



Service of Worship — World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020 10:00am

“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.

“Pray for one another” — James 5:15

We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

All Grieving the Death of a Loved One: Marcia Turner and Family in the death of her mother.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Gary Dubois, Carl Blomgren, Shirley Sampson, Gail Harris, Jack Weyforth, Paul Wirtz, Colleen Carroll, Donna Goeckler

Cancer Treatment: Kathy Jonas

Aging Challenges: Shirley Sisk, C.J. Poirier

Military Service: Conner Maynard, David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Bryce Hearn, Shannon Lorimer. **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: Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Iglesia Getsemaní, Pachaj, Cantel; Heartland Presbytery Mission and Social Justice.

(If you have a prayer request you'd like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at office@gcpc.org, or send to gcpc_prayers@yahoo.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: On this day, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the table, in God's house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers here at home and around the world.

We take action today by offering a blessing of our own. Through our participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community — 25 percent of the gifts received will stay right here at the church to build God's house. Twenty-five percent will support regional efforts in our mid councils, and 50 percent will go the Presbyterian Mission Agency for its ministries of education and partnership with active peacemakers all around the world. Peacemakers in places like Cameroon, where violence and conflict threaten, peacemakers providing ministries of reconciliation inside prison walls, and peacemakers seeking to eradicate diseases like HIV-AIDS and their impacts on the most vulnerable, all gather with us at the table in God's house. You can send your donation to the church marked Peace and Global Witness Offering or donate online at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/peace-global-witness/>.

CONTACTING STAFF: A reminder that the GCPC church building is closed to most activities and meetings in response to the current public health emergency. Office staff members are working remotely. The best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

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HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME: During this time of online-only worship, we encourage those who normally put their pledge in the offering plate each Sunday to mail their pledges to the church. The Finance Administrator will get them and see that they are deposited in a timely fashion. Of course, you may also make your pledge online by going to gcpc.org and clicking the "Online Giving" tab.

ADULTS

HOLY CURRENCIES: Join us Tuesday evenings at 7pm as we consider ways we, the church, can be the best example of Jesus Christ in the world. We will be looking at **HOLY CURRENCIES** by Eric Law, who offers some new understanding for us of HOW we can carry out the work of God in a way that highlights our love of God and one another. Go to our Grace Covenant website at <https://gcpc.org/education/adults/virtual-adult-education/holy-currencies---blessings-that-begin-with-giving.html> for resources for each week's discussion. Join the Zoom Meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82114445533?pwd=L2t1M1JZTjBZcC9TMnZhM0c1KzZBUT09>
Meeting ID: 821 1444 5533; Passcode: GCPC2020

IMAGES OF FAITH — GATES OF PARADISE: Study with Jan Cummings (an online class) meets Sundays, September 27 at 4 p.m. and October 4, 11, 18 at 11:15 a.m. Begun in the year 1425 and installed in 1452 The Gates of Paradise are Ghiberti's celebrated bronze doors on the Florence Baptistery. About 30 years ago it was decided that the doors should be taken out of the weather, conserved and placed in a museum. The doors were faithfully reproduced and placed on the baptistery. A 2nd set was reproduced at the same time. That set of doors are now housed in the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The 4-week class will look at and discuss each of the 10 panels/stories that make up the door, using biblical references, and other art pieces that depict the references. Use this link for the remaining classes:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87567834034?pwd=TDN2ZzFIMUpmN1gxK0JlVWp5S1l1QT09>

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CHRISTIANITY AND AMERICAN POLITICS: Join us at 11:15 a.m. Sundays October 25 through November 22, for this class facilitated by Dave Pack and Rev. Sue Trigger. We will begin by looking at some PCUSA resources on talking about politics in a church setting. The two Sundays around the November 3 national election will seek open-ended sharing about what has happened politically that week and how it was perceived relative to individuals' faith. The last two Sundays will focus on topics such as health care, poverty, climate change, racism, campaign finance reform and open-ended sharing about these topics relative to individuals' faith. How do we make American politics more Christian? A Zoom link will be made available prior to the first class.

YOUTH

HAPPY NATIONAL TACO DAY!

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES are back to normal in person and via Zoom. We will plan to be in the courtyard behind church this week. Please bring your own folding chair or a blanket if you come in person. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5784595517>.

CONNECT WILL BE FROM 5:10-6:30 TODAY. We will meet in the courtyard behind church. Be ready to engage in a Lego relay and photo scavenger hunt! Bring your creativity and teamwork skills tonight!
Fall Youth and Youth Music Schedule

YOUTH MUSIC REHEARSALS BEGIN TODAY in the sanctuary — safety protocols sent to youth and parents by email. Contact one of the directors to join in! We can have a max of 10 people, but we still have room!

- Ex! Ringers @ 4pm-4:30pm – (8th-12th graders) — Kathy Bures, director
- Ex! Singers @ 4:35pm-5:05pm (8th-12th graders) — Rebecca Prater, director & Donna Heer, accompanist
- Connect - Outside or in Heartland Hall @ 5:10-6:30pm (6th-12th graders)
- Youth Band (6th-12th graders) — TBD – Christopher Callender & Miles McDonald, directors

YOUTH & PARENTS: Please watch your texts and e-mail for safety procedures and reminders!

CHILDREN

A VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL: This Sunday we continue our children’s Sunday school classes virtually. You can find information and links on our GCPC website: <https://gcpc.org/education/children/virtual-sunday-school/> Click on 2’s and 3’s or 4 yrs – 1st Grade to find lessons and music time. The 2nd – 5th Grade class will be a live Zoom meeting at 9 a.m. on Sundays. This is a password protected meeting. Contact Rev. Sue to get the log in information at sue.trigger@gcpc.org. Celebration Singers rehearsals will follow the 2nd – 5th Grade lesson time. This will be part of the same Zoom meeting.

MISSION

HEART OF AMERICA CROP WALK 2020: Go to crophungerwalk.org/kansascitymo and click on REGISTER to register as a walker, or click on DONATE to donate to the Grace Covenant team or a specific member of our team.

EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE: The current pandemic has created an even greater need for blood donations in the Kansas City area. Grace Covenant will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, October 28, 2-6pm. If you can participate in this life-saving effort, please book your appointment today at savealifenow.org/group, enter Group Code: IM. For additional details or help with signing up, contact Sarah Byrd, swbyrdks@gmail.com.