



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GRACE NOTES

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God draws us together as a welcoming and faithful community, attentive to the Spirit’s leading, to worship with joy, grow as disciples, and share our gifts in service to God and neighbor.

With gratitude for where we have been and hope for where God is leading us, we are sent to serve Christ in the world—extending Christ’s love, strengthening community, and living out the gospel through lives of grace, justice, and compassion.

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In addition to in-person worship, our service is also livestreamed on our website home page, Facebook and YouTube channel.

Happy Easter!

As we prepare to joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on April 5, we also enter into the full season of Easter — a time of celebration that continues for 50 days. Easter is not just a single Sunday, but a season in which we continue to proclaim the good news: Christ is risen!

Throughout this season, we have meaningful opportunities to gather and celebrate together. **On April 12, we will mark Youth Sunday**, lifting up the gifts and leadership of our young people. **On April 19, we will observe Earth Day**, giving thanks for God’s creation and reflecting on our call to care for it. Each Sunday offers a chance to worship, reconnect, and grow together as a community of faith. I hope you will join us.

As we look toward what is next for GCPC, I invite each of us to reflect on how we participate in the life of the church. In conversations with the Session, we’ve been reminded of a time when there was a shared expectation: that we would not only gather for worship but also engage in at least one other area of congregational life. That spirit of participation is something we hope to renew as we move forward together.

There are many ways to get involved, and in the coming weeks you will hear more about specific opportunities. We are looking for volunteers to serve as “huggers and rockers” in the nursery on Sunday mornings, helping to care for our youngest members. We need helping hands for the kitchen care crew, as well as volunteers to support children and youth ministries — including Sunday school, fellowship gatherings, and Vacation Bible School in June. There are also opportunities to join a crafting group, assist with congregational care, and serve in other meaningful ways.

Each act of service — whether seen or unseen — helps to build up the body of Christ and strengthens our shared life together. There is a place for everyone, and every gift matters.

This Easter season, may we not only celebrate resurrection, but also live it out — through connection, service, and love.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Karen





Holy Week Worship

April 2, Maundy Thursday: Worship at 7:30pm. Sacrament of Communion. Praise Team. A reflective service remembering Christ's final meal with his disciples and the commandment to love one another as we gather at the table before the cross.

April 3, Good Friday/Tenebrae Service: Worship at 7:30pm. Chancel Choir featuring cellist Daniel Yung. Heather Sorenson's *Tenebrae* leads us through the ancient service of shadows. As candles are gradually extinguished, darkness fills the sanctuary, symbolizing the crucifixion and the silence of the tomb. Through choral music, scripture, prayer, and piano and cello reflection, we are invited not simply to observe the story, but to enter it.

April 5, Easter Sunday Worship / One Great Hour of Sharing: Worship services at 9am and 11am. Sermon by Rev. Karen Wright. Sacrament of Communion.

(NOTE: The flowering of the cross begins 15 minutes prior to the start of each worship service.)**

Music at 9am by the Praise Team. A joyful service filled with energetic song and proclamation of the resurrection.

Music at 11am by the Chancel Choir, organ, brass, orchestra, and Charter Ringers, a full and triumphant musical celebration of Easter's hope.

Thank you!

Through the last year, Barry and I have certainly felt the support of this caring church family as we have journeyed through the illness and death of our grandson, Jackson. Thank you for all the thoughts, words of encouragement and prayers that have been offered for our family.

—Geri & Barry Allcorn

Prayers for our Church Family

We hold in prayer all our church members, along with their families and friends, who are facing health challenges and difficult days. May they feel God's loving presence surrounding them, bringing comfort, strength, and peace.

Clerks Corner

At the March Session meeting, we discussed some of our aspirations for Grace Covenant; before you read on, what are some of yours? Ours included doing what we're doing now, but maybe just a little more of it, and having all our key volunteer positions filled among other things.

We were delighted to hear about continued growth of our children's and adult programs as well as the steady progress of the Facilities Team in keeping up with our building. The Spring Workday is a great opportunity to move that forward and connect with other church members. Connections and Care is planning Trivia Night on April 18 and is starting to think about the Ministry Fair on August 9. Conversations are also starting for Worship in the Park in the fall. Mission team is sponsoring another Habitat workday on April 7, and we continue to collect food for the pantry at Rosehill Elementary. The school leaders are so grateful for our contributions.

Our Safety Task Force walked through the building with a representative from the Overland Park Police Department and learned about some of the weaknesses of our facility and some possible remedies. The most important thing we can ALL do for our collective safety is to make sure that all doors are locked if we are leaving the building.

We approved a new guideline that announcements in the worship bulletin should generally avoid direct calls for congregants to contact elected officials or otherwise engage in specific political advocacy, unless Session has expressly approved such communication. We want to ensure that anything in our Sunday bulletin is sensitive to the needs of anyone who might read it and won't interfere with our non-profit status. If you have any questions about this new policy, please talk to any Session member.

—Melanie Townsend, Clerk of Session

Seeking Elders to Serve

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 support the work of another ministry within our church. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in serving as an Elder, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

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Trivia Night on April 18

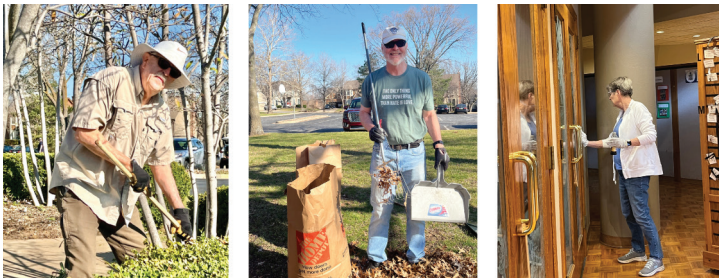
GCPC Trivia Night is coming up on Saturday, April 18, from 5:30–7:30pm—and you won’t want to miss it!

Be sure to sign up to attend. You can register after worship on April 12, online at gcpc.org/trivia, or by calling the church office.

Childcare will be available with reservation: nursery care is provided for ages 4 and under, and a group activity will be offered for children ages 5 and up. Please be sure to indicate your childcare needs when you sign up.

Dinner will be a “Wiener Wonderland” featuring hot dogs with all the fixings, chips, and delicious ice cream treats. After this “frankly” tasty meal, stick around for our Trivia Contest led by the one and only Jake Schmidt! Form your team ahead of time or come ready to join one—either way, it’s sure to be a fun evening full of laughter, fellowship, and friendly competition.

Save the date and join us on April 18 for great food, great trivia, and great company. Don’t forget to sign up—and let us know if you need childcare!



Spring Clean Up Thanks!

We are so grateful to everyone who came out for our Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, March 21! Because of your time, energy, and willing hearts, our church looked refreshed and welcoming to all who walk through our doors this Easter season. From sprucing up the grounds to brightening our indoor spaces, your helping hands made our church shine! It’s a beautiful thing to come together in care of our shared home—thank you for being part of it.



Piecemakers Group

By Mikki Walker

John Calvin was an interesting man; there are many words you could use to describe him. However, warm and fuzzy were not among them. And yet, somehow, his spiritual descendants have produced the Piecemakers — a group of people so committed to making the world a warmer and more beautiful place one quilt at a time. PieceMakers grew out of GCPC’s first few Workshop Sunday events, where we organized service projects to tie quilts, and became a monthly event.

Each month, we assemble fabric, thread, and conversation. LOTS of conversation! We make baby quilts for new arrivals who had no say in being born Presbyterian but will be cozy about it. We make tactile quilts for students and seniors with neurological needs. We make quilts for chemo patients and for the homeless that are distributed through Uplift. And we make Christmas stockings that are distributed through the Red Bag Project, because even Santa needs a hand at Christmastime.

Matthew 25 says to clothe the naked. Peacemakers read that and said, challenge accepted and then debated the colors and pattern for twenty minutes.

No sewing experience is necessary - if you can tie a knot, you can help at Piecemakers. And no need to bring anything but a smile. Strong opinions about fabric are a bonus but will be developed naturally over time.

If you’d like to spend a few hours with a bunch of smart, talented women making something beautiful and useful, please join us the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10-12 in room 3. (It’s ok if you need to arrive late or leave early.) Let Donna Heer or myself know that you’d like to get on our email list. And if you don’t want to come and sew with us, you can still support us with an item from our Amazon Wishlist here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2YUFTL3P32EG8?ref=wl_share

MUSIC MINISTRY

April Music & Worship

Music in April leads us on a meaningful journey through Holy Week into the joy of Easter and beyond. Through reflective and powerful services our ensembles help bring the story of our faith to life. Throughout the month, music continues to inspire through Youth Sunday, Earth Day, and Good Shepherd themes, reminding us of Christ's love, creation's beauty, and the strength of voices across generations.

April 2, Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm

The Praise Team leads us in music for this reflective service remembering Christ's final meal with his disciples and the commandment to love one another. Together we gather at the table before the cross. Music in this service centers us on the themes of humility, service, and Christ's call to love one another as we prepare our hearts for the journey of Holy Week.

April 3, Good Friday, 7:30pm - *Tenebrae* Service of Shadows

Chancel Choir leads us in music dedicated to the Passion story, featuring Daniel Yung, cello and Emily Monrad Boston, soloist. Heather Sorenson's *Tenebrae* guides us through the ancient service of shadows. As candles are gradually extinguished, darkness fills the sanctuary, symbolizing the crucifixion and the silence of the tomb. Through choral music, scripture, prayer, and piano and cello reflection, the congregation is invited to enter the unfolding Passion narrative and reflect on Christ's sacrifice.

April 5, Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

Come celebrate the risen Christ as together we proclaim: Christ is risen indeed! Worship services at 9am and 11am. Sermon by Rev. Karen Wright. Sacrament of Communion.

(NOTE: The flowering of the cross begins 15 minutes prior to the start of each worship service.)

9am Worship: The Praise Team leads us in music proclaiming the joy and hope of the resurrection in a service filled with energetic song and celebration.

11am Worship: Chancel Choir, organ, brass, orchestra, and Charter Ringers lead us in a triumphant musical celebration of Easter morning and the proclamation that Christ is risen. Featured music includes: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*, by Benjamin David Knoedler, and *See, What a Morning* by Getty & Townend.

Sunday, April 12, Youth Sunday

Our adult ensembles receive a well-deserved break as we turn worship leadership over to the youth of the church. Youth will lead us in both worship and music throughout the service. This year's theme, "*Intergenerational Compassion*," reflects the church's calling to share faith, wisdom, and care across generations. Through their leadership in music and worship, our youth help remind us that the life of the church is strengthened when every generation lifts its voice together.

Sunday, April 19, Earth Day

Chancel Choir leads us in music honoring the gift of creation with *I Will Tread Lightly* by Alisa Bair. Instrumentalists Gay Lee Ludwig Bonney, Donna Heer, and Jill Endaya Smith join the choir in a musical reflection that connects with scripture's call to faithful stewardship and care for the earth.

Sunday, April 26

Chancel Choir leads us in music centered on the Good Shepherd imagery found throughout scripture with *Shepherd, Savior, Lord* by Michael E. Showalter. Cindy Schendel serves as soloist as the music reflects on Christ's guiding presence and faithful care for his people.



Bell Fest XXXVI "Americana" Sunday, May 3, 6pm

This year's Bell Fest will celebrate the rich sounds and spirit of Americana, leaning into music that reflects American folk traditions, hymns, and classic melodies with a warm, roots-inspired feel. While bells are central to the event, Bell Fest also features a wide variety of musical gifts. If you'd like to share a piece — with bells or another musical offering — we would love to hear from you. Please email patrick.ohalloran@gcpc.org to get involved.

New Members Class

"This is Grace" - New Members' Class will be held on Sunday, April 19th following the worship service at 10:45am in room 5.

The class is led by Rev. Karen Wright and is open to all, and it is the best way to get an overview of the church. First time visitors and long-time friends are encouraged to attend to get questions answered and to discover the exciting ways Grace Covenant carries out God's work.

There is no assumption on our part that you will join following the class. The class will include a discussion on the meaning of membership and "Everything you've wanted to ask a pastor but, have been unable to ask." If you are interested, please contact Rev. Karen Wright via the church office at 913-485-1256, or Kathy Williams at 913-485-1776 or kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com, or register online at gcpc.org/newmember.

Teach Us to Pray

Have you noticed the beautiful sculpture in the weekday entrance? Titled "Teach Us to Pray," this meaningful work was created by artist Hillis Arnold (1906–1988) and generously donated to Grace Covenant by the Becher family. Arnold—father of Caroline Arnold Becher, father-in-law to Steve, and grandfather to Nicole and Kyle—studied at Cranbrook Academy and built a distinguished career as a sculptor, etcher, lithographer, and teacher. He spent 35 years teaching at Monticello College in Godfrey, Illinois, and his work can be found in churches and civic spaces throughout the Midwest, where he became especially known for his religious and symbolic art.



During the construction of our church, Mr. Arnold toured the building with Don Frankland as his guide. Today, Grace Covenant is blessed to house a scale model of his original "Teach Us to Pray" sculpture, first created for Webster Groves Christian Church in a suburb of St. Louis. Positioned to welcome all who enter, the sculpture offers a quiet invitation to pause. The next time you pass through the weekday entrance or head toward the east wing, take a moment to stop, reflect, and perhaps offer a prayer.

VBS Decorating Volunteers Needed - Let's get creative!

Help create items that will transform our spaces for GCPC's Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS. Please **RSVP for any dates you plan to attend** so we can be sure to have plenty of projects ready for everyone, and invite a friend to join the fun! All skill levels needed.



UPCOMING DECORATING DATES:

Meeting in Room 13 (Basement):

Friday, April 10, 6–8pm;

and Wednesday, April 15, 9–11am.

Meeting in Heartland Hall:

May 26–May 30, 10am–Noon and 2–4pm;

and May 31, after worship until finished.

Whether you're crafty, handy with a paintbrush, or simply willing to help, there's a place for you.

We can't wait to see what we create together! If you have any questions, or want *to RSVP, please contact Kristy Shaw or Christy Soule (or the church office)*. Thank you for joining in our fun!

WHY WE SING
Music that brings us together
Featuring world-renowned guest composer, Greg Gilpin
EncoreKC! Chorus & ACT II
Sunday, April 26, 2026, 3pm
Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, Kansas

EncoreKC! - "Why We Sing"

Music that brings us together

Join **EncoreKC!** for an unforgettable afternoon of music and inspiration featuring world-renowned composer Greg Gilpin, along with the **EncoreKC! Chorus and Act II, on Sunday, April 26 at 3pm**. The free concert will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, 11485 S Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS. Donations appreciated. When voices rise together, something extraordinary happens. Music becomes a shared language of hope, peace, and connection—reminding us why we sing and how we belong to one another. Come experience the power of harmony and community. **Learn more at encorekc.org.**

KAIROS KLUES – Advocating for Peace, Justice, & Earthcare

“Congratulations on your recertification as an Earth Care Congregation!”

On March 19 KAIROS received notice that we have been recertified as an Earth Care Congregation! In January of 2011, GCPC became one of the first 21 congregations (there are 373 churches today) that were certified as PCUSA Earth Care Congregations, and we have successfully recertified every year for the last 15 years! THANK YOU to all the members who work hard to care for God’s creation in so many ways across GCPC’s education, worship, outreach, and facilities. We are working hard on our 2026 report, adding the water bottle filler station story. (See below.)



This link will take you to the Earth Care Congregations map. <https://bit.ly/4bUpQ3wce>



New Water Bottle Filling Station!

Grace Covenant recently installed a new Elkay ezH2O® **Bottle Filling Station**, making it easy for members and visitors to refill reusable water bottles while at church. The new station, located outside Heartland Hall, replaces the upstairs drinking fountain, while that fountain was relocated to the lower level to replace one that had stopped working. The station even tracks how many disposable plastic bottles are saved by refilling—and the station is already showing 85+ plastic bottles saved!

The project grew out of earlier research by Christine Caseres and came together through collaboration by the Facilities Team. Funding support from KAIROS also helped make the installation possible. **THANK YOU** to Paul (Facilities), and Christine and Andrew on the KAIROS team. Next time you’re at church, bring your reusable bottle and give it a try. It’s a small change that helps keep everyone refreshed—and helps care for God’s creation at the same time.

April Earth Day Activities & Events!

April is a big month for those involved with Earth Care, beginning in 1970 when Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson held the 1st Earth Day! It was a day of education in response to the environmental crisis and has now become a movement about climate crisis issues around the globe.

WHAT does KAIROS have planned for APRIL activities with Peace, Justice and Earth Care issues here and around the world?

April 7th: Habitat for Humanity KC Build Tuesday, April 7, 8:30am to 3pm, working together to build more prosperous and vibrant communities by making sure everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home. Sign-up is closed. Learn more about the Mission Team and what it does for the least of these.



April 19th: Join Us for the “Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds” Lunch ‘n Learn! Sunday, April 19, 12:00–2:30pm, in Heartland Hall, for a special Lunch ‘n Learn with the Trish Tull, and the team from Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds! Learn how this project is feeding school children in western Kenya with nutritious meals, teaching gardening skills, and growing hope. You’ll enjoy a Kenyan-style meal and hear inspiring stories about hunger solutions and how you can support the mission. Also, learn about caring for food waste/compost here at GCPC. **PLEASE RSVP to attend and save your spot at gcpc.org/ggfm.** We can’t wait to share this meaningful experience with you.

April 28th: Good Faith Network — Advocating for solutions for homelessness/housing insecurity, mental health treatment and the ability of elders to age in place. Resurrection United Methodist Church, 6–7:30pm. We are hoping for 2,000 attendees. Join the members of GCPC who will be in attendance. More information in the bulletins and announcements

APRIL CHALLENGE! A call out to all GCPC members: Join our team and help make a difference! Let us know that you would like to be a part of KAIROS, if your interest is in one or all of the three focus areas: Peace, Justice and Earth Care. ALL are welcome.



Final Call for Soles4Souls Donations on April 30th!

After many meaningful years of service, we will be discontinuing our Soles4Souls shoe collection on April 30, 2026. Since the earthquake in Haiti 16 years ago, the incredible generosity of Grace Covenant members—along with our local partner Belléz Design Studio—has helped collect over 10,000 pairs of shoes for those in need. These shoes have supported neighbors through ministries like Cherith Brook, IHN, Argentine Baby Closet, and Single Moms, while also helping keep usable items out of landfills.

As we prepare to bring this chapter to a close, we invite you to help us finish strong: Go through your closets and bring gently used or new shoes to church by April 29. Secure each pair together with rubber bands or ties.

This decision comes as the cost in time and resources has grown beyond what KAIROS can sustain—but we remain deeply grateful for the impact this mission has made over the years. Let's give it one last big push and send off this ministry with love!

(Community Blood Drive photos from March 24)



Save the Date for Youth Sunday!

Join us on Sunday, April 12 at 9:30am for a special Youth-Led Worship Service at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

This year's theme is "Intergenerational Compassion." Our youth will explore the story of Ruth and Naomi and how their words, "Where you go, I'll go," remind us that every generation has something to learn from and offer to one another. Together we'll reflect on how God blesses the church through the faith, wisdom, and care shared across generations.

After worship, all ages are invited to enjoy Sunday School Stations and a Cookie Reception in Heartland Hall.

We hope you'll mark your calendars and celebrate the gifts of our youth and the beauty of a truly intergenerational church!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Don't miss the photos on pages 10 & 11, highlighting our Children's Ministry fun from March!

March SMASH!

SMASH is for kids K–5th grade and meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

During our March SMASH, our children explored the Olympic value of Perseverance! We read the book "A Little Spot of Perseverance" by Diane Alber, which taught us that we can grow our perseverance by staying peaceful, practicing positive self-talk, being patient, thinking creatively, and trying again when we don't succeed the first time. We also talked about how perseverance is important in our faith journey as we continue to trust and grow in God. SMASH continues the Winter Olympics theme exploring the similarities our faith journeys have with those of Olympic athletes. It's also getting us ready for the winter games coming up in June for VBS! We have just two SMASH events left this school year!

As we rotated through our stations, students showed great perseverance while completing each activity. Our station leaders kept track of those moments, and the kids added them to our SMASH Perseverance Spot. Our goal was to fill the spot and earn a special treat—and the students rose to the challenge! They successfully reached their goal and celebrated with Dippin' Dots ice cream!

No SMASH event would be complete without a service project for our friends at Aberdeen Village. The children made bunny bags filled with sweet and savory Easter treats to share. A big thank you to the many volunteers whose time, creativity, and energy make this wonderful ministry possible!

April at a Glance

- April 5** Easter – No ATW, No Sunday School for all ages
- April 12** **Youth Sunday!** No ATW, all-music Sunday for 4yr-5th graders, all ages cookie reception in HH.
- April 18** (Saturday) Trivia Night, All ages church event
- April 19** Joy! and Celebration Choirs sing in worship, ATW, Sunday School, SMASH 4-6pm and Youth Group
- April 26** ATW, Sunday School, VBS volunteer training
- May 3** ATW, All music for 4yr-5th, Bell Fest at 6pm



Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS

Get ready for a faith-filled summer adventure at Snowball Mountain Challenge Vacation Bible School, happening **June 1–5, from 9am to Noon**. **Children ages 4 (potty-trained) through 5th grade** are invited to become Challengers in this exciting winter-themed experience full of games, music, learning, and joy.

\$10 registration fee per child, due at the time of registration. **Due to ordering deadlines, T-shirts will only be available for children who have been registered by May 1.** Sign up online at gcpc.org/vbs

VBS Volunteers Needed!

Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS wouldn't be possible without wonderful volunteers! Middle and High School Youth encouraged to volunteer! Opportunities are available for all ages and interests, including music, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, recreation, and science.

Sign up by May 1 to get a t-shirt. Sign up to volunteer at gcpc.org/vbsvolunteer

Communion Workshop

Our second graders participated in a Communion Workshop and received their First Communion on March 1. During the workshop, they explored the meaning and significance of this sacred sacrament, asked thoughtful questions, and even baked the bread that was shared with the entire congregation! They also assisted Pastor Karen and served Communion to their families — what a joy it was to see them step into this important moment with such faith and excitement. We celebrate these second graders as they continue growing in their faith and in the life of our church family. What a gift it was to gather at the table together!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group Growing & Thriving!

We have youth singing in choir, digging into theological conversations in Sunday school, serving our congregation and community, supporting each other in our events outside of GCPC, and we also manage to have a lot of fun too! We have been having fun and enjoying planning and preparing for Youth Sunday!

April Youth Events at a Glance

- April 5** Easter Worship 9am & 11am, No Sunday School
- April 11** (Saturday) Youth Sunday Rehearsal from 5-8pm, dinner included
- April 12** **Youth Sunday!** 8am arrival, 8:15am youth breakfast, 9:00am Worship prep, 9:30am Worship, 10:45-11:45am hosting all-ages Heartland Hall event.
- April 18** (Saturday) Trivia Night, All ages church event
- April 19** Worship, Sunday School, and Youth Group
- April 26** Worship, Sunday School, and VBS volunteer training
- May 3** Worship, Sunday School, Bell Fest at 6pm
- June 1-5** VBS, Sign up to volunteer no later than May 1 to get a t-shirt, and placed in the area you want to serve
- June 7** VBS SUNDAY!
- July 13-18** Youth Summer Trip
(completed 8th-12th grades)

GCPC Youth Summer Trip July 13-18

Completed 8th-12th grades

The GCPC youth group will be dipping our toe back into the waters of summer trips! We are excited to attend the [Synod Youth Workshop conference](#) in Tulsa, OK, July 13-18! This will be a regional conference-style event where we will explore our faith through recreation, worship, service, and tons of fellowship! This will be a great way to connect as a group and have a lot of fun along the way!

We will travel in vans and stay in the Tulsa University dorms. A packing list will be sent out in May with trip meetings on June 7 and July 12! The cost is \$450, but scholarships are available. There is a \$100 deposit due upon registration. The remaining \$350 is due by June 21, 2026.

REGISTER HERE to be redirected to a Google Doc to sign up: gpc.org/youthtrip



During the March SMASH, the children explored the Olympic value of Perseverance with various activities

2nd Graders First Communion on March 1st



Easter Egg Hunt Fun and Games on Saturday, March 28



Palm SUNDAY Ice Cream Party on Sunday, March 29





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Worship Schedule

9:30am Worship

Streaming on YouTube, Facebook, gcpc.org

Visit gcpc.org for links

Upcoming Newsletter Article Deadlines

May 2026 Issue - Deadline April 20

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