



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — May 24, 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: Kristy Shaw

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/GCPCattendance>, or scan the QR Code below.



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

Ageing Challenges: Lee Will, 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.**

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: Heartland Presbytery Mission Workers

(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

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE VBS DONATION PARTNER: This year at VBS, the children are learning about finding their strength in God. Challengers explore how they can share their gifts, be brave, give their all, pray, and spread hope. As part of our mission, we are excited to support a local partner serving our community, **Project 1020**, Johnson County’s only no-barrier shelter and case management service for adults experiencing homelessness. They provide transportation to and from the shelter, a hot evening meal, and a grab-and-go breakfast, along with a safe place to sleep and compassionate care and support.

During VBS (June 1–5), we will be collecting items and monetary donations each day to help bless their guests:

- **Monday:** Adult-size winter warm hats (and Pennies)
- **Tuesday:** Adult-size mittens/gloves (and Nickels)
- **Wednesday:** Hand warmers (and dimes)
- **Thursday:** Hot chocolate & instant oatmeal packets and water flavor packets (and Quarters)

- **Friday:** High-protein grab-and-go snacks (beef jerky, trail mix, breakfast bars) (and Dollars)

Donations can be brought in advance or dropped off at worship on **May 31, during VBS June 1–5, or on Sunday, June 7.** Thank you for helping our VBS kids share God’s love in practical, meaningful ways!

VBS DECORATING VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED! Let's get creative! Help create items that will transform our spaces for GCPC’s Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS. Below are upcoming dates when we’ll gather to work on decorations. **Please RSVP for any dates you plan to attend** to Kristy Shaw or Christy Soule (or the church office). And feel free to invite a friend to join the fun! All skill levels needed. **DATES:** Meeting in Heartland Hall: May 26–May 30, 10am–Noon and 2–4pm; and May 31, after worship until finished.

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED: Our volunteer planning committee is busy preparing for a great week of VBS this June. We offer VBS to our members and community for a low cost thanks to your donations. Stop by our donation board located outside the sanctuary or visit our Amazon wish list if you prefer. We will be adding items as planning continues so check back with us as many times as you can. Items should be returned to church as soon as possible to allow our preparations to continue. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/QVESOZQ7U30V?ref =wl share>

ADULT

ADULT EDUCATION: A BRIEF PAUSE, THEN THREE GREAT SUNDAYS AHEAD: There will be no adult education class this Sunday, but we hope you will mark your calendars for the next three Sundays as we continue exploring faith, Scripture, mission, and the life of the church together.

On **May 31**, we’ll continue our “How to Read the Bible” conversation with ***How to Read the Bible 102***, building on the first class and offering more practical tools for engaging Scripture with both heart and mind.

On **June 7**, we’ll gather for ***Speaking with Grace: Advocacy and the Life of the Church***. We’ll explore how advocacy can grow out of our Christian faith — not as partisan argument, but as a faithful way of loving our neighbors, seeking justice, and giving voice to compassion in the public square.

Then on **June 14**, we are especially pleased to welcome **Doug Tilton**, who will be joining us by Zoom **from Africa** to help us better understand changes in PC(USA) global mission and what it means for the church to continue walking alongside partners around the world. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear directly from someone deeply connected to the work and to ask questions about how mission is changing — and why it still matters.

Adult Ed meets in **Room 3 at 10:45 a.m.**, immediately after worship. Come when you can, bring your questions, and join the conversation!

Coming up: (all classes are held in Room 3)

- **May 31** — *How to Read the Bible 102* — Barbara Douglas
- **June 7** — *Speaking With Grace: Advocacy and the Life of the Church* — Rick Randolph
- **June 14** — *PCUSA Mission Structure Change* — Doug Tilton, Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri
- **June 21** — No Sunday School — Father's Day
- **June 28** — *Journaling: A Friend at the End of Your Pen* — Stephen Wing
- **July 5** — No Sunday School — July 4th Holiday
- **July 12** — *Why the Church Sings – Part II* — Patrick O'Halloran
- **July 19** — *Why the Church Sings – Part III* — Patrick O'Halloran

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet June 3 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *How To Read a Book* by Monica Wood. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

CHILDREN

TODAY: Worship (NO ATW or Sunday school)

COMING UP:

- **May 31** – Worship, NO ATW, NO Sunday school, VBS check-in after worship
- **June 1–5** — VBS, 9am–Noon
- **June 7** — VBS Sunday! VBS campers and helpers in worship.

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Snowball Mountain Challenge — Find your strength in God! Vacation Bible School, June 1–5, 9am–12pm, ages 4 yrs–5th graders, and MS/HS helpers! Sign up here!



YOUTH

TODAY:

- **9:30am:** Worship (NO Sunday school)

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MISSION

MAY DONATION PARTNER — STARFISH PROJECT: The Starfish Project is a nonprofit in Olathe that works to support to meet the basic needs of the community. They provide food, clothing, toiletries, haircuts, vision and dental screenings, services to help keep kids in school and grown-ups employed, training for new social workers, and more. They currently serve over 2,000 people a month! Please consider helping Project Starfish achieve their mission by donating any of the items below. Donations can be left in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime the church is open.

- hand-held label machine and supplies
- masking tape
- new kids' underwear and socks
- 66-quart clear plastic tubs for storage
- fleece throw blankets
- peanut butter, canned chicken and ready-to-eat canned meals
- full-sized toiletries (especially shampoo and liquid body soap for boys and shaving gel/cream for both boys and girls). Use the [Amazon Wishlist](#) if you prefer to shop online. We will take open bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash (for example, products you tried but didn't like).
- travel-sized toiletries
- washcloths
- old T-shirts (can be stained or have holes, just need to be clean)
- fleece (used for dog toys and muzzle mats for the rescues)

MAY COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — CROP HUNGER WALK: CROP Hunger Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States. They support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in Bismarck, ND (1969), and York, PA (1970). Since then, CROP Hunger Walk events have been held in hundreds of communities, large and small, raising millions of dollars to eradicate hunger and poverty.

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime. The Heart of America CROP Walk won't take place until this fall, but we can support the global CROP organization now. If you'd like to support the CROP Walk, use the "Communion" option in the online portal to make a donation, or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope and donate it during the offering before June 1.



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2026 Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

Vacation Bible School Decorating

Meeting in Heartland Hall

May 26–May 30

10am–Noon and 2–4pm; and
May 31, after worship until finished

Vacation Bible School

June 1-5, 9am-Noon

Sign-up your child, or Volunteer!

gcpc.org/vbs

Vacation Bible School Sunday

Sunday, June 7, 9:30am

Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 24, 1-5pm

Ministry Fair

Sunday, August 9

(Following worship)

Worship in the Park

Sunday, September 13, 9:30am

Meadowbrook Park (91st & Nall)

Grand Pavilion (SE Corner) Prairie Village

(Lunch following)

Baker/Reynolds Golf Scramble

Sunday, September 20, 1pm

Stewardship Town Hall and Brunch

Sunday, September 27

(Following worship)

Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 17

Generosity Sunday

Sunday, October 25, 9:30am

Blood Drive

Thursday, October 29, 1-5pm

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29

Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24

5:30pm and 8pm

~ 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