



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — September 1, 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 worshipping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Jake Schmidt

HEAD USHER: Steve 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: Sylvia Littlejohn and family in the death of her cousin.

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, 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, or send to gcpc.prayers@gmail.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

TODAY'S COMMUNION IS INTINCTION, which is grape juice and bread. Gluten free rice crackers are available on the left and right front pews. Our World Communion cup with grape juice and bread is available if you choose not to participate in communion by intinction.

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.

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 Workship 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!

THANK YOU FOR ORDERING 40TH ANNIVERSARY APPAREL! The apparel order is with the vendor, and we anticipate passing out the shirts on Sunday, September 22, and Sunday, September 29, so that you can wear them on Workshop Sunday, October 13. THANK YOU so much for your response to this first activity of our anniversary year! Be sure to share photos of your family in your shirts after they arrive!

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 gpc.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://gpc.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: No adult classes today.

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

THERE WILL BE NO ATW OR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY. We'll continue with our regular programs next week!

SPEAKING OF NEXT WEEK, WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS for our K–6th grade workshop rotations for September 8 and 15. Our children will be exploring the story of Joesph by acting out his story and interactive activities. Lesson plans and activities are all provided. We're sure you'll enjoy spending a little less than an hour with these kiddos. If you can help, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/gcpcWorkshopRotation>, or contact our Children's Team at gcpcchildren@gmail.com.

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: esthomson@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE AT RENEWED HOPE FOOD PANTRY: ReNewed Hope makes a significant impact for good in our community by helping solve the problem of food insecurity. Many GCPC members have already volunteered at ReNewed Hope, and food donations may always be left in the bin in the Weekday Entrance. The pantry has volunteer opportunities on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, and Friday evenings. Please check out their website for more information: <https://renewedhopefoodpantry.org/>

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