade** meet in Room 26 (10:45am gathers for Joy! Singers and will be escorted to their Sunday school workshop); **2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> Grades** meet in Room 15 (10:45am gathers for Celebration! Singers and will be escorted to their Sunday School workshop).

## YOUTH

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** meet in Room 19a. Our Youth gather each Sunday in the Youth Room which is in the lower level of our Education Wing at 10:45am.

## MISSION

**INTEREST SURVEY IN HABITAT KC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:** In the past, GCPC did a lot of mission work with Habitat KC. Mission team would like to gauge interest in renewing that relationship; Habitat KC's mission dovetails with our participation in Good Faith Network and its focus on affordable housing and homelessness. Please use the link or QR code to complete our short 5-question survey. <https://form.jotform.com/251327744661055>



**MAY DONATION PARTNER: HUMANE SOCIETY (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH VBS):** We will collect the same items that children attending VBS in June will have a chance to donate — help them make a BIG pile of donations for pets! Leave your donations in the bin in the Weekday Entrance anytime in May.

- soft dog treats
- cat toys
- peanut butter
- rope toys
- paper towels
- Kongs
- hard rubber toys
- squeaky toys

- Nylabones
- medium/large towels

**MAY COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — CROP HUNGER WALK:** CROP Hunger Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States. They support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime. The Heart of America CROP Walk won't take place until this fall, but we can support the global CROP organization now. If you'd like to support the CROP Walk, use the "Communion" option in the online portal to make a donation, or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope and donate it during Offering before June 1.



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# Upcoming Events and Services

*(Save these dates)*

## **Church Office Closed**

Memorial Day  
Monday, May 26

## **Vacation Bible School**

**"Road Trip - On the Go with God!"**

June 2 - June 6, 9am-Noon

Children Ages 4 yrs – 5th Grade

*Volunteers can also register at link below*

**\*\*Register children at [gcpc.org/vbs](http://gcpc.org/vbs)**

*(Sign up soon to get a t-shirt)*

## **Church Office Closed**

Juneteenth  
Thursday, June 19

## **GCPC 40th Anniversary Celebration**

### **Brunch Following Worship**

Sunday, June 22, 9:30am

(Please RSVP your attendance)

**\*\*\*RSVP SOON at [gcpc.org/40th-rsvp](http://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](http://gcpc.org/friendship)**

## **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.

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