



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — October 11, 2026

*“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:** Frank Slovick

**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.



**CONTACTING STAFF:** The main office is open 8am–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**

**Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses**

**Cancer Treatment:** Trooper Shaw, Johnnie Baker

**Aging Challenges**

**Military Service:** David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Eliana Wilson. **All veterans, deployed military, and reservists.**

**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:** John Knox Presbyterian Kirk, Kansas City, MO; Beloved Community Parish - Linwood United Church, Kansas City, MO

(If you have a prayer request you would like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at [office@gcpc.org](mailto:office@gcpc.org), or send to [gcpc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:gcpc.prayers@gmail.com).)

**SPOTLIGHT**

**LED BY THE SPIRIT, GROWING IN GRACE:** This week in our 2027 Stewardship Campaign, *Led by the Spirit, Growing in Grace*, we consider **The Spirit Transforms Us**. Growth in faith is not simply about becoming bigger—it is about becoming more deeply rooted in God's love, more connected to one another, and more open to where the Spirit is leading us. Visit the **Generosity Table in Heartland Hall** after worship for a donut, a 2027 pledge card, and a chance to ask questions of a Generosity Team member. Pledges may be made **confidentially online at [gcpc.org/2027pledge](https://gcpc.org/2027pledge)**. Details about the campaign are available at [gcpc.org/growinginGrace](https://gcpc.org/growinginGrace).

**OFFICE HOURS REMINDER:** Due to vacation schedules, the church offices/building hours may vary through October 14. Please call ahead to make sure you will have access if coming to the building for a non-regularly scheduled meeting. Thank you.

**CROP WALK 2026:** Grace Covenant's CROP Walk tradition continues TODAY, at 2pm at Country Club Christian Church, 6101 Ward Parkway. We have a \$5,000 goal for this year's walk. See the Packs in Heartland Hall after worship for more information or to make a donation.

**THE BRUNCH BUNCH** is planning an outing TODAY at 12:15pm at Flapjacks 'N' More, 7552 W. 119th Street in Overland Park. Please RSVP to Mike Mattix if you plan to attend, [mattixopks@gmail.com](mailto:mattixopks@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**FAURÉ REQUIEM | ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1:** On All Saints Sunday, November 1, at 9:30am, the Chancel Choir will be joined by orchestra and soloists Beth Lillian and Alexander Birch Elliot for Gabriel Fauré's beloved *Requiem*. This will be one of the major musical offerings of our fall and a beautiful opportunity to remember those who have gone before us through music filled with tenderness, hope, and peace. Please begin thinking about friends, family members, neighbors, or others you might invite to worship with us that morning.

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY REMEMBRANCE:** The November 1 bulletin will contain an insert with the names of those who have passed since All Saints' Sunday 2025 (November 2, 2025). If you would like to include the name of a relative or friend who has passed this past year, please send that person's name to [office@gcpc.org](mailto:office@gcpc.org) no later than noon on Wednesday, October 28.

**HOLY SMOKES! IT'S CHILI TIME!** Do you make the best homemade chili in town? Now's your chance to prove it! Join us for our GCPC Chili Cook-Off and show off your favorite homemade chili recipe. Whether your chili is mild, spicy, smoky, or loaded with secret ingredients, we want to taste it!

- **Date: Saturday, October 17**
- **Time: 5:30–7:30pm**
- **Location: GCPC Heartland Hall**

So, stir up your favorite recipe, join the friendly competition and a chance to win bragging rights. Prizes will be awarded for the best chilis. Please sign up at church if you plan to bring chili for the cook-off. Not entering the contest? Come hungry! Sample a variety of delicious homemade chilis, vote for your favorite, and enjoy a fun fellowship event. Bring your appetite, your family, and your best chili — we can't wait to see who takes home the title of GCPC Chili Cook-Off Champion!

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEEDS:** We have openings for Sunday school teachers, ATW leaders, shepherds, SMASH and YOUTH GROUP helpers, etc. It's a joyful, rewarding way to fulfill the promises we make to our GCPC children and youth at their baptism, and we'd love to have you join the fun! These openings are coming up soon and we need you. Thank you!

**WAYS FOR YOU TO SERVE:**

- October 18, 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School, Shepherd for K-5th grade, ATW leader and Greeters, Preschool Leader and Assistant, SMASH and YOUTH GROUP leaders

(Children's Volunteer Opportunities)

<https://gcpc.org/children-youth/youareinvited.html>



(Youth Group Volunteer Sign-up)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-57367467-gcpc>



**TRUNK-OR-TREAT IS OCTOBER 25!** We're collecting candy donations at church now. And be sure to sign up to host a trunk! It's a BLAST!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-65301767-gcpc>



## ADULT

### ADULT EDUCATION — SUNDAYS AT 10:45AM IN ROOM 3

**October 11 — Good Faith Network Presentation** — Led by Don Wilson

What does it look like when people of faith come together to make a meaningful difference in our wider community? Join **Don Wilson** for an introduction to the **Good Faith Network** and its work bringing congregations together around issues affecting Johnson County and our neighbors. Come learn more about the network, the concerns it is addressing, and ways people of faith can participate in constructive, faithful action. Everyone is welcome!

### UPCOMING CLASSES

- **October 18** — *Reformed—and Still Being Reformed: “What Makes Us Presbyterian?”* — Harold Frye
- **October 25** — **Reformation Sunday** — *Reformed—and Still Being Reformed: “Why Did the Church Need a Reformation?”* — Karen Wright
- **November 1** — **All Saints’ Day** — *Reformed—and Still Being Reformed: “The Communion of Saints”* — George Bures
- **November 8** — *Living Matthew 25: Envisioning a Different Kind of Kingdom* — “Keep Awake” — Leader TBD

## CHILDREN

**YOU ARE INVITED to be involved in Children’s Ministry!** Learn more here:



## YOUTH

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HANG OUT WITH SOME COOL YOUTH?** Please sign up to volunteer here:



## MISSION

**OCTOBER COMMUNION OFFERING — JOHNSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS BUREAU:** For 65 years, the Johnson County Christmas Bureau (JCCB) has supported low-income families in our community during the holiday season. JCCB provides support for low-income families, raises awareness of poverty, and gives neighbors an opportunity to help neighbors. In 2025, JCCB served more than 13,000 individuals. Your gift, in any amount, can help bring hope, joy, and

encouragement to families in Johnson County this Christmas. Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of our neighbors!

**OCTOBER DONATION PARTNER:** This October, we are collecting **new or gently used books** for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau (JCCB) Christmas Store. Books are needed for all ages, including **adults, teens, youth, children, and toddlers**. **Spanish-language books** are also especially welcome. Please share the gift of a good book! Place your donations in the **collection bin by the Weekday Entrance**. Thank you for helping bring the joy of reading and the love of Christ to families in our community!



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# 2026 Upcoming Events and Services

*(Save these dates)*

**Heart of America CROP Walk**

Sunday, October 11, 2pm

**Chili Cook-Off**

Saturday, October 17, 5:30–7:30pm

**Generosity Sunday**

Sunday, October 25, 9:30am

**Trunk or Treat**

Sunday, October 25, 11:45am - 1:00pm  
Hot dog lunch, games for all ages  
and a costume parade

**Blood Drive**

Thursday, October 29, 1-5pm

**EncoreKC!'s**

**Belle Voci, Brass Ensemble  
and Ukulele Ensemble Concert**

Friday, October 30, 7pm  
Sanctuary

**Fauré's Requiem**

Presented by the Chancel Choir,  
Orchestra, and featuring members  
of GCPC and the community  
Sunday, November 1, 9:30am

**EncoreKC! Chorus Concert**

**"Voices Dance: Music That Moves Us"**

Sunday, November 15, 3pm  
Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, KS

**First Sunday of Advent**

Sunday, November 29

**A Christmas Exclamation!**

Sunday, December 6, 6pm

**The Longest Night**

Sunday, December 20, 7pm

**Christmas Eve Worship**

Thursday, December 24  
5:30pm and 8pm

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, February 9

**Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, February 10

**Easter Sunday**

Sunday, March 28, 9am and 11am

~ Please be mindful of the following deadlines for our communications publications ~

**Grace Notes Weekly email newsletter** - articles due to the church office by 10am, each Wednesday

**Weekly church bulletin** - articles due to the church office by Noon, each Wednesday

**Grace Notes Monthly Newsletter** - articles are due to the church office on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

*Please respect the timelines needed to produce these publications. Thank you!*

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](https://gcpc.org/calendar)