



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — August 3, 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.

ELDER ON DUTY: Eileen Thomson

HEAD USHERS: Steve & Caroline 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.



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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, Shirley Faulwell

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, David Schesser, 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.**

Our Global Ecumenical Liaisons: 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, Fairfax, MO; Iglesia Manantial de Vida, La Cumbre (MQP)

(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 THE ACT II CHORUS from EncoreKC!, under the direction of Pam Smith Kelly. EncoreKC! is GCPC's artist-in-residence.

THE MINISTRY FAIR IS NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 10 in Heartland Hall, following worship. This is a chance to see what small groups and teams are available and where you might want to get connected with other church members.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK: Join us for worship on Sunday, September 7, 9:30am, at the Meadowbrook Park Grand Pavilion, located at 91st and Nall (SE corner) in Prairie Village. Worship will be followed by a potluck picnic. Brats, beef & veggie burgers and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Come together with your church family for worship and savor the fellowship and beauty of the park! We are an Earth Care congregation, so remember to bring your own plates and silverware, and bring along camp chairs in case extra seating is required.

WORKSHIP 2025 DELAYED: Recently we announced that Workship 2025 would be on September 28. However, due to some difficulties with timing, Workship 2025 will be delayed until spring

2026. We may be able to still schedule a Fall GCPC Workday to do needed work in and around the building. Stay tuned for more information!

WEEKEND CRAFTERS FALL WORKSHOP! Save the Date! 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 for another exciting project. We hope you will join us and invite a friend. Registration, costs, and additional details will be coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE: 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. Mark your calendar for September 14 — we can't wait to see you there!

ADULT

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet August 6 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Caretaker* by Ron Rash. This is a change from the previous schedule. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

PAGE TURNERS' NEXT MEETING will be its annual book selection evening. Don't forget to bring your book if you have a copy to share with us to help us decide. The group will meet August 7, 7pm at Jo Randolph's, 2541 W. 89th St., Leawood, KS 66206. RSVP jrandolph4407@gmail.com.

DURING THEIR SUMMER HIATUS, THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP is meeting monthly to discuss a book with spiritual aspects. Everyone is invited to join us. The final meeting of the summer is August 14 at 9:30 a.m. The group will discuss *Stone Yard Devotional* by Charlotte Wood at Cindy Schendel's house (11654 Grant Dr). RSVP to Cindy at: cschen56@hotmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Johnson at agathatoo@gmail.com.

CHILDREN

UPCOMING FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

- **Today** — Summer Break for all ages: no Sunday school or activities.
- **August 10** — Ministry Fair after worship AND! Bring your backpacks to worship for the blessing of the backpacks!
- **August 17** — First ATW, and regular Sunday school classes of the school year for all ages!

MISSION

SPARE CHANGE? On August 24, we'll collect a Noisy Offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, to aid recovery efforts related to the floods, fires, storms, and other disasters so far this year. Bring your spare change and hurl it into the buckets the children will carry around to make a joyful, faithful noise!

KAIROS KLUES — NEW MONTH, NEW FOCUS: If you want to learn more about the Peace, Justice, and Environmental issues advocated by KAIROS, be sure to check out the bulletin board outside Heartland Hall. Take this **Water Quiz** (answers on the bulletin board) **TRUE or FALSE:**

- 1) My purchase of bottled water is unrelated to safer drinking water for the whole world.
- 2) Most plastic water bottles are recycled.
- 3) Bottled water is safer than tap water.

THE RETURN OF WORK WITH HABITAT KC AT GCPC! We have one remaining date set up for eight GCPC members to volunteer at the Habitat KC construction site in southern Olathe — August 26. If you're interested in the August date, register at <https://build.habitatkc.org/reservations/21409?auth=1750174782> by noon on Friday, August 12. If you have questions, reach out to Mikki at michala.walker@gmail.com.

AUGUST DONATION PARTNER — CROSS-LINES: 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 — HABITAT FOR HUMANITY KC: Due to unforeseen changes in the Mission Co-Worker program by PCUSA, we are re-directing the August Communion Offering to Habitat for Humanity KC. Habitat KC takes a holistic approach to reducing poverty and improving equity in the Kansas City community. Habitat KC is focused on affordable housing, because safe and stable homes free families and individuals from instability, stress, and fear — encouraging self-reliance and confidence. If you'd like to support Habitat KC, 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.

Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

**Ministry Fair, Sneak-a-Peek and
Blessing of the Backpacks**
Sunday, August 10, 10:30am

**New Members welcomed in worship
and Congregational Meeting**
Sunday, August 17, 9:30am

Noisy Offering
Sunday, August 24, 9:30am

Rev. Karen Wright Installation
Sunday, August 24, 3pm

Worship in the Park
Meadowbrook Park (91st & Nall)
Grand Pavilion (SE Corner) Prairie Village
(Lunch following)
Sunday, September 7, 9:30am

Generosity Town Hall
Stewardship Stories & Scrambled Eggs
"Sharing a meal, sharing our mission"
(Brunch following worship)
Sunday, September 14, 10:30am

Weekend Crafters Mini-Retreat
Friday, October 3, 6-8pm
Details TBA

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

A Christmas Exclamation!
Sunday, December 7, 6pm

The Longest Night
Sunday, December 21, 7pm

Christmas Eve Worship
Wednesday, December 24, 5pm and 8pm

Bingo Night
Friday, January 23, Time TBA

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