



Service of Worship — September 17, 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: Katie Hearn

HEAD USHER: Eric Burdette

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:

- Rebecca Prater (music dir.): rebecca.prater@gcpc.org
- Lindsay Callender (youth coordinator): lindsaymichelle0130@gmail.com
- Patrick Bell (office admin.): patrick.bell@gcpc.org
- Tara Hyder (finance admin.): finance@gcpc.org

Pledge Portal



“Pray for one another” — James 5:15

We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

All Grieving the Death of a Loved One: Jesse Bures and family in the death of her grandmother.

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: Iglesia Liberación Divina, Nueva Candelaria, Totonicapán (MQP); Heartland Presbytery Presbyterian Women; Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting – September 19th

(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 MELANIE TOWNSEND TO THE PULPIT. Melanie Townsend has been a member of Grace Covenant since 1996 and is currently serving as the Clerk of Session. She has previously served on Session, served as a Deacon, accompanied children’s choirs, sung in Chancel Choir, sung and played keyboard with Praise Team, served on the Adult Team and Worship Team, led 3rd grade Bible workshops, taught at VBS, and been involved in many other activities at GCPC. Melanie and her husband, Nelson, are parents to two college-aged sons. In her “other” life, Melanie is a structural engineer who has designed bridges in Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa. This is her first time preaching.

JINGLE, JINGLE! WHAT’S THAT NOISE? Jingle, Jingle! It’s a kid with a coffee can! Jingle, Jingle! Quick, find some loose change! That’s right, today is a Noisy Offering! Your coins will go to support SowHope, a global nonprofit that works to meet the needs of women living in extreme poverty.

WORKSHIP SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 8! Remember to sign up for a service project at www.gcpc.org/workship by October 1. Each member of a household needs to sign up for a project and indicate whether they'll be eating lunch! Contact Mikki for any questions, michala.walker@gmail.com.

TOWN HALL FEEDBACK: Thank you to the 85 to 100 members that attended the Town Hall. Feedback from the September 10 meeting was positive, and we are typing up the comments to share. Special thanks to our folks that kept the nursery going and provided the children's activities during this time. Leftovers from our Mi Ranchito taco bar were taken to SafeHome. The residents were just trying to put together their lunch with assorted leftovers. When they saw what GCPC was bringing, they were so grateful and happy to receive it. The food provided several meals and additions to meals over the next few days.

THE NEW MEMBERS' CLASS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, in Room 5, following the worship service. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Kathy Williams at 913-485-1776 or kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GCPC ANNUAL BBQ & POTLUCK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 5-7PM. If you're willing to grill or smoke meats at home to bring to the potluck, please contact Kevin Johnson, krpj01@gmail.com. If you're not a griller and would prefer to bring a side dish or dessert to share, please sign up in the concourse before or after church on a designated clipboard today, September 24, and October 1. Please let us know how many will be attending in your group. You can also e-mail the church office, office@gcpc.org, or call 913-345-1256. Hope you can join us!"

REDUCE! RECYCLE! REUSE! Stop in the Concourse today (and next Sunday) and view many items being given away free of charge. Lots of coffee cups and GCPC T-shirts have been added to the tables!

CHILDREN

ATW, MUSIC, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL continue this week.

IT'S A SMASH SUNDAY. Our K - 5th/6th graders will meet TODAY, 4-6pm to begin exploring stories within the Bible that feature children. First up, Miriam! If you haven't already, please RSVP to gcpcchildren@gmail.com or via our GCPC Children Facebook Event/Post.

MISSION

SEPTEMBER DONATION PARTNER — THE STARFISH PROJECT: The Starfish Project is a nonprofit in Olathe that works to help meet the basic needs of the community. They provide food, clothing, toiletries, haircuts, vision and dental screenings, services to help keep kids in school and grown-ups employed, training for new social workers, and more. They currently serve over 2,000 people a month! Please consider helping Project Starfish achieve their mission by donating any of the items below. Donations can be left in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime the church is open!

- 66-quart clear plastic tubs for storage
- bottles of water
- gallon-sized Ziplock bags
- plastic spoons/forks
- plastic clam shells (we use these to hand out meals)
- winter socks
- paper towels
- new or open bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash (like one you tried but didn't like)
- empty unlabeled clean prescription medicine bottles
- 4x6 craft zip lock bags
- wash cloths
- old T-shirts (can be stained or have holes, but must be clean)
- fleece (used for dog toys and muzzle mats for the rescues)

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — MISSION CO-WORKERS: PCUSA sends mission co-workers all over the world to serve in a variety of settings and support the overall mission of the church. While funding for the co-workers is all funneled into one pool for equitable distribution, each congregation is assigned specific co-workers to support with prayer. Ours are Leslie Vogel (mission co-worker in Guatemala since 2013) and Jeff and Christy Boyd (mission co-workers in Democratic Republic of Congo). Please consider committing to prayer or making a donation to support this good work!

CROP WALK 2023: Grace Covenant's CROP Walk tradition continues on Saturday, October 14, at 10am at Country Club Christian Church at 6101 Ward Parkway. See the Packs in Heartland Hall after worship for more information or to make a donation.

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.

IHN UPDATE: The 12th Annual "IHN Home Is Where the Heart Is" Auction is coming September 28. Please visit the website jocoihn.org to purchase your tickets for the evening. This is IHN's biggest fundraiser — no formal attire needed, dress to enjoy the evening! Grace Covenant is donating a Kenyan Nativity set, and a gift basket. You may buy tickets at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/xO3/> through September 15. The evening's program will include a cocktail hour, Heads or Tails game, silent and live auctions, and the Mission Moment with auctioneer Shannon Mays from Raising Paddles LLC. Silent auction bidding opens at 10am on Monday, September 18,, and concludes before the live auction event kicks off on Thursday, September 28. **A new support church is joining Grace Covenant's IHN rotations.** Christine Caseres and Jane Knoche are pleased to share that we have a second support congregation helping us on our quarterly host weeks. Shawnee Mission United Universalist Church (SMUUCH — yes, pronounced "smooch") We are sorting out the details, but SMUCCH is looking at taking

on Wednesday and Saturday morning hosting. Our next rotation starts November 5, and we will have a volunteer orientation at 4pm that day.

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
11100 College Blvd, OPKS 66210
gpc.org