



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — August 25, 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: Eileen Thomson

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, 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: 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: First Presbyterian Church, Holden, MO; Iglesia Salem, La Cumbre (MQP); Heartland Presbytery Commission on Preparation for Ministry

(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

THE ANNUAL BAKER/REYNOLDS GOLF SCRAMBLE is today at Falcon Valley Golf Course. (First tee time at 1pm.) This is the 19th year of this event, benefiting the Youth of GCPC, in memory of Larry Baker and Reggie Reynolds.

REDUCE, RECYCLE, RE-USE: Sundays, September 8 and 15, we are having our third Reduce, Recycle, Reuse giveaway. Please gather after worship to peruse the tables in the concourse. Come see the goodies we are giving away!

SAVE THE DATE — OCTOBER 13 — FOR WORKSHIP 2024! Plans are underway for Workshop Sunday on October 13. We hope to offer a couple of new service projects this year, so stay tuned for more information and sign-up details in September!

IN OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY ERA: Intergenerational Friendship Bracelet Making Party, Saturday, September 21, 1–3pm in Heartland Hall. Open to all friends and family of GCPC members. In the spirit of our "40th Anniversary ERA," GCPC's Weekend Crafters Group is celebrating friendship by hosting this fun event. To keep this as a free event, no supplies will be

provided for you. Please bring your own. Having your own supplies will ensure you can continue to make bracelets to share with family and friends. Please bring a dozen cookies (of any kind) to share. FULL DETAILS and RSVP found at gcpc.org/friendship.

40TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS AND VIDEO: GCPC will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in June 2025. The 40th Anniversary Committee is in the process of gathering photos, stories, video and assistance in telling the history of Grace Covenant and we need your help! **Digital photos or videos:** If you have digital photos or videos that you can share with us, upload them through the church's website at <https://gcpc.org/40>. **What do we want?** We are looking for photos that tell the story of GCPC and show our members and families. Here is a "general" list: weddings, baptisms, VBS, BBQs, special events, Easter, Christmas Eve photos from all years, mission trips, Sunday school, mission projects, small groups, Star Sunday, choral and bell performances from all years, members wearing GCPC T-shirts, potluck dinners, pancake suppers, trunk or treat ... etc. **Share your story in video:** We are seeking individuals and families to share their GCPC stories and memories on SHORT (under 3 minute) videos to share on our website, in worship and on social media. If you are interested in being a part of this project, contact [Kim Krueger](#) with questions.

ADULT

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we continue a series looking at certain emerging Christian movements in the U.S. that are shaping many key political trends and positions. Rev. Don Wilson leads today's class at 10:45am in Room 6 (Choir Room), or join by Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/83815237214?pwd=TVh4VWZldC9hbGJCL1k5dIVjWVlwUT09

JOIN THE ADULT CLASS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, FOR DIVIDING LINES: A HISTORY OF SEGREGATION IN KANSAS CITY. This session will focus on how local, state, and federal government acted to keep Kansas City segregated throughout past decades and even now. As a bonus to this class, you are encouraged to download VoiceMap from your favorite app store or the link below. This application includes a number of guided tours of interest to those who live in the metropolitan area. Beginning at Shawnee Mission East, the app will lead you through Prairie Village to Mission Hills then into Missouri where housing patterns have been impacted intentionally to separate people of color from the more privileged white families.



The tour will require about two hours of time with views of Troost, the Paseo, 18th and Vine, and many other locations that result from actions in Kansas City's history. VoiceMap can be found by scanning the QR code or here: <https://voicemap.me/tour/kansas-city/dividing-lines-a-history-of-segregation-in-kansas-city>

AS THE PAGE TURNS will meet September 4 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. Books to be read for the upcoming year will be selected based on member recommendations. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

PAGE TURNERS IS KICKING OFF THE NEW YEAR with our salad supper at Jan Cummings' house (9815 Broadmoor St) on Thursday, September 5, at 6:30pm. Our book for September is *Mother Truckers* by Amy Butcher. Please feel free to join us whether you've read the book or not! Please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. And if you decide to attend at the last minute, not to worry, there will be plenty of food to go 'round! RSVP to Jan at cjan1950@gmail.com or call/text 913-269-4164. We are looking forward to seeing you on the 5th!

CHILDREN

OUR CHILDREN AND VOLUNTEERS are having a great time with our Sunday morning programs, and we continue again this week. Join us for ATW and/or Sunday school and music. Please stop by the Children's bookshelf outside the sanctuary if you need further information.

NEXT WEEK our programs will pause for Labor Day weekend.

MISSION

KAIROS PEACE POLE PICNIC: Join us on Friday, September 13, at 5:30pm to view the Peace Pole Art Project at Black Hoof Park, Stone Wall Shelter. Bring a picnic meal, and we'll have some fellowship and a short discussion about these peace poles and what would your peace pole include? Black Hoof Park is at 9053 Monticello Rd., Lenexa, KS 66220. Follow the signs to the Boat Dock for parking. You can easily locate the Stone Wall shelter and picnic tables to your left. Our Peace Pole Picnic event supports our Kairos Peace & Justice advocacy pillar. Rain out date is September 20. The Peace Poles Community Art Project is a series of poles designed by community members and adorned with original art and messages of peace. The display began in May and continues through September 30. Questions? Contact Jane Knoche, jeknoche@att.net.

THE GOOD FAITH NETWORK is an organization composed of faith-based organizations and individuals who seek to foster a more just society. This fall the Good Faith Network will be holding Listening Sessions for members and potential members to hear about how we as a community perceive and understand justice in fostering an equitable society. Following the Listening Sessions, the Network is able to identify key issues important to its membership. These issues become the focus of the collective strength of the Good Faith Network as it seeks to transform ideas into action that bring about change. Addressing the need for a mental health crisis center, the need for affordable housing and the need to respond to homelessness have been the Good Faith Network's top priorities. If you are interested in attending a Listening Session, please contact one of the following: Dave Pack: djpack.12645@gmail.com, Don or Joy Wilson: donjoywilson@gmail.com, Eileen Thomson: esthompson@gmail.com.

AUGUST DONATION PARTNER — CROSS-LINES: Cross-Lines was established in 1963 as "a place of hope" for those struggling with the hardships of poverty, providing direct assistance to at-risk families, the elderly, and single individuals struggling to make ends meet. The mission of Cross-Lines is to provide people in the Kansas City area affected by poverty with services and opportunities that encourage self-confidence, meet the needs of today, and provide tools for

future self-sufficiency. You can help Cross-Lines by donating one of the items from their basic needs list below. Please leave your donation in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime during August.

- diapers (especially sizes 4, 5, and 6)
- shampoo
- deodorant
- toothpaste
- razors
- laundry detergent
- dish soap

AUGUST COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT: MISSION CO-WORKERS: PCUSA's mission co-workers serve in a variety of settings around the world and support the overall mission of the Presbyterian Church. Co-workers' assignments are generally in the areas of:

- evangelism
- global education
- community development
- health ministries
- peace and justice
- interfaith dialogue

Their call to service includes a commitment to partnership and mutuality in the work they perform. If you'd like to support the Mission Coworkers, just use the "Communion" option in the online portal or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope and turn in your donation by August 30.

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