



Service of Worship — October 3, 2021

“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

USHERS: Terra Howard

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

“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

Cancer Treatment: Kathy Jonas

Ageing Challenges: Shirley Sisk

Military Service: 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 (MQP)

(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

WORKSHIP SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 17! Join us at GCPC October 17 for worship, service projects, and a pizza lunch! Sign-up for service projects starts today, using the link below, and don't forget to clean out your closets for gently used coats, shoes, and cell phones. All these items can be dropped off at church anytime before October 17, or just bring them that morning. [Sign Up Here](#)

THE SMOKE-OFF IS COMING! Preparations continue for the Great GCPC Smoke-off on Saturday, October 23! Plan to join us for this fun potluck! Please bring a dish or two to share (salad, side dish, dessert). C'mon up at 5pm for music and a lesson on grilling and smoking. The judging will start at 5:30. We have several smokers/grillers signed up, but we can always use more. You can also grill or smoke your food at home and then bring it up for the competition if you choose. Please contact Tom Stroud, thomas.w.stroud@gmail.com or 913-515-0591, if you can join the cooking brigade. We are blessed to have Christopher Callender and his musician friends ready to entertain us with bluegrass music before the meal. Proceeds from your cash votes for best BBQ will be donated to Heifer International. Plan A is to be outside for the event, but we can move the judging and eating inside if the weather does not cooperate, and there is plenty of space in the church to spread out for dining! Make sure to get this event in your calendar. If you have questions, please call Teresa Ilten, 913-515-1087.

STARS FOR EPIPHANY SUNDAY will be fresh and newly cut this year. If you have sharp scissors, are a careful cutter, are vaccinated and-willing to wear a mask while cutting, please contact Nancy Kalesz at nancy.kalesz@gmail.com to join in our annual Epiphany Star Project. Materials to be cut will be available on Sunday, October 10; see Nancy after the service. Cut stars need to be returned by November 13 to the church office. Please contact Nancy before October 10, so we can get the material packets ready.

DONATIONS FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS: GCPC would like to bring back the tradition of celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, the remembering of loved ones, or any special event, with flower arrangements for Sunday morning worship. The cost is \$35-\$40, whether the flowers are real or a beautiful faux arrangement made and donated by Linda McMaster. If you would like to donate, please contact Chelly King at chelly41rn@gmail.com (rn not m) or 913-634-4450. (Note, the number in the last directory is no longer correct.) Please provide: occasion, which type of flower arrangement (real or faux), date, and memorial/honorarium name. The check can be made payable to GCPC with real or arrangement in the memo line and can be mailed or dropped off in the wooden box in the sanctuary as you enter or leave the service. If you order real flowers, please feel free to take them with you after church. Orders for real flowers must be placed by the Monday before the next Sunday. Thanks! —*Chelly King*

CONTACTING STAFF: A reminder that the GCPC church building has returned to normal operations. The office is open from 8am to 4pm, but the best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

Rev. Sue: sue.trigger@gcpc.org

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HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME: Although we are now offering limited in-person 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 "Online Giving."

ADULT

GCPC YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILIES: Come join other church young adults and young families for our annual pumpkin patch outing, Saturday, October 9, 3pm, at Johnson Farms, 17701 Holmes Road Belton, MO 64012. To guarantee entry, pre-purchasing tickets for this date and time is highly recommended! You can purchase tickets here: <https://www.johnsonfarms.net>.

PAGE TURNERS IN OCTOBER: At 7pm on October 7, Page Turners will meet at Laura Patton's home to discuss *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to lfpatton@gmail.com. Laura's address is 15814 Beverly St, Overland Park, KS 66223. Location Tip: The Patton's back yard shares a property line with Stanley Elementary School.

AS THE PAGE TURNS book group meets October 6 at 1:30pm in Room 3. The book for discussion is *The Stationary Shop* by Marian Kamali. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship. (Per GCPC guidelines, we are required to wear masks during our meeting time together.)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING IS OCTOBER 16, 2021: Ladies, can join us virtually via ZOOM or in person at Grace Covenant, 10am–1pm. Our Guest speaker is Courtney Thomas, CEO of NewHouse Women's Shelter, sharing "In Her Shoes," and our worship leader is Rev. Elizabeth Meador. Please register by October 11, by contacting Ginny Wirtz, gwirtz@everestkc.net, for the registration form. A free box lunch is provided for all persons registered.

SHALOM: FINDING PEACE IN THE BIBLE is a six-week adult Bible study led by Kevin Johnson, which will be loosely taken from the Kerygma study "Shalom: A study of the Biblical Concept of Peace." We will look at the theological dimensions of peace as God's intention for this world, our continuing hope for peace, and our call to be peacemakers. Please bring your Bibles and a pen! The class will meet in **Room 4 at 10:45am**, or join via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/krd5pz84>

FOLLOW ME — BIBLICAL PRACTICES FOR FAITHFUL LIVING: A living faith is so much more than simply believing in God. Jesus called all sorts of people to follow him to God, showing concrete ways to love God and one another. Together we will learn about the Jesus practices that have shaped the church. Participants will practice seeing Christ in every person and discover their own gifts of hospitality. This adult class will meet in **Room 3 at 10:45am**. Or join via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/yanmupj9>

YOUTH

KEEP TALKING AND NOBODY EXPLODES! We are Back! Join us for a fun night of Connect tonight. We will play an action packed new and fun game, "Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes." Come and find out more about the game! We hope to see you all there — as always, 6:30– 8pm!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! We hope to see you all today for Sunday school! We will discuss, “Can It Be Proved God Exists?” Join us in person or let us know if you would like to Zoom in: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5784595517?pwd=RFlwNkltcUtlSVQ4czFQNXRyYUdHZz09>

EXCITING THINGS TO COME!

ESCAPE ROOM AND CHIEFS HANGOUT: Join us October 10 for an extra fun night of Connect. We’ve all worked really hard and have created an Escape Room for you! Following the Escape room, we’ll have Pizza and stream the Chiefs game for a chill hang out time. We are super excited for the escape room and encourage you all to bring a friend!

WORKSHIP SUNDAY SOON: It’s almost time for Workship Sunday. Join us October 17. We will work on the Adopt-A-Stream service project and would love for you all to join us.

HOMELESS NIGHT APPROACHING: We have moved the date for homeless night and are currently planning to have it November 13. We really hope to see you there.

MISSION

HEART OF AMERICA CROP WALK 2021: To support Grace Covenant’s participation in the 2021 Heart of America CROP Walk, 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. Current Grace Covenant team members are Christine Caseres, Jane Knoche, the Krug family, and Karen and Dave Pack. Our team will do a local area walk at 10am Saturday, October 9, on the Indian Creek Trail starting at Shannon Valley Park at 11100 Grant Drive, going south and then looping back to the park (about 45 minutes if you did the entire walk).

GCPC FALL BLOOD DRIVE: The next Blood Drive is October 20, 2–6pm at the church. The Blood Center has added additional COVID-19 precautions for your safety. To make an appointment, please visit savealifenow.org/group, and enter Group Code: IM. For more information, contact Sarah Byrd, sbyrdks@gmail.com.

IHN VOLUNTEER TRAINING: Do you want to be part of the solution to homelessness in Johnson County? Come to IHN Volunteer Training, which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, from 6:30 promptly to 8:30pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch, Overland Park, KS. Also, please let Jane Knoche, GCPC IHN Primary Coordinator, know if you are attending or have questions.

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