



Service of Worship — September 3, 2023

“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: Mikki Walker

HEAD USHER: Dave Peck

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

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: Rich Haun and family in the death of his father.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Pam Kelly, Harold Farren, Katie Rickley

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: Argentine United Presbyterian, Kansas City, KS; Elder’s Circle — New Worshipping Community; Iglesia Príncipe de Paz, Olinthepeque (MQP); Heartland Presbyterian Center Camp Board of Directors; Art Church — New Worshipping Community

(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

TODAY, WE WELCOME REV. CARLA GENTRY. Carla is a native of northern Minnesota and is a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Gentry has served on the national staff of the PCUSA before moving back to the Midwest with her husband Anthony, who is a native of Independence, MO, to care for aging relatives. Carla has served two churches in the Presbytery: Ruskin Heights and Belton. Gentry’s current ministry is as a hospice chaplain for Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care, where she has served for the past nine years. Carla has served on many Presbytery committees and commissions and is currently serving on the Commission on Ministry. When she is not working, Carla enjoys the company of her husband Anthony, their cat Dolly, and being outside in nature.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE TOWN HALL — SEPTEMBER 10 after worship in Heartland Hall. Lunch will be provided by the Generosity Team. Each team will provide a brief review of the

proposed 2024 budget, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, and let us know your thoughts before the budget is finalized and then approved by Session.

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed Monday, September 4, for the Labor Day holiday.

ADULT

THE NEXT PAGE TURNERS MEETING IS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, at 6:30pm. We'll meet at Vicki Peck's home at 12521 Richards Street, Overland Park. Please bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share, and let Vicki know what you'd like to bring. You're invited even if you haven't read our book, *Trophy Girl*, by Marlis Manley. The author, a friend of Linda Hoffman's, will be here too. What a treat! Anyone who wants to join Dave Peck can meet him at Talk of the Town, 119th & Quivira. He'll be watching the Chiefs game. (vpeckster@gmail.com or 913-706-9679)

AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet September 6 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. We will select books for the coming year. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

CHILDREN

WE WILL NOT BE HOLDING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY. Classes will resume next week while parents can enjoy our Town Hall lunch.

FACEBOOK GROUP: Have you joined our GCPC Children's Facebook group? If you join our group of amazing people, you'll have access to all the latest information on our GCPC Children's Program. Join today! All the cool kids are doing it.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2555575044593497>

MISSION

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE is working with the Presbytery of the Pacific following the fires that killed at least 111 people on the Hawaiian island of Maui. To help the people of Maui recover, Mission team has directed \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief. For more details on how PDA is responding to the disaster in Maui, please go to presbyterianmission.org and search for "Maui."

PLEASE SAVE YOUR PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS FOR WORKSHIP SUNDAY! For one of the service projects we'll be doing, we're going to need lots and lots of clean, dry plastic bags (think Walmart bags). Please leave bags in the box in front of the sanctuary anytime between September 10 and October 8. For any questions, contact Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT RENEWED HOPE FOOD PANTRY: ReNewed Hope makes a significant impact for good in our community by helping solve the problem of food insecurity—lack of reliable access to affordable, nutritious food. Many GCPC members have already

volunteered at ReNewed Hope, and food donations may always be left in the bin in the Weekday Entrance. ReNewed Hope needs many volunteers to fulfill their mission. They have service opportunities on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, and Friday evenings. Please check out their website for more information and use the links there or the Vomo app to volunteer!

<https://renewedhopefoodpantry.org/>

GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATE FOR GOOD — LIVING IN GOD’S GRACE: Here is our pledging update as of August 15, 2023, which is 62.5% of the calendar year. There’s been wonderful progress with 63% of submitted pledge amounts and 68% of rollover pledges received. We are very grateful for the timely generosity of our members. We continue to see our 0% fulfilled numbers decreasing. As always, we **thank you for your generosity and commitment** to Grace Covenant. Please provide feedback to our team: Dave Sutherland, Ryan Hussey, Bill Brown, and Jane Knoche.

Here is our giving progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (103)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	August 15th
0% fulfilled	32	24	22	15
1-25% fulfilled	33	12	10	4
26-50% fulfilled	29	52	50	18
51-75% fulfilled	0	3	8	44
76-100% fulfilled	7	11	13	22
\$533,282.63	\$187,129	\$211,292	\$259,907	\$337,665

Rollover Pledges (27)	April 12th	May 16th	June 19th	August 15th
0% fulfilled	11	9	8	6
1-25% fulfilled	6	1	1	0
26-50% fulfilled	9	9	10	5
51-75% fulfilled	1	5	3	8
76-100% fulfilled	1	4	6	8
\$101,369	\$15,480	\$53,965	\$59,355	\$68,930

Five groupings are used to show giving progress and calendar relationship. They are 0%, 1-25%, 26-50%, 51-75%, 76-100%. Each pledge falls into one of these groups.

Faith and Hope Campaign Closeout

Our \$50,000 Faith and Hope Campaign is closing out. We received one additional gift in July! With the departure of three staff members, our deficit budget needs are not as critical. Thank you to each of our 38 members/households for your supplemental pledge! As of August 15, 2023, \$22,710.20 has been raised.



Pledge Portal



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