



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — September 29, 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: Tom Stroud

HEAD USHERS: Mike & Susan Fitzgerald

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: The Moody family in the death of George Moody.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: David Schesser

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: Central Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Christ Presbyterian Church – Haitian Fellowship, Kansas City, MO; Covenant Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Beloved Parish; Iglesia Primitiva, Centro Cantel (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

STEWARDSHIP TOWN HALL: Join us for the Stewardship Town Hall following worship TODAY in Heartland Hall, as we celebrate the generosity that has shaped Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church over the past 40 years. We'll share stories of how past giving has transformed lives, strengthened our fellowship, and equipped disciples to be sent into the world. As we look to the future, we'll explore how continued generosity will sustain and expand our ministry, ensuring that we gather, grow, and serve as a vibrant community of faith for generations to come. Join us for a time of brunch and fellowship as we continue to support and celebrate the work God is doing through Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

OUR CHILDREN'S TEAM IS EXCITED TO INVITE EVERYONE TO OUR ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT on Sunday, October 27, at approximately 11:45am for a hot dog lunch, games and of course Trunk or Treating. We are looking for a few donations and for people to host a trunk or volunteer for our event. Please visit our SignUpGenius if you are able to help: <https://bit.ly/GCPCTrunks2024>

BEING PART OF A CONNECTIONAL CHURCH, Grace Covenant pledges to support the operations of our General Assembly, Synod of Mid-America, and Heartland Presbytery. **The 2024 per capita is \$43.94 per member.** The Session has pledged to give that full amount. We invite each member to prayerfully consider giving his or her \$43.94 to offset this expense in GCPC's budget. We hope to have all who are able to provide our part in supporting the work of our leaders and officers within The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Checks may be made out to GCPC with "per capita" in the memo line. Thank you.

GET READY FOR THE ANNUAL BBQ POTLUCK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 5–7PM. Bring a dish to share (vegetable, salad, or dessert) and if possible, use a recipe from a GCPC cookbook to help us continue to celebrate our GCPC 40th anniversary! Plan to bring your own tableware. **Sign-ups for the potluck will be available before and after services on 9/22 and 9/29**, or call Patrick in the office. **Kevin Johnson is looking for grillers**, so if you can help out with the meat dishes, please let him know. Thank you to Kevin and all grillers. The Care and Connections Team is also very appreciative of the **Dixieland Band** which has agreed to provide amazing music at the potluck! A free-will offering will be collected to support Rick Randolph's trip to Ukraine with Global Care Force.

WORKSHIP PROJECTS WITH FACILITIES TEAM: If you are looking for a Workship Sunday activity, consider one of these facilities projects:

- wash Sanctuary doors
- dust library
- work garden media into Nieman entrance garden
- water island trees
- dust Sanctuary
- clean up back wall garden behind church of volunteer plants and weed

Contact Liz Chandler, 11emchandler55@gmail.com, for more information.

SAVERS FUNDRAISER FOR 40TH ANNIVERSARY: Workship Sunday is October 13, an annual event where we gather for a short worship service, then we participate in service projects. One of the six projects this year is assisting with sorting items donated by members for a **Savers FUNdraiser for our 40th Anniversary fund**. SEE BELOW for a list of items that Savers accepts for this FUNdraiser. ALL ITEMS must be clean and in sellable condition. Please bring and leave in Room 19b (lower level) before October 13, or contact Kristy Shaw to work out drop-off coordination.

- **Clothes:** men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.
- **Household Textiles:** bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.
- **Small Household Goods:** kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics.

- **Books & Media:** paperback, hard cover — all genres. media needs to be boxed separately.
*No encyclopedias or textbooks.

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS WANTED! Once again, we will be making mats from plastic grocery bags for the **Starfish Project, on Workshop Sunday, October 13**. We are going to need **LOTS & LOTS of clean, dry plastic bags** (think Walmart bags). Please leave bags in the barrel in the concourse anytime through October 8. Contact Mikki Walker with questions. Project Starfish distributes these mats to unhoused individuals to ensure they won't have to sleep on the bare ground.

DONATIONS NEEDED: One of our projects for Workshop Sunday will be tying quilts for Uplift, and we are out of batting! If you are interested in donating for the project, please purchase the minimum size 72x90" 80/20 (cotton/poly blend) batting and put it in the Peacemaker's bin in the Weekday Entrance. JoAnn Fabric frequently puts it on sale, or you might purchase from Amazon and have it delivered to Donna Heer (10915 S Barker Rd, Olathe 66061) — link attached. Thank you for helping! https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07B4Y7ZY9/?coliid=I1N5NUWFBNS1LP&colid=3G4MV2HOPSTJO&ref=list_c_wl_lv_ov_lig_dp_it&th=1

COMMUNION PREPARATION: We need someone to be in charge of communion preparation starting in January. This person(s) does not necessarily have to do the communion prep each month but just needs to make sure the supplies are there and that someone is doing the prep. Please contact Chelly King (913-634-4450) or Kathy Bures (913-302-1755) for more information.

ADULT

ADULT EDUCATION: We will not have an adult education class this morning. Please plan to attend the Town Hall following worship.

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet October 2 at 1:30 pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Earth's The Right Place for Love* by Elizabeth Berg. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

PAGE TURNERS WILL MEET THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, at 7pm at the home of Anne Stroud, 9821 Broadmoor. Overland Park. The book is *Democracy Awakening* by Heather Cox Richardson. RSVP by text to Anne at 913-515-6084 or e-mail annestroud845@gmail.com.

CHILDREN

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING TAKES A BREAK for the Generosity Town Hall; however, our children will still have activities to attend while parents listen to the Town Hall discussion. We ask that families take their children through the food line prior to bringing them to the following rooms. The children can eat with others within their rooms.

- Toddlers and Preschool should report to the nursery.

- Kindergarten and 1st Graders should report to youth kitchen area in the lower level.
- 2nd–5th Graders should report to Room 15.

FALL WEATHER IS HERE and that means we have started preparations for this year's Trunk-or-Treat. Join us Sunday, October 27, at approximately 11:45am for a hot dog lunch, games and of course Trunk or Treating. Invite your family and friends. It's time to boo-gie!

MISSION

CROP WALK 2024: Grace Covenant's CROP Walk tradition continues on Sunday, October 6, at 2pm at Country Club Christian Church, 6101 Ward Parkway. We are looking for 24 walkers in 2024. See the Packs in Heartland Hall after worship for more information or to make a donation.

MAKE PLANS TO DONATE BLOOD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, between 2–6pm, in Heartland Hall at GCPC! All donors will be entered into a sweepstakes for a chance to win two Chiefs tickets and a parking pass! New donors are always welcome! Contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or swbyrdks@gmail.com, with questions.

Sign up here: https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/83532

SEPTEMBER DONATION PARTNER AND COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT: Johnson County Christmas Bureau. JCCB is a nonprofit supporting our low-income neighbors in Johnson County. Their mission is to provide warmth and support during the winter holiday season to low-income families, and to increase awareness and understanding of poverty in Johnson County. This year we are collecting new and gently used books for JCCB, including board books, children's books in English and Spanish, young adult books, adult fiction books, and Bibles. Please leave your donations in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime in September. If you like, you can order a book from the Amazon wish list (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2EB37DH1V7SN5?ref=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_5) and it will be delivered directly to JCCB. If you'd like to support JCCB with a financial donation, 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.

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