



Service of Worship — May 25, 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: Johnnie Baker

HEAD USHER: Dave & Vicki Peck

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: Ryan Hussey and family in the death of his grandmother.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

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: Heartland Presbytery Mission Workers

(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

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day.

SAVE THE DATE! “I’m So Glad: Kansas City and the Roots of Black Gospel Music” documentary will be shown **Sunday, July 13, 3–6pm** in the Grace Covenant sanctuary. This event is open to all.

WHAT IS PER CAPITA? Per capita is an annual per member apportionment assessed by the General Assembly (Book of Order, G-3.0106), to enable Presbyterians mutually and equitably to share the ecclesiastical and administrative costs of sustaining our witness to Christ through all the levels of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 2025, the amount requested from each member of a Heartland Presbytery congregation is \$44.98. Please donate your Per Capita donation via our secure payment portal at <https://onrealm.org/gcpc/-/form/give/KKHVZUJVDW>

CELEBRATE OUR STORY — SHARE YOUR MEMORIES! We’re gathering stories, reflections, and memories from all generations—adults, families, youth, children, current and former members, and our extended faith community—for a *Special Anniversary Booklet*. To be included, please submit your contribution by **June 1**. You can share your memories in one of three ways: Submit

online at gcpc.org/memories; Email Kim Krueger at kimgoeckler@outlook.com; Drop off printed photos or written memories at the church office. Thank you for being a cherished part of our journey!

RSVP NOW FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE & BRUNCH: Come celebrate 40 years of God's grace and faithfulness with us on **Sunday, June 22!** We'll gather for a special **Worship Service at 9:30am**, followed by a **brunch** to continue the celebration. All are welcome — family, friends, and members of the wider community! To help us plan for food and seating, please **RSVP by June 8** at: gcpc.org/40th-rsvp

INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BRACELET PARTY – JULY 12: Join us for an afternoon of fun at our **Intergenerational Friendship Bracelet Party Saturday, July 12, from 1–3pm in Heartland Hall!** All ages are welcome to create bracelets, share stories, and build community across generations. Bring a snack to share. See RSVP link for all the details, including a supply list. **RSVP EARLY** at gcpc.org/friendship and bring a friend!

FLOWERS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION of celebration or remembrance. The flowers will be a Linda McMaster's creation. If you wish to make a donation, it will go to the communion offering charity for that month. You can also designate a church project or send the donation to the charity of your choosing. Please contact Chelly King at chelly41RN@gmail.com with any requests. Thank you.

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.

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

ADULT

AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet June 4 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Ella* by Diane Richards. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP meets Thursday, June 5, at 7pm to discuss *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare. The meeting is co-hosted by Linda Hoffman and Barbara Douglas, at 12504 W. 123rd St., Overland Park. RSVP to Linda Hoffman, 913-636-4309.

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:

- 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.
- 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Johnson at 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)



MUSIC

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 for more information or to sign up. We are so excited about the possibility of singing with you all!

CHILDREN

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.

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

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

"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

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.

For an online church calendar,
visit gcpc.org/calendar