



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — February 23, 2025

*“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: Paul Bruns

HEAD USHER: Eric Burdette

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/GPCAttendance>, or scan the QR Code below.



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

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, Katie Rickley, David Schesser, Cindy Schendel

Aging Challenges: Lee Will, Stewart Nelson, Charlie Bogan

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Clara Frye, Eliana Wilson. **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: Overland Park Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS; Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS; Iglesia Filadelfia, La Esperanza (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

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – A DELICIOUS TRADITION! Get ready to flip for pancakes! The GCPC Children's Team invites you to our **annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on **Tuesday, March 4, 5:30–7:30pm** in **Heartland Hall**. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, and drinks, while tapping your toes to the lively sounds of the **Dixieland Band!** Join in on the **Mardi Gras-themed fun, games, and fellowship**, all while supporting a great cause — **proceeds benefit the Children's Team and its ministries**. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family (4+). **RSVP & Volunteer Opportunities:** To ensure we have enough pancakes and seating, please RSVP by **Monday, February 24**. Simply leave your **RSVP** at gcpc.org/shrove-tuesday, and we'll handle the rest! We also need **cooks, set-up helpers, clean-up volunteers, and food donations**. If you'd like to lend a hand, **check out the sign-up options at link above** and let us know where you can help. Come hungry and ready for a festive night of **food, music, and community**. We can't wait to see you there!

REDUCE, RECYCLE, RE-USE: March 9 and 16, we are having our fourth Reduce, Recycle, Reuse giveaway. Please gather after worship to peruse the tables in the concourse. Come see the goodies we are giving away!

40TH ANNIVERSARY CRAFT FAIR — JOIN THE CELEBRATION! Come one, come all! Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church is celebrating 40 years of faith, fellowship, and community with a special **40th Anniversary Craft Fair** on **Saturday, March 29, from 9am to 2pm** in the **concourse and Heartland Hall**. This exciting event will feature a variety of talented local artisans and crafters showcasing their handmade goods — everything from home décor, jewelry, and textiles to seasonal gifts, baked treats, and more! Whether you're looking for a unique treasure, a perfect gift, or simply want to enjoy a day of shopping and fellowship, there will be something for everyone. In addition to the wonderful selection of crafts, we'll have refreshments available and plenty of opportunities to connect with friends, old and new. Don't miss this chance to support local crafters, celebrate our **40th anniversary theme — "Celebrating Our Faithful Journey"** — and enjoy a day of creativity and community! Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors—we can't wait to see you there!

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUR ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT on Saturday, April 5, 5:30–7pm. We will once again be led by our tremendous trivia master, Jake Schmidt. Pizza will be provided. **Check the concourse for the "Trivia Questions" box and submit your questions!** So put on your thinking caps and please join us!

ROAD TRIP — On the Go with God is the theme for the 2025 VBS, held June 2–6, 9am–Noon. **Registration is NOW OPEN!** Sign up your kiddos (*ages 4 years to 5th grade*) at gcpc.org/vbs. Volunteers needed! Volunteers can also sign up at the same link. Opportunities to help with decorating, planning, etc. are available and appreciated. Contact Kristy Shaw at kshaw96@yahoo.com.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL *meets next week, March 2*, in Room 3, across from the choir room. Sister Theresa Sullivan — “Help, Help, Help: Am I a Savior or a Servant?” — discussing the profound impact of serving others, emphasizing that it's not just an obligation but a gift.

WANT TO EAT SOME YUMMY PANCAKES, celebrate Shrove Tuesday, AND support the CHILDREN of GCPC? Tuesday March 4th, 5:30-7:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fundraiser with Dixieland Band and Mardi Gras games.



RSVP here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-54921546-shrove>

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR HELP FROM THE WHOLE CHURCH to pull off our summer VBS program! Would you like to help lead kiddos, organize, serve snacks, decorate, donate funds, or something else? Any help at all will be



greatly appreciated! It takes a village to pull an event like this off! You can be an important part of this life-changing event at our church!

Sign up to help here: <https://gcpc.org/vbs/volunteer.html>

OR check with Emily—she will find a spot for you to help out: (emily.dixon@gcpc.org)

CHILDREN

TODAY:

- All welcome to worship! Check out the bookshelf in the narthex for activities to do during worship.
- Nursery care available
- Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time, is for children ages 4 through 1st grade. Children depart with leaders from the Sanctuary following the Children's Time in worship. Parents may pick up their children in Room 12 on the lower level following worship.

10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL — COVENANT GROUP BRUNCH POTLUCK

- All families are encouraged to attend together. This will be in place of our Sunday school.
- Celebration! Choir will still meet for the first 15 minutes.
- Nursery available — kiddos will NOT be eating brunch in the nursery.
- **Noon-2pm, Communion Workshop**
 - 2nd grade families. FIRST communion takes place next week during worship (March 2)

FIRST COMMUNION — March 2 — in worship for 2nd graders and their families. Joy! and Celebration! Choirs sing in worship.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT VBS FUNDRAISER: Shrove Sunday, Tuesday March 4, 5:30–7:30pm — Pancake Fundraiser with Dixieland Band and Mardi Gras games.

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CHILDREN'S DEPT SERVICE PROJECT: Saturday, March 29, 9am-2pm, Children's service project: Hosting a lemonade and treat stand at the GCPC Craft Fair. Sign up for a time to host here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-55018258-lemonaide#/
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SUMMER VBS: Vacation Bible School, June 2–6, 9am-12pm, ages 4 yrs–5th grade, *Road Trip — On the Go with God* <https://gcpc.org/vbs/roadtrip.html>



MISSION

FEBRUARY'S COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IS ROSEHILL ELEMENTARY. Rosehill is a Title I school in Lenexa, and a longtime partner with GCPC. Title I is a federal program that provides

extra math and reading support; Rosehill is eligible for Title I because of the percentage of students who receive free or reduced lunch benefits. A quality education is necessary for every child to be successful in life; GCPC's partnership with Rosehill helps ensure that all our local children are equipped to succeed. Make your donation online or in the offering plate; just note that it is meant for Communion Offering.

UPLIFT — FEBRUARY DONATION PARTNER — UNDERWEAR CHALLENGE! “Answer the Call: Give the Gift of Dignity” We’ve all been blessed with the simple things we often take for granted — like clean, fresh underwear. For those struggling to meet basic needs, something as small as new underwear can restore dignity, comfort, and hope. Uplift is an organization that delivers hot meals and high need items to the homeless in the Kansas City area. Uplift is a 100% not for profit organization. No one in the organization gets paid for what they do. Yet every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evening four trucks pull out from their downtown warehouse, loaded with hot meals to feed 500 to 1,000 homeless and to provide them with essential needs. Our mission is clear: **We’re collecting NEW underwear for those in need!** This is a small gift that makes a big difference.

Below are Amazon links to help you understand what they are looking for. Feel free to get these anywhere you would like but if you use Amazon *please do not deliver to the church*. Instead have it delivered to my home (Kevin Johnson, 12840 Century St., Overland Park, KS 66213). You may also have it delivered to your home then drop them off at church in the Room 21 Uplift closet.

[Cotton Underwear for Women\(\\$13.99 on Amazon; Sizes M, L and XL\)](#)

[Men's Underwear Boxer Briefs \(\\$17.04 on Amazon; Sizes L, XL are highest need\)](#)

Women's Underwear



Men's Underwear



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Upcoming Events and Services

Covenant Group Brunch Potluck

Sunday, February 23, 10:30am

Communion Workshop

2nd graders and their parents
February 23, Noon-2 pm

Music Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, March 2, 9:30pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4, 5:30-7:30pm
Heartland Hall

Ash Wednesday Worship - Lent Begins

Wednesday, March 5, 6:30pm

GCPC 40th Anniversary Event

40th Anniversary Craft Fair

Saturday, March 29, 9am-2pm
Heartland Hall and Concourse

Trivia Night!

Saturday, April 5, 5:30-7pm
Heartland Hall

Bible Workshop

3rd graders and their parents
April 6, Noon-2 pm

Easter Egg Hunt

April 12, 10-11am
Heartland Hall and Outdoors

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13, 9:30am

Maunder Thursday, April 17, 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 18, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20, 9am & 11am

Church Office Closed

Easter Monday, April 21

Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 26, 9am-3pm

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 27, 9:30pm

Bell Fest

Sunday, May 4, 6-8pm

Church Office Closed

Memorial Day, Monday, May 26

Vacation Bible School

"Road Trip - On the Go with God!"

June 2 - June 6, 9am-Noon

Children Ages 4 yrs - 5th Grade

Volunteers register at link below

Register children at gcpc.org/vbs

Church Office Closed

Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19

GCPC 40th Anniversary Celebration with Brunch Following Worship

Sunday, June 22, 9:30am

GCPC 40th Anniversary

Friendship Bracelet Making Party

Saturday, July 12, 1-3pm
Heartland Hall

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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