GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — November 15, 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 worshiping with us today.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Mike and Susan Fitzgerald in celebration of their 44th anniversary.

ELDER ON DUTY: Andrew Sellers

HEAD USHERS: Mike & Susan Fitzgerald

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

Cancer Treatment: Trooper Shaw

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: St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

(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

NOISY OFFERING TODAY! Today's Noisy Offering will benefit **KC Habitat for Humanity**, whose mission is to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. So, gather your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars! Your coins will make some joyful noise as we support KC Habitat for Humanity and its work of building homes, hope, and stronger communities!

"VOICES DANCE," the fall concert of EncoreKC! Chorus and Act II, will feature our world-renowned guest conductor, Mark Hayes. Join us TODAY at Grace United Methodist Church, 11485 S. Ridgeview, Olathe at 3pm. Your soul will be renewed.

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY AT GCPC! Join us on the GCPC campus for our second Fall Clean-Up Day on Saturday, November 21, from 9am to noon. Come early at 8:30am for coffee and donuts before rolling up your sleeves to help with leaf pickup, iris planting, and shrub trimming. Please bring rakes, leaf blowers, lawn bags, shovels, loppers, pruning shears, and saws. Don't forget your work gloves! All ages are welcome, including children and youth. Whether you can join us for one morning or both, your helping hands will make a difference in keeping our church grounds beautiful. Sign up at https://gcpc.org/calendar/fallcleanup.html. (The workday will be cancelled if it rains.)

YOUR RESPONSE MATTERS! COMMUNICATE YOUR 2027 PLEDGE SOON! Thank you to everyone who has already submitted a 2027 pledge! Your generosity helps sustain the ministries, mission, and future of Grace Covenant, and we are truly grateful. As we finalize plans and prepare the church budget for 2027, we need to hear from everyone. Our goal is 100% participation, and if you haven't yet responded, please take a moment to do so as soon as possible. Whether you plan to make a financial commitment for 2027 or are unable to make a pledge at this time, we ask that you let us know. Every response helps us plan responsibly for the year ahead.

You can return your pledge card to the church office, in the offering plate, by contacting Tara Hyder in the church office by phone or email (finance@gcpc.org), or by submitting your pledge confidentially online at gcpc.org/2027pledge.

Please don't wait! Your response matters, and every member's participation makes a difference. In the coming days, members of our Generosity Team will be reaching out personally to those from whom we haven't yet heard. These conversations are simply a way to connect, answer questions, and make sure we have everyone's response as we look ahead to 2027. Thank you for being part of the Grace Covenant community!

RED BAG SEASON! Thank you to everyone who has selected Red Bag gift tags this year. There are still some Red Bag gift tags available in Heartland Hall.

A few reminders:

- Please include a gift receipt for clothing items. Gift receipts for other items are appreciated.
- All gifts need to be wrapped. Gift cards need to be put in a box and wrapped.
- Remember to attach the **VERY IMPORTANT YELLOW POST-IT-NOTE!**
- If you took a gift tag for a Christmas Stocking, please remember to pick up a stocking made by the PieceMakers Group. It's very important to secure the top of the stocking, by sewing or safety pins to ensure nothing falls out.
- **All gifts MUST be returned to church by Sunday, November 29!**

If you have any questions please contact Sandy Adams by text at 757-582-5292 or email at sanadamsabc@gmail.com.

Gift Transport on December 5

We need at least one more person with a larger-type vehicle to transport the gifts to the Ball Conference Center, 21350 W. 153rd St., Olathe, on Saturday, December 5, at approximately 10 am. No heavy lifting is required — just room in your vehicle to help deliver the gifts! Thank you to the four individuals who have volunteered to help transport the gifts. Please contact me at the e-mail address above.

THE WINTER/SPRING SESSION FOR DINNERS FOR 7 OR 8 will start in January and end in April. If you have participated before, you know that meeting once a month is a great way to connect with other members. You have a choice of dinners in homes or dining out in restaurants. When

you R.S.V.P. to me, I will provide additional information about your group. It will be emailed to you by December 29. Each group decides on the four dates and sets the times that work for the group. If you have any questions about how it works, give me a call. Please let me know by December 21 or sooner: Kathy Williams, 913-485-1776, kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com. I am looking forward to hearing from you so I can organize the groups.

THE BRUNCH BUNCH will meet at Veritas restaurant, 5621 W. 135th Street, TODAY at 12:15pm. The restaurant does take reservations, so please RSVP to Mike Mattix by e-mail (mattixopks@gmail.com) or by text (913-558-6167) to ensure we have room for all.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEEDS: We have openings for Sunday school teachers, ATW leaders, shepherds, SMASH and YOUTH GROUP helpers, etc. It's a joyful, rewarding way to fulfill the promises we make to our GCPC children and youth 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!

(Children's Volunteer Opportunities)
https://gcpc.org/children-youth/youareinvited.html

(Youth Group Volunteer Sign-up)
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-57367467-gcpc

ADULT

ADULT EDUCATION — Sundays at 10:45am in Room 3
Adult Education is a welcoming place to explore our faith, ask questions, share perspectives, and grow together in community. Whether you join us regularly, haven't attended in a while, or are simply curious about what we do, we'd love to have you! Each Sunday offers a fresh opportunity for meaningful conversation, reflection, and fellowship. No previous attendance or special knowledge is needed!

Upcoming:

- **TODAY:** "Faithful Risk" — Sarah Evans, continuing *Living Matthew 25*
- **November 22:** "Meeting Christ Among Us" — Harold Frye, continuing *Living Matthew 25*
- **November 29:** *Beyond the Headlines: "Stories of Healing and Hope from Ukraine"* — Rick Randolph, sharing stories and reflections from his recent medical mission to Ukraine.

Come as you are, bring your curiosity, and join the conversation. Whether you're returning or joining us for the very first time, there's always a place for you!

CHILDREN

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

YOUTH

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

MISSION

THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS FOR RENEWED HOPE FOOD PANTRY: The Pantry is asking for these food items:

- mushroom soup
- French fried onions
- boxed mashed potatoes
- canned cranberry sauce
- boxed stuffing mix

Please place all donations in the Weekday Entrance ReNewed Hope food pantry bin. As always, thank you for your generosity for this holiday meal.

GCPC WILL PARTICIPATE IN A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEER DAY on Friday, December 11, 8:30am–3pm. We have eight volunteer spots. Please use the link to register: https://build.habitatkc.org/reservations/24832?auth=1781016239 (All volunteers need to be registered with their online volunteer application complete by the registration deadline of 12pm on Friday, November 27. Contact Jim Byrd, jbyrdks@gmail.com, for more information.

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2026/2027
Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

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
5pm and 8pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 9, 5:30pm

Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 10

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 27, 10am

Easter Sunday
Sunday, March 28, 9am and 11am

Youth Sunday
April 4, 9:30am

Vacation Bible School
"On the Boardwalk"
June 7-11, 9-Noon
Registration opens January 1, 2027

Vacation Bible School Sunday
June 13, 9:30am

~ 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

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