



Service of Worship — September 7, 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.

*“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:** Harold Farren, Tom Jennings, Mary Ann Weyforth

**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.**

**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:** First Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO; Trinity Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO

(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

**RSVP FOR “STEWARDSHIP STORIES & SCRAMBLED EGGS”** Join us for a joyful and meaningful morning of fellowship, storytelling, and inspiration at our Generosity Town Hall on Sunday, September 14, following worship in Heartland Hall. We’ll enjoy a delicious brunch together and explore how your giving supports the heart of our ministry: missions, staff, programs, outreach, in the place we call home. Through shared stories, scripture and prayer, we’ll reflect on how generosity takes root and grows. This is more than a meal, it’s a moment to celebrate how far we’ve come and dream faithfully about where God is calling us next. We need a headcount to order food — RSVP by September 7 at [gcpc.org/eggs](http://gcpc.org/eggs).

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL BBQ POTLUCK** on Saturday, October 4, 5-7pm. We are giving our generous grillers a break this year, and we will be providing pulled BBQ pork (hot dogs for the kids). Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Please plan to bring your own reusable or compostable products for your tableware. The Dixieland Band will once again bless us with great music. A goodwill donation will be collected to support The Renewed Hope Food Pantry. Sign-ups will be available before and after church, starting on September 14! “Let the good times roll!”

**WEEKEND CRAFTERS FALL WORKSHOP** — GCPC Weekend Crafters will be hosting a Fall Workshop on October 3, 6–8pm in Heartland Hall. We welcome Katee Smith with The Barefoot Builder who will lead us through creating cute winter trees made of wood that measure 32" tall x 16" wide. Katee will assemble the trees for us ahead of time and we will be painting the trees at the workshop. Costs and registration can be found at [gcpc.org/crafters](http://gcpc.org/crafters). Registration ends Friday, September 23 at 10pm. *Invite a friend for a fun crafting evening out!*

**RSVP FOR OUR INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BRACELET PARTY** on **Saturday, November 15, 1–3:30pm** in Heartland Hall. Enjoy an afternoon of fun, creativity and fellowship hosted by the Weekend Crafters Group. Open to all friends and family of GCPC members! No experience necessary. You will need to bring your own supplies, and a plate of cookies to share. FULL DETAILS and RSVP link at [gcpc.org/friendship](http://gcpc.org/friendship).

## ADULT

**NO ADULT EDUCATION THIS WEEK:** Because of other scheduled church events, there will be no adult education classes this week. We’re excited to begin our fall session on Sunday, September 21, with two engaging class options:

- Topical Class — Exploring current events that affect our church and community.
- Lectionary Bible Study — A weekly study of the PCUSA lectionary, including reflections on the sermon.

We look forward to expanding our adult education offerings this fall as we grow together in faith and encourage one another in our spiritual journeys. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to Kevin Johnson, Adult Ministry Team moderator.

## CHILDREN

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** Regular Sunday programming resumes September 14.

## MISSION

**SEPTEMBER 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 September 30.

**NO DONATION PARTNER FOR SEPTEMBER:** The 2025 Mission Calendar indicates that the September Donation Partner will be Care Beyond the Boulevard. However, CBTB is not accepting in-kind donations currently due to lack of storage space. We'll resume the donation partner program in October. In the meantime, donations of non-perishable food for the Renewed Hope Food Pantry are always welcome 24/7/365! Items for Renewed Hope go in the left-side bin in the Weekday Entrance.

**KAIROS KLUES: Season of Creation:** (This year's theme: *Peace with Creation.*) *A privilege to thank and praise God the creator of all.* Join us all month long for activities and reflections. **Be Sure to check out the Bulletin board outside Heartland Hall with more information. Job 12: 7-8**

- **Peace:** Find the dove in a window of the sanctuary stained glass windows. breathe in the peace as you sit in a moment of silence — what word comes to you to walk in peace?
- **Environment:** Take a walk this week — in a site of natural beauty (focus on gratitude and protection of) maybe in a site of degradation (focus on lament and listed for the call to restoration).
- **Justice:** Attend a fall forum series "**Faith-Full Support of Public Education**" — September 11 at 6pm at [Asbury United Methodist Church Prairie Village, KS](#)! Partnering with [Kansas NEA](#), Kansas Interfaith Action, (KIFA) will be discussing the importance of people of faith and conscience supporting their neighborhood schools. Learn how to use our voices to advocate for our students, educators, and communities.

# Upcoming Events and Services

*(Save these dates)*

## **Generosity Town Hall**

### ***Stewardship Stories & Scrambled Eggs***

*"Sharing a meal, sharing our mission"*

*(Brunch following worship)*

Sunday, September 14, 10:30am

RSVP by September 7 at [gcpc.org/eggs](https://gcpc.org/eggs)

## **Weekend Crafters Mini-Retreat**

Friday, October 3, 6-8pm

Details and Registration

at [gcpc.org/crafters](https://gcpc.org/crafters)

## **Fall BBQ w/Dixieland Band**

Saturday, October 4, 5pm

## **World Communion Sunday**

Sunday, October 5, 9:30am

## **CROP Walk**

October 12, 2pm

## **Trunk or Treat**

Sunday, October 26, 11:45am-1pm

## **Intergenerational**

### **Friendship Bracelet Making Party**

Saturday, November 15, 1-3:30pm

Heartland Hall

RSVP at [gcpc.org/friendship](https://gcpc.org/friendship)

## **Advent Begins**

Sunday, November 30, 9:30am

## **A Christmas Exclamation!**

Sunday, December 7, 6pm

## **The Longest Night**

Sunday, December 21, 7pm

## **Christmas Eve Worship**

Wednesday, December 24, 5pm and 8pm

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## **Bingo Night**

Friday, January 23, Time TBA

## **Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, February 18

## **Palm Sunday**

March 29, 9:30am

## **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 2

## **Good Friday**

Friday, April 3

## **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 5

## **Trivia Night**

Saturday, April 18, Time TBA



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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](https://gcpc.org/calendar)