



Service of Worship — September 21, 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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Harold Frye in loving memory of his son Jeremy.

ELDER ON DUTY: Barbara Douglas

HEAD USHERS: Richard & Berdine Eby

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.



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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: Kevin Johnson, Trooper Shaw

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: Iglesia Liberación Divina, Nueva Candelaria, Totonicapán (MQP); Heartland Presbytery Presbyterian Women

(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

CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY: Thank you to all who joined us for last Sunday's *Stewardship Stories & Scrambled Eggs*. We had a wonderful turnout and were nourished not only by the delicious meal, but also by the inspiring updates from our ministry teams. Through their stories, we heard about ongoing work, exciting plans for 2026, and the energy that fuels our mission to serve both our congregation and the wider community. This year's Generosity theme is **"A Living Legacy. Called to plant. Called to grow."** Learn more about the 2026 campaign at gcpc.org/generosity2026. There you'll find the Generosity booklet (which includes a narrative budget) and a pledge card available for download.

Special thanks to the Generosity Team — Jane Knoche, Rev. Karen Wright, Eileen Thomson, Keith Langabee, Tom Stroud, Kim Krueger, and Leslie Jones—for your guidance and leadership. We are also grateful to our Session members for their faithful service, and to the Care & Connections team for helping us host a joyful brunch. **Together, we are planting seeds of faith and growing a legacy that will bless generations to come.**

THE ANNUAL FALL BBQ POTLUCK is 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 re-usable 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 today! "Let the good times roll!"

TWO WEEKS LEFT to sign up for the **Weekend Crafters Fall Workshop** on October 3, 6–8pm in Heartland Hall. **Registration ends Friday, September 26, at 10pm.** 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. 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.

ADULT

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet October 1 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Emily's House* by Amy Belding Brown. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TODAY:

- Awakening to Worship (ATW) and regular Sunday programming.

YOUTH

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP follows worship in the youth lounge on the lower level.

MISSION

SAVE THE DATE — NOVEMBER 18 — for GCPC's next workday with Habitat KC! A sign-up link will be provided in October. We can send up to eight people; in July and August we only had six and five people sign up, respectively. If you've been hesitating, November is the time to act! Contact michala.walker@gmail.com with any questions.

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 — GCPC will give our 25% to [PeaceWorks KC](http://PeaceWorksKC.org). 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.



Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

— 2025 —

Weekend Crafters Mini-Retreat

Friday, October 3, 6-8pm

RSVP by September 26

Details and Registration at 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

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 Family Service

8pm Traditional Service

— 2026 —

Bingo Night

Friday, January 23, Time TBA

Olympic Family Event

Saturday, January 31, Time TBA

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17, Time TBA

Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18

Palm Sunday

March 29, 9:30am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 7pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, Time TBA

Good Friday

Friday, April 3, 7pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 9am and 11am

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 12, 9:30am

Trivia Night

Saturday, April 18, Time TBA

Vacation Bible School

June 1-5, 9am-Noon

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