



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — February 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 worshiping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Frank Slovick

HEAD USHERS: Steve & Caroline Becher

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/GCPAttendance>, or scan the QR Code below.



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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: Jean Nelson and Carolyn Chaffin and family in the death of Stewart Nelson; the family of Donna Dearmore.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, Tom Jennings, Trooper Shaw

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: Heritage Presbyterian Church, Olathe, KS; Woodville Presbyterian Church, Oregon, MO; Newly-elected officers and leaders of the Maya Quiché Presbytery

(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

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been postponed to Sunday, February 15, following worship.

THE CHILDREN'S TEAM WOULD LIKE TO THANK CAROLYN CHAFFIN for 25 years of service as the Nursery Coordinator. She has spread God's love to so many children at Grace Covenant. Join us for a reception in Heartland Hall, following today's service.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER — Join the GCPC Children's Team for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 17, 5:30–7:30pm** in Heartland Hall. Enjoy pancakes, live Dixieland jazz music, and fun Shrove Tuesday activities for children and families. **Cost is \$5 per plate or \$20 per family**, with proceeds supporting GCPC Children's Ministries. Please **RSVP by Monday, February 9**, to help us plan. RSVP at gcpc.org/pancakes. Volunteers and food donations are also needed — sign up when you RSVP.

SAVE THE DATE! The annual Covenant Group Brunch Potluck is Sunday, February 22, directly following worship.

ADULT

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (January 4–February 1 | 10:45am): Start the new year by growing deeper in faith and conversation! Join one of our two adult education options. The first offering is a rotating class with a wide variety of subjects from social justice to book studies — including a series that Pastor Karen will lead during Lent. This class is typically Socratic in nature and participation is encouraged, but not demanded—all are welcome! Today's classes are below:

- **Half Truths (Room 3):** A study of Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*—exploring popular sayings that sound biblical... but aren't always.
- **Worship Reflections (Heartland Hall — Southwest Corner — Look for the Signs):** A relaxed, come-as-you-are discussion of the day's Scripture readings and sermon notes. This class focuses on continuing the conversation from worship and unpacking what was just experienced together.

Come for one week or all five—everyone is welcome!

BOOK GROUPS IN JANUARY:

- As The Page Turns will meet February 4 at 1:30 pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.
- Page Turners will meet on Thursday, February 5, at 7pm at the home of Melanie Townsend (11602 S Sunset Drive; Olathe, KS 66061). We will be discussing *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore. All are welcome. Please text/e-mail Melanie if you plan to attend. (913-710-5378 or melaniejptownsend@gmail.com).

CHILDREN

AWAKENING TO WORSHIP: 4yo-1st grade age-appropriate worship experience in Room 12 (downstairs). Our ATW friends leave from the children's sermon in worship and travel downstairs together with adult helpers. They will be ready for pickup at the end of worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45-11:45: ALL music Sunday today! And they will sing in worship NEXT SUNDAY! JOY! Choir (4yo-1st grade) in Room 26; CELEBRATION! Choir (2nd-5th grades) in Room 15. The Toddler class (2yo-3yo) will still meet in Room 20 for Sunday school.

COMING UP ...

- February 15, 4–6pm, SMASH
- February 17, SHROVE Pancake Supper Fundraiser for Children's Department

- February 22 (DATE CHANGE!), 2nd-grade Communion Workshop will be after worship, and their first communion in worship is now on March 1, due to our storm last week.

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

EVERY SUNDAY: 6th-12th grades: Sunday school 10:45-11:45am

- 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, Room 19

COMING UP ...

- February 15, and March 8, 4–6pm, YOUTH GROUP
- March 15 and 22, Youth help with combined children's Sunday school
- March 29, After Sunday School, YOUTH SUNDAY rehearsal and lunch
- April 4, Easter Egg Hunt, Youth Service Day, helping run games for the Children's Department
- April 5, EASTER, no Sunday school
- April 12, YOUTH SUNDAY! (Youth lead worship)

MISSION

SAVE YOUR SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY OFFERING on February 15! We'll direct this offering to the KC Community Bail Fund. Lower-income people who can't make bail often lose their jobs, their spot in school, their housing, and their childcare while awaiting trial. The Bail Fund Project provides bail for people without the resources to post their own bail, making it possible for them to go on with their lives rather than sitting in jail without access to resources and costing themselves and the taxpayers money. Make a joyful noise and help correct the systemic injustice of the cash bail system.

A NOTE FROM RENEWED HOPE FOOD PANTRY: Dear GCPC, your donations and volunteer support at Renewed Hope Food Pantry are making a big difference for people facing hunger. Thank you for your ongoing donations and support throughout the year and generous donations financially at the end of 2025 — and your fantastic food drives. We often see food pantry guests cry tears of gratitude when they receive food and a big, big part of this comes from you. Thank you for helping keep food going out to people who are needing it, showing them that God provides all we need. Blessings to all of you, Karen Whitsen, Pantry Director.

UPLIFT February Mission Partner: The Underwear King Returns (with a warmer twist!)

Last February, Grace Covenant answered the call in a big way—**over 800 pairs of men's and women's underwear** were donated for our friends served by UPLIFT. Kevin Johnson (Uplift Coordinator) even earned the honorable title: **“The Underwear King.”**

This February, we're leveling up for winter: **Long johns / thermal underwear** (men's and women's) are the big need. **New items only, please.**

How to help (every Sunday in February):

- Bring donations to church each Sunday and place them in Room 21 (the UPLIFT Closet).
- If ordering from Amazon: please do not ship to the church. Ship to: Kevin Johnson, 12840 Century St., Overland Park, KS 66213.
- If shipped to your home: please deliver to Room 21 (UPLIFT Closet) on Sunday.

Scan the QR codes below for the most-needed items and easy Amazon options. **Let's keep Kansas City warm—one cozy layer at a time! You can also simply shop for yourself at your favorite retailer.**

1 pair women's \$16.95



3 pr women's \$26.99



1 pr men's \$16.90



8 pr men's \$49.99



IT'S TIME FOR ... SOUPERBOWL XL! From now through January 31, we'll collect non-perishable food items for the Renewed Hope Food Pantry at New Haven SDA Church. About 10% of Johnson County households are food insecure, and many of those households make too much money to qualify for government assistance, leaving them reliant on private charities.

In addition to helping our neighbors, we'll have fun settling some Great Food Debates, such as: Pancakes or Waffles? Bacon or Sausage? One donated item = one vote for whichever side you support!

Vote by placing your donations on the tables in the hallway between the sanctuary and Heartland Hall. Mission Team will count the votes on each table during the Sunday School hour each week and announce the winner from the previous week. If you prefer, you can also give a monetary donation by writing “Communion Offering” on your check or using the Communion Offering option in the online giving portal.

The Great Food Debate for January 26-31 is ... “Donuts: Lamars or Krispy Kreme?” Bring those donations and say “We gotchu, baby” to our hungry neighbors. And on February 1, we’ll say “TOUCHDOWN, GCPC!”

SIGN UP TO WORK WITH HABITAT KC AT GCPC — FEBRUARY 20! Use this link to sign up: <https://build.habitatk.org/reservations/22591?auth=1762889310>. Put your name and e-mail address in the first open spot under the “Participants” heading on the left. If you’d like to help but are concerned about it being too cold to work outside - Habitat does bring in heaters for very cold days, and they will put our crew down for any inside work on the February date (i.e., in a house with walls and roof up).

We can send up to 8 people on **Friday, February 20 from 8:30am to 3pm**. Registration closes at **12pm, Friday, February 6**; you’ll get an e-mail 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.



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2026 Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

Carolyn Chaffin 25th Anniversary

Sunday, February 1

Following worship in Heartland Hall

Music Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, February 8, 9:30am

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 15

Following worship

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Volunteer to help!

RSVP by February 9, at gcpc.org/pancakes

Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 18, 6:30pm

Covenant Group Brunch Potluck

February 22, 2026

Following Worship

Palm Sunday

March 29, 9:30am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 7pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 10am

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

EncoreKC! Concert

Sunday, April 26, 3pm

Grace United Methodist Church

EncoreKC! Ensembles Concert

Friday, May 1, 7pm, Sanctuary

Bell Fest XXXVI

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