



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — September 27, 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: Chris Cabe

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.



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: Mary Sue Thomas, Dave Schesser

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: Christ Presbyterian Church – Haitian Fellowship, Kansas City, MO; Covenant Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Beloved Parish

(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

WE STILL HAVE A FEW OPENINGS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, ATW leaders, and shepherds, etc. It's a joyful, rewarding way to fulfill the promises we make to our GCPC children 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!

We need:

- **October 4** — Shepherd for K-5th graders and ATW Greeter
- **October 11** — K-2nd Grade Sunday School Teacher and Shepherd(2) for K-5th grade, ATW Greeters
- **October 18** — 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School, ATW leader and Greeters

(Children's Volunteer Opportunities)

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



(Youth Group Volunteer Sign-up)

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



WEEKEND CRAFTERS PAJAMA CRAFT PARTY — Join us **Friday, October 2, from 6–9pm** in **Heartland Hall** for an evening of crafts, laughter, snacks, and fellowship! Wear your favorite PJs and bring a current craft project — or simply come enjoy time with friends. All crafters and friends of crafters are welcome. Bring a snack to share and a friend! **RSVP at gcpc.org/pjs.**

PUMPKIN PATCH OUTING: All children and families are welcome to meet up at **Schaake's Pumpkin Patch** on **October 4 at 1:30pm**. This is an informal gathering of GCPC families to connect and enjoy some FALL FUN together! Contact Emily Hussey if you have any questions. Join us!

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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY, September 27, as we gather for our church **Town Hall**.

Join us next Sunday, **October 4**, for:

Spiritual Practices 102: Deeper Practices for Everyday Faith

Led by Kevin Johnson

In Spiritual Practices 101, we explored simple ways to notice God in the ordinary moments of everyday life. This class takes the next step by looking at spiritual practices we can return to more intentionally and regularly. We'll explore practices such as meditation, centering prayer, reflective Scripture reading, journaling, and other simple habits that can help create space for God in our lives. The goal is not to add pressure or create a perfect routine, but to discover practices that feel meaningful, realistic, and sustainable.

No special experience or preparation is needed — just come and explore what might work for you.
Adult Education meets at 10:45 a.m. in Room 3.

Everyone is welcome!

PAGE TURNERS WILL MEET THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, at 7pm at Jean Hampton's home. We will discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawson. You can RSVP on the GCPC Page Turners Facebook page, by e-mailing Jean at hamptonjean@gmail.com or by calling her at 913-485-5856. Jean's address is 9112 W. 116th Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66210. All are welcome.

AS THE PAGE TURNS will meet October 7 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Be Ready When Luck Happens* by Ina Garten.

CHILDREN

TODAY:

- **9:30am Worship and ATW**
- **After Worship: Breakfast and TOWN HALL** — All families are encouraged to go through the breakfast line first. Kiddos will eat with families, and then will be dismissed to go to the combined Sunday School. K-5th grade will be downstairs, 2yo-5yo will be in Room 20. ATW parents: the ATW teachers will bring the ATW kiddos upstairs during the last song of worship and will meet you in the Noah's Ark Hallway so you can grab them and jump in line for lunch.

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR CHILD'S REGISTRATION at your earliest convenience so we can update our records. Thank you!



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



YOUTH

TODAY:

- **9:30am Worship**
- **After Worship: Breakfast and TOWN HALL**—All families are encouraged to go through the breakfast line first. Youth will eat with families, AND THEN, when dismissed: either stay to listen to TOWN HALL, assist in Preschool Combined Sunday School in Room 20, or assist downstairs with K-5th Combined Sunday school.
- **Noon–12:30pm YOUTH BELLS**

THEN TONIGHT: 5–8pm, YOUTH GROUP with our friends at KNOX Pres. We'll meet here at 5, carpool to KNOX together, and come back here by 8pm.

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR YOUTH'S REGISTRATION at your earliest convenience so we can update our records.



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



MISSION

CROP WALK 2026: Grace Covenant's CROP Walk tradition continues on Sunday, October 11, 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.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING: WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING — The September Communion Offering supports the World Communion Offering of the PC(USA). This is one of three special offerings of the PC(USA) and provides opportunities to put our faith into action around the world. This year's theme is based on Micah 6:8: "What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

The World Communion Offering seeks to "reconcile God's people at the Table of Grace through ministries of justice." Gifts support restoration and ministry projects in five areas: Racial Justice, Gender Justice, Peacemaking, Global Witness, and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.

Throughout September, please prayerfully consider making a gift to the World Communion Offering. A small amount given by many people can create a live-changing impact in the world. Together, we can help bring the unity and grace of the Communion Table into the world. We will celebrate World Communion on October 4.

SEPTEMBER DONATION PARTNER: CARE BEYOND THE BOULEVARD — This September, our Donation Partner is **Care Beyond the Boulevard (CBB)**, an organization dedicated to providing comprehensive medical and mental health care, along with supportive services, to people experiencing homelessness and others who are underserved throughout the Kansas City area on both sides of the state line.

There are two easy ways you can help:

 **Donate bottled water.** CBB has an ongoing need for bottled water. The easiest way to donate is through the delivery services at Walmart or Sam's Club. Please have the water shipped directly to: **Care Beyond the Boulevard**, 3150 Fiberglass Rd., Kansas City, KS 66115

 **Shop CBB's Winter Wishlist.** You can also purchase needed winter items through CBB's Amazon Wishlist and have them delivered directly to the organization. This is the link to Amazon wish list: <https://a.co/0etNkeR1>



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2026 Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

Weekend Crafters Pajamas Craft Party

Friday, October 2, 6-9pm

RSVP at gcpc.org/pjs

~ WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY ~

Sunday, October 4, 9:30am

Invite friends, family and neighbors
to this special Communion Sunday

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

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