



Service of Worship — October 19, 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: 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: Harold Farren, Tom Jennings

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.**

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: Northminster Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Iglesia Apocento Alto, Palomora (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

GENEROSITY 2026: Our 2026 Stewardship theme, ***A Living Legacy: Called to Plant, Called to Grow***, invites us to reflect on where we've been, how God is at work among us now, and the future God is calling us to cultivate together. We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026—every gift, large or small, is a seed God can use. Together we can carry forward the legacy of faith, hope, and love that has marked Grace Covenant's ministry for decades. Pledge confidentially online at gcpc.org/2026pledge. The Generosity Team will also host a table with pledge cards and donuts after worship each Sunday in October to answer questions.

MAKE PLANS TO DONATE BLOOD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, between 2–6pm, in Heartland Hall at GCPC! Sign up here: <https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/auth/signin>. New donors are always welcome! Contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or swbyrdks@gmail.com, with questions.

TRUNK OR TREAT AT GCPC: It's that spooky-sweet time of year! **Join us Sunday, October 26, 11:45am–1pm, for GCPC's annual Trunk-or-Treat.** We'll have trunks full of treats, spook-tacular games, a costume parade, and a hauntingly good hot dog lunch (because even monsters need mustard!). Bring friends, neighbors, and **non-perishable donations** for our **Little Food Pantry** (pull-top cans especially welcome). We can't wait to see your costumes, candy buckets, and spooky smiles! Sign up to host a trunk, donate candy, volunteer to set-up/take down and more here!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-58889084-trunk#/>

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2: The November 2 bulletin will contain an insert with the names of those who have passed since All Saints' Sunday 2024 (November 3, 2024). 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 no later than noon on Wednesday, October 29.

INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BRACELET MAKING PARTY — Saturday, November 15, 1–3:30pm, Heartland Hall — *Open to all friends and family of GCPC members! **RSVP by November 10* at gcpc.org/friendship so we can reserve a table for you. Whether you're a kid, teen, parent, grandparent, or friend, this is the perfect chance to gather, share stories, and string together something beautiful. No experience? No problem! There are people who can teach you! You will need to bring your own supplies, and a plate of cookies to share.

CHILDREN

TODAY: October 19: Joy! and Celebration! Choirs sing in worship. At 4pm families meet at Shaake's Pumpkin Patch (1791 N 1500 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66046) for an informal Fall Family Fun meet-up.

YOUTH

TODAY: Regular programming, at 4pm families meet at Shaake's Pumpkin Patch (1791 N 1500 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66046) for an informal Fall Family Fun meet-up. **October 26:** Regular programming, THEN! TRUNK or TREAT! from 11:45am to 1pm. The youth are encouraged to participate however they feel comfortable. The youth help lead games with the younger groups, but they are also welcome to go Trunk or Treating! **November 9:** Youth Bonfire, 4–7pm, drivers needed

MISSION

OCTOBER DONATION PARTNER AND COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — Johnson County Christmas Bureau: JCCB is a nonprofit supporting our low-income neighbors in Johnson County. Their mission is to provide warmth and support during the winter holiday season to low-income families, and to increase awareness and understanding of poverty in Johnson County. This year we are collecting new and gently used books for JCCB, including board books, children's books in English and Spanish, young adult books, adult fiction books, and Bibles. Please leave your donations in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime in October. If you like, you can order a book from the Amazon wish list, and it will be delivered directly to JCCB. If you'd like to support JCCB with a financial donation, just use the "Communion" option in the online portal or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope and turn in your donation by October 31. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2EB37DH1V7SN5?ref=wl_share

SIGN UP TO WORK WITH HABITAT KC AT GCPC! Use this link to sign up — put your name and email address in the first open spot under the “Participants” heading on the left.

<https://build.habitatkc.org/reservations/22079?auth=1756995885>

We can send up to eight people on **Tuesday, November 18, 9am–3pm**. Registration closes at 12pm on Friday, November 7. You’ll get an email after registering inviting you to complete the volunteer application. This must be complete by the deadline! Spots are on a first-come, first-served basis, so don’t wait until the last minute.

The workday is from 9am–3pm, with a 30-minute onsite lunch break. Bring your own lunch and a full water bottle (extra water will be available on site).

- Construction volunteers do not need to have any prior experience in construction or bring any of their own tools; we will give you all of the education and tools you need!
- All registered volunteers will receive their assignment location via automated email 3 days prior to the volunteer day.
- In case of inclement weather, please call our Weather Hotline at 816-897-7799 to hear the recorded message for any cancellations or changes. We update the message by 7:15am each morning.
- We ask that all volunteers stay the full day, from 8:30am to 3pm
- We will have 30 minutes set aside for lunch time. You will need to provide your own lunches. Feel free to bring your lunch or have lunch delivered to the site.
- We highly recommend you bring a water bottle with you.
- Please wear clothes you don’t mind getting dirt, mud or house paint on, and wear sturdy/closed toe and heeled shoes (NO flip flops, sandals or crocs!) If you have work gloves, please bring them.
- Dress for the weather. If there has been rain on previous days, be prepared for the sites to be muddy.
- The use, purchase and possession of alcohol, drugs and weapons are forbidden on Habitat KC property and volunteer sites.
- All volunteers must be 16 or older to volunteer. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

GENEROSITY

GENEROSITY OCTOBER UPDATE: Generosity through the Generations — 2025 Fulfillment Update: The Generosity Team is happy to share our 2025 fulfillment numbers as of September 30th. We have received 75.9% of our total pledges and 75% of this year 2025 has gone by us. **We continue to appreciate everyone who has contributed to Grace Covenant.** Thank you for your faithfulness!

Four groupings are used to show giving progress and calendar relationship. They are 0-25%, 26-50%, 51-75%, 76-100%. Each pledge falls into one of these groups.

Here is our progress shown by numbers of pledges:

<i>Submitted Pledges (136)</i>	<i>March 31st</i>	<i>June 6th</i>	<i>Aug 5th</i>	<i>Sept 30th</i>
<i>0-25% fulfilled</i>	98	56	38	24
<i>26-50% fulfilled</i>	18	51	27	13
<i>51-75% fulfilled</i>	4	6	42	54
<i>76-100% fulfilled</i>	12	12	28	45
<i>\$723,179</i>	<i>\$226,719</i>	<i>\$324,383</i>	<i>\$442,532</i>	<i>\$548,781</i>

Our Generosity team meetings have changed to 6:30 PM on the First Tuesday of each Month in person or by Zoom. We are always glad to have new team members. The current team is Eileen Thomson, Jane Knoche, Rev. Karen Wright, Keith Langabee, Kim Krueger and Tom Stroud. **Mark November 4** on your calendar! Please contact Eileen if you are interested — we have room for you! Our next agenda includes organizing the Team and Elders to begin contacting members that have not turned in their 2026 pledges.

NOMINATING

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is looking for four new deacons beginning January 2026. The Deacon Ministry is about compassion, witness and service. Deacons serve a 3-year term. Each deacon is entrusted with a Covenant Group, comprising about a dozen families or individuals. Deacons play a vital role in congregational care by connecting members to the life of the church and by fostering relationships. Each deacon along with his or her covenant group is linked with two other covenant groups referred to as Deacon Pods. Deacons do things such as arrange meals for members in need, acknowledge celebrations and simply work to keep members in touch with one another. Each Deacon Pod helps once a quarter, with Sunday hosting and greeting. Deacons currently sponsor two church-wide social events: the Brunch Potluck in February and the Church Picnic in the late summer. Sometimes deacons will choose to host smaller social events as a way to further build connections among members. There is a 90-minute training session for new deacons in January and six, one-hour meetings per year, currently held the first Sunday of even months following worship. If you have any questions or if you are interested or know someone who would be interested in serving as a deacon, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

- Michala Walker michala.walker@gmail.com
- Liz Chandler 11emchandler55@gmail.com
- Donna Heer taxdheer@gmail.com
- Nelson Townsend nelson@townfolk.net
- Eileen Thomson esthompson@gmail.com



Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

— 2025 —

Pledge Dedication Sunday

Sunday, October 26, 9:30am

Submit pledge at gcpc.org/generosity2026

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26, 11:45am-1pm

Link to sign up to host a trunk in October newsletter!

Intergenerational

Friendship Bracelet Making Party

Saturday, November 15, 1-3:30pm
Heartland Hall

RSVP by 11/10 at gcpc.org/friendship

EncoreKC! Chorus Concert

"An American Quilt: Folk Music that Inspires Us"

Sunday, November 16, 3pm

Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, KS

Advent Begins - "Waiting Well"

Sunday, November 30, 9:30am

GCPC Winds: Songs of the Season!

Sunday, December 7, 9:30am

A Christmas Exclamation!

Sunday, December 7, 6pm

The Longest Night

Sunday, December 21, 7pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 24

5pm Family Service

8pm Traditional Service

— 2026 —

Bingo Night

Friday, January 23, Time TBA

Olympic Family Event

Saturday, January 31, Time TBA

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17, Time TBA

Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18

Palm Sunday

March 29, 9:30am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 7pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, Time TBA

Good Friday

Friday, April 3, 7pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 9am and 11am

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 12, 9:30am

Trivia Night

Saturday, April 18, Time TBA

Vacation Bible School

June 1-5, 9am-Noon

Registration opens on January 1, 2026

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