



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — March 2, 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: Mikki Walker

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.



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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: Anita Hadel and family in the death of her stepson.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Cindy Schendel, Dorothy Stalling, Dave Stalling, Linda Rosine, Lara Schesser, Kevin Johnson

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: First Presbyterian Church, Osawatomie, KS-New Hope Parish; Miami Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS-New Hope Parish; Unidos En Oración – New Worshiping Community

(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

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF MUSIC AT GCPC: Music is one of the most powerful ways we express our faith, lift our hearts in worship, and join together as a community. We are blessed with a vibrant and diverse music ministry that encompasses singers and instrumentalists of all ages and skill levels. From joyful children’s choirs to resonant handbell ensembles, from the moving harmonies of Chancel and Exaltation! Singers to the energetic voices of the Praise Team, and the rich contributions of our gifted instrumentalists, our church is filled with sacred sound that glorifies God. Today, we take a moment to recognize and celebrate the many talented individuals who share their musical gifts with our congregation.

COMMUNION WORKSHOP: Last week, our 2nd graders and parents gathered in the sanctuary for a meaningful Communion Workshop, where we explored the sacred meal that unites us as followers of Christ. Standing together around the Lord’s Table, we shared the story of the Last Supper, reflecting on Jesus’ words and actions on that night, and our response. We then baked the communion bread that will be served today.

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, from 5:30–7:30pm in Heartland Hall. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family (4+). RSVP at gcpc.org/shrove-tuesday 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Join us for a reflective service at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

EASTER EGG CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED: The Children's Committee is looking for candy donations for our Easter Egg hunt in April. There will be a collection site in the Concourse, and feel free to bring them into the office anytime as well.

GARDENING ANGELS: OUR MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY is to provide a pleasant and inviting presence at College Blvd. and Nieman Dr. In addition to our architecturally pleasing building, we have multiple flowerbeds and green spaces that require attention throughout the year. As we celebrate 40 years of answering God's call to serve at this location, we look forward to re-establishing a tried and true method of caring for our garden at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. We are asking for volunteers to choose a flower bed or garden area to care for during the upcoming year. Our plan is to have small groups — two to six individuals to pick an area to care for, such as clean up from winter, spring planting, summer and fall care to clean up when season is done. Some of these seasons may not require weekly attention as most of the gardens do have automatic watering several times a week. You will be reminded of the needs of the various spaces throughout the seasons. **This Sunday a display of the garden beds will be in the foyer along with a description of each area for you to choose from.** Please prayerfully consider this opportunity as your mission for the 40th Celebration of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

RESCHEDULED IHN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH — MARCH 16: The luncheon will celebrate the generous commitment GCPC has made to IHN over the past 20 years. A light lunch will begin after Sunday school of sandwiches, fruit and cookies. We are inviting not only GCPC but our support congregation volunteers. Please know how grateful we are to each and every volunteer and for GCPC itself for being a host church from the beginning of the program to being two of the last churches to be involved with the church model of the program. JOCO IHN is continuing through 2025 with the motel model and appreciates your prayers and monetary support. For more information contact Jane (jeknoche@att.net) or Christine (crcaseres032@gmail.com). We express our gratitude to the Mission Team for their support and whose budget will pay for this event.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET: Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal—a journey with Christ toward the cross. Our 2025 Lenten Devotional Booklet is a companion for your Lenten journey, offering reflections to pause, pray, and realign with God. May it encourage you to walk in faithfulness, trusting in God's strength. Thank you to Harold Frye, Stephen Wing, Sarah Evans, Nelson Townsend, Eileen Thomson, Nancy Kalesz, Dave Pack, Karen Wright, Kevin

Johnson, and Kim Krueger, who contributed to the booklet. **DOWNLOAD the booklet at gcpc.org/lent.**

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! Join us as we celebrate 40 years of faith and community with a special **Craft Fair on Saturday, March 29, from 9am to 2pm** in the concourse and Heartland Hall. Browse unique handmade goods from local artisans—home décor, jewelry, textiles, seasonal gifts, baked treats, and more! Enjoy refreshments, reconnect with friends, and support talented crafters. Let's come together to honor our "**Faithful Journey**" with creativity and fellowship. Bring a friend and don't miss out!

CRAFT FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The 40th Anniversary Committee is looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of ways both before and during the Craft Fair on Saturday, March 29. Whether you can lend a hand for a few hours or a few days, your help will be invaluable in making this event a success. Sign up to help at gcpc.org/volunteer

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUR ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT on Saturday, April 5, 5:30–7:30pm. 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.

ADULT

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:45am 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.

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet March 5 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

PAGE TURNERS will meet on Thursday, March 6, at 7pm at the home of Jan Cummings (9815 Broadmoor). The book for March discussion is *James* by Percival Everett. Everyone is welcome even if you haven't read the book! RSVP 913-269-4164, cjan1950@gmail.com.

WANT TO EAT SOME YUMMY PANCAKES, celebrate Shrove Tuesday, AND support the CHILDREN of GCPC? Tuesday March 4, 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

ROLLCALL! March 16 and 23 Sunday School: We'll have two combined Sunday school classes: Toddler/Preschool and K–5th graders. Do you plan to be around for Spring Break? Let us know, so we can plan accordingly.

SMASH: Our monthly fellowship for March will be March 16, 4–6pm. If you are planning to attend, please let Emily know.

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

COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IN MARCH — InterFaith Hospitality Network (IHN): Although GCPC stopped participating as a host church with IHN in late 2024, IHN continues to serve clients, helping homeless families and single women gain stability. IHN provides clients with food and housing, and helps them learn to break the cycle of homelessness. During the day, IHN clients either work or stay in the JoCo IHN Family Center, learning essential life and financial skills. IHN guests receive budget counseling, case management, job search assistance,

connections to community resources, and education on life, parenting, and coping skills. IHN's program works — more than 70% of the clients who graduate from IHN's program gain sustainable housing! If you'd like to support IHN's important work with a donation, just write "Communion Offering" on your check and drop it in the offering plate, or check the "Communion Offering" box in the online giving portal. Thanks as always for your generous support!

START SAVING YOUR LOOSE CHANGE for a Noisy Offering on March 30! Details on the recipient of the Noisy Offering are coming soon.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE AT RENEWED HOPE FOOD PANTRY: ReNewed Hope makes a significant impact for good in our community by helping solve the problem of food insecurity. Many GCPC members have already volunteered at ReNewed Hope, and food donations may always be left in the bin in the Weekday Entrance. The pantry has volunteer opportunities on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, and Friday evenings. Please check out their website for more information: <https://renewedhopefoodpantry.org/>



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