



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — March 1, 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: Keith Langabee

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: Keith Langabee in the death of his aunt.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, Tom Jennings, Trooper Shaw

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: Knox Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS; Neema Community Presbyterian Church, Olathe, KS; Farmstead Eight – 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

SPRING CLEAN-UP — Join us for a church workday on **Saturday, March 21, from 9am until noon.** Help us spruce up GCPC for Easter. We will be raking, weeding, and clipping outside, and dusting, vacuuming, and polishing inside. Please let us know if you are coming! **RSVP at this link on our website:** <https://gcpc.org/calendar/spring-clean-up.html>. Contact Paul Bruns, Facilities Moderator, for additional information.

A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF SPRING FLOWERS will transform the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The flowers are provided through the generosity of members who donate flowers “in memory of” or “in honor of” a friend or loved one. If you would like to be a part of this tradition, simply place your donation in the specially marked envelope provided in the pews or send your donation along with your name and whom the memorial/honor recognizes to the church office: GCPC, 11100 College Blvd., OPKS 66210, Attn. Patrick. (PLEASE PRINT THE MEMORIAL/HONOR NAMES NEATLY IN BLOCK LETTERS.) You may also make a donation through the online giving portal of our website. *The deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert is Monday, March 30.* Thank you!

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS LOOKING for four new Elders to serve a three-year term beginning July 2026. Elders have responsibilities in leadership, governance, and worship. As members of the Session, along with the Pastor, they discern God’s calling for the life of the congregation and continually work to develop and evaluate its faithfulness to that call.

Elders have monthly Session meetings and also support the work of another ministry within our church. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested to serve as an Elder, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

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MUSIC

GUEST MUSICIAN — MARCH 8: On Sunday, March 8, acclaimed lyric baritone Norman Garrett will share his musical gifts in worship. He is currently in Kansas City performing in Gershwin’s *Porgy and Bess* with the Lyric Opera of Kansas City. For ticket information, visit kcopera.org.

TENEBRAE — GOOD FRIDAY, April 3 at 7:30pm: Join us for a moving Tenebrae service featuring Heather Sorenson’s *Tenebrae*. This solemn service of light and shadow will feature the Chancel Choir, Daniel Yung, cello, and Emily Boston Monrad, soloist. Through Scripture and music, we will reflect on Christ’s passion and prepare our hearts for the hope of Easter.

ADULT

LENT ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, March 1–March 29 at 10:45am: Looking for a meaningful way to deepen your faith, stretch your thinking, and connect with others this Lent? Join us for one of our Adult Education opportunities. Come for one week or all — everyone is welcome! Let’s journey through Lent together.

- Room 3 - Celtic Spirituality: History and Practice, Led by Rev. Karen Wright. We’ll explore the history of Celtic Christianity through *How the Irish Saved Civilization* by Thomas Cahill and *Mythical Ireland* by Anthony Murphy and reflect on spiritual practices from *The Soul’s Slow Ripening* by Christine Valters Paintner. Discover ancient wisdom for modern faith.
- Worship Reflections (Heartland Hall, Southwest Corner) - A warm, low-pressure, come-as-you-are discussion each Sunday. Adult Ed leaders will help spark conversation as we reflect on the day’s Scripture readings and sermon notes. No homework, no “right answers” — just honest conversation, listening, and encouragement.

BOOK GROUPS

- **As the Page Turns** book group will meet March 4 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn.
- **Page Turners** will meet at 7pm on March 5 at Marcia Turner's house. The book for discussion is *Becoming Madame Secretary* by Stephanie Dray. Please let me know if you are coming, either by text, e-mail or on our Facebook page. (9119 W. 157th Terrace, OP KS; 816-550-2045; mktopks@gmail.com).

CHILDREN

READY... SET... HUNT! The Children's Ministry Team is so *EGGScited* for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, at 10am!** Children of all ages are welcome, so invite your friends and every bunny you know! From 10:00–10:45am there will be fun & games inside Heartland Hall, then at 10:45am – The BIG Egg Hunt begins! Bring your own baskets! (Outdoors if weather allows — but RAIN or SHINE, we WILL hunt those eggs!) **We REALLY need volunteers** to help make this event happen! Whether you can help set up, guide activities, hide eggs, or clean up — we'd love to have you on the team. Candy donations are needed! **Hop on over to sign up to volunteer or bring candy at gcpc.org/egghunt.** It takes a village to fill all those eggs — and we're so grateful for ours!

AWAKENING TO WORSHIP: 4yo–1st grade age-appropriate worship experience in room 12 (downstairs). ATW leaves from the children's sermon in worship and travel downstairs together with helpers. They finish at the end of worship.

FIRST COMMUNION: Margo and Eloise Ambrecht, Quinn and Nolan Tamke, and Henry Frye participated in our Communion Workshop and will be taking communion this Sunday. They baked enough bread, while learning about this important sacrament, for the whole congregation!

Sunday School, 10:45-11:45am

10:45-11:05am — JOY! (Rm 26) and CELEBRATION! (Rm 15) choirs rehearse and the children are escorted to their Sunday School classes by leaders, they can be picked up in their Sunday school lesson rooms. (Listed below)

11:05-11:45am Sunday School lessons:

Toddlers (2yo-3yo) Room 20

Preschool (4yo-5yo) Room 25

K-2nd grades, ART, Room 10

3rd-5th grades, GAMES, Room 18

COMING UP ...

- **March 8**, 4–6pm, SMASH (K-5th Fellowship)
- **March 15 and 22**, Combined Toddler/Preschool and K-12th grade Sunday School (Spring Break)

- **(SAT) March 28, 10am**, Easter Egg Hunt!

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

10:45-11:05am: Many of our youth help with the Children’s Choirs during this time, everyone else enjoys Youth Fellowship time in the Youth Lounge (downstairs).

11:05-11:45am: Sunday school, Rooms 19a and 19b

COMING UP...

- **March 8**, 4–6pm, YOUTH GROUP
- **Mar 15 and 22**, Youth help with combined children’s Sunday school, helping with Children’s activities.
- **(SAT) March 28, Easter Egg Hunt**, Helping run games for the children.
- **Mar 29**, PALM Parade and ICE CREAM SUNDAE (during Sunday school)
- **April 5**, EASTER, no Sunday school
- **(SAT) April 11**, Youth Sunday Rehearsal
- **April 12**, YOUTH SUNDAY! (Youth lead worship)

MISSION

THE GOOD FAITH NETWORK INVITES YOU to the Solutions Briefing on Sunday March 8, 3pm, held at Grace United Methodist Church 11485 S. Ridgeview Road, Olathe KS 66061. The Solutions Briefing brings the whole network up to speed on the committees’ work in each of the four areas of focus: Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Mental Health and Elder Care. This Solutions Briefing will keep us informed and readies us to mobilize in preparation for the Nehemiah Action Event on April 28. For any questions, or if you are interested in carpooling please contact: Dave Pack: djpack.12645@gmail.com; Don or Joy Wilson: donjoywilson@gmail.com; Eileen Thomson: esthomson@gmail.com

OUR MARCH DONATION PARTNER is GCPC’s own Little Free Food Pantry. If you haven’t seen it, this pantry is found on the east end of our property along Nieman Road. We stock the pantry with nonperishable items, and we see these items moving from the pantry each week. Sometimes the pantry is wiped clean. Volunteers check the pantry twice a week and restock as best we can. On occasion, we see donations added to the pantry from within the community as well. Please bring your donations to the Weekday Entrance anytime during March. The items most consumed are:

- small jars of peanut butter
- noodles & pasta sauce
- box dinners

- individual drinks or snacks of any kind

OUR COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT for March is Arts in Prison. Arts in Prison provides opportunities for inmates to prove that they are more than the sum of their crimes. By providing arts education and experiences for inmates in state prisons and detention centers, these members of society, who have been locked away and often forgotten, are given a chance for self-reflection and an opportunity to create something beautiful. Whether it is a song, a stage performance, a photograph or a painting, they have created something that brings joy to others.

Among the many programs supported by Arts in Prison is the East Hill Singers, whose concerts GCPC has been fortunate to host a number of times. The recidivism rate among former East Hill Singers is 18% as compared to 32% for the state of Kansas and greater than 50% for the United States.

If you'd like to support Arts in Prison, make your donation online or in the offering plate; just note that it is meant for Communion Offering.



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2026 Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

Spring Clean Up

Saturday, March 21, 9am-Noon

Sign up to help at

gcpc.org/calendar/spring-clean-up.html

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 28, 10am

10-10:45am - Games in Heartland Hall

10:45am - Hunt begins

Palm Sunday

March 29, 9:30am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 7pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 3, 7pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5

9am and 11am

(Flowering of the cross begins

15 minutes before each service)

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 12, 9:30am

Trivia Night

Saturday, April 18, Time TBA

New Member Class

Sunday, April 19

10:45am, Room 5

EncoreKC! Spring Concert

Sunday, April 26, 3pm

Grace United Methodist Church

EncoreKC! Ensembles Concert

Friday, May 1, 7pm, GCPC Sanctuary

Bell Fest XXXVI

"Americana"

Sunday, May 3, 6pm

Vacation Bible School

June 1-5, 9am-Noon

Register your child, or sign-up to

Volunteer!

gcpc.org/vbs

*(Children and Volunteers need to
sign-up by May 1 to get a t-shirt)*

~ 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