



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — October 20, 2024

*“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: Joy Circo

HEAD USHERS: Steve & Caroline Becher

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, 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: Pat Kowalczewski and family in the death of her mother.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, Katie Rickley, David Schesser

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: Northminster Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Iglesia Apocento Alto, Palomora (MQP)

(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

SESSION HAS CALLED A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION for today, immediately after worship to elect at-large members of the Congregational Nominating Committee. Katie Hearn and Donna Heer are being nominated to serve on the committee through June 2025.

OUR CHILDREN'S TEAM IS EXCITED TO INVITE EVERYONE TO OUR ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT on Sunday, October 27, at approximately 11:45am for a hot dog lunch, games and of course Trunk or Treating. We are looking for a few donations and for people to host a trunk or volunteer for our event. Please visit our SignUpGenius if you are able to help: <https://bit.ly/GCPCTrunks2024>

RED BAG IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION providing Christmas gifts to foster children and children in need in the Kansas City area. GCPC has supported the Red Bag organization for many years. *Gift requests will be set out on November 10.* All the presents need to be at the church by December 1. Sandy Adams coordinates the Red Bag outreach this year and can be contacted at sanadamsabc@gmail.com.

BEING PART OF A CONNECTIONAL CHURCH, Grace Covenant pledges to support the operations of our General Assembly, Synod of Mid-America, and Heartland Presbytery. **The 2024 per capita is \$43.94 per member.** The Session has pledged to give that full amount. We invite each member to prayerfully consider giving his or her \$43.94 to offset this expense in GCPC's budget. We hope to have all who are able to provide our part in supporting the work of our leaders and officers within The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Checks may be made out to GCPC with "per capita" in the memo line. Thank you.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3: The November 3 bulletin will contain an insert with the names of those who have passed since All Saints' Sunday 2023 (November 5, 2023). If you would like to include the name of a relative or friend who has passed this past year, please send that person's name to office@gcpc.org *no later than noon on Wednesday, October 23.*

CHILDREN

JOIN US FOR OUR NORMAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING TODAY. If you need further information, please check the children's bookcase outside the sanctuary for details.

IT'S A SMASH SUNDAY! We continue our Fruit of the Spirit theme by talking about JOY! Children in Kindergarten–5th grade are invited to join us in Heartland Hall from 4pm to 6pm today.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: Join us Sunday, October 27, at approximately 11:45am for a hot dog lunch, games and of course Trunk or Treating. Invite your family and friends. Let's boo this!

MUSIC

EXALTATION! REUNION CHOIR (1994–2024) will sing at the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on November 27. We'll rehearse at 6pm and sing some Ex! favorites in the 7pm worship service. *If you ever sang in Exaltation! you are invited!* Please contact Rebecca Prater ASAP at rebecca.prater@gcpc.org to let her know you'll be participating. Friends & Family: Help spread the word to your Exaltation! friends or family members! We'll have an optional social gathering at Johnny's Tavern (95th & Antioch) following the service.

MISSION

MAKE PLANS TO DONATE BLOOD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, between 2–6pm, in Heartland Hall at GCPC! All donors will be entered into a sweepstakes for a chance to win two Chiefs tickets and a parking pass! New donors are always welcome! Contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or swbyrdks@gmail.com, with questions.

Sign up here: https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/83532

OCTOBER DONATION PARTER AND COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT: The published 2024 Mission calendar indicated that we would be supporting Duchesne Clinic in October as the

donation partner and communion offering recipient. However, Duchesne Clinic unfortunately closed earlier this year. Therefore, we will instead be supporting:

Donation Partner — Care Beyond the Boulevard

Care Beyond the Boulevard takes free, high-quality medical care to people experiencing homelessness in Kansas City through both traditional clinics and on their mobile bus clinic. You can find more information at <https://www.carebeyondtheboulevard.org/>. To aid them in their mission, we'll be collecting:

- blankets (any size larger than baby blankets)
- Adult-size coats
- toothbrushes, toothpaste
- deodorant
- combs/picks
- body wash
- wet wipes
- razors
- batteries
- dryer sheets or bug spray
- sunscreen
- socks

Please leave donations in the Weekday Entrance bin any time in October.

Communion Offering Recipient — PCUSA’s Peace and Global Witness Special Offering: A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering promotes the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations keep up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. If you’d like to support the Peace and Global Witness offering, just use the “Communion” option in the online portal or write “Communion Offering” on your check or envelope and turn in your donation by October 30.

GENEROSITY

GENEROSITY THROUGH THE GENERATIONS: Psalm 100:5 reminds us, *“For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”* For 40 years, GCPC has been blessed by God’s steadfast love and the faithful generosity of our members. As we look to the future, we’re called to build on this legacy and ensure that generations to come will continue to experience God’s endless love through our ministry. Just as God’s love spans all generations, so too can our generosity create a lasting impact. Make your 2025 pledge at <https://onrealm.org/gcpc/-/form/pledge/2025pledgedoffering>, or contact Tara Hyder at finance@gcpc.org, or, submit via a pledge card found on the Generosity bulletin board. Links also available on our website at www.gcpc.org. Dedication Sunday is November 3.

GENEROSITY FULFILLMENT 2024 UPDATE — WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS: As we come to October, the Generosity Team would like to praise the steadfast generosity and commitment of the

members. 79.9% of submitted pledges and 69.0% of rollover pledges have been received!! We express our thanks for the members who pay all or most of their pledge at the beginning, middle, or quarter of the calendar year, but **we are appreciative of everyone who has contributed to Grace Covenant**. Here is our giving progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (114)	March 31st	June 17 th	Oct 6 th
0-25% fulfilled	76	37	12
26-50% fulfilled	20	56	7
51-75% fulfilled	1	4	53
76-100% fulfilled	17	17	42
\$599,410	\$214,344	\$293,452	\$479,263

Rollover Pledges (16)	March 31st	June 17 th	Oct 6 th
0-25% fulfilled	10	6	4
26-50% fulfilled	5	8	3
51-75% fulfilled	0	1	4
76-100% fulfilled	1	1	5
\$34,662	\$6,668	\$11,175	\$23,909

Four groupings are used to show giving progress and calendar relationship. They are 0-25%, 26-50%, 51-75%, 76-100%. Each pledge falls into one of these groups.

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