



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — February 9, 2025

*“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 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/GPCAttendance>, or scan the QR Code below.



CONTACTING STAFF: The office is open 8am to 4pm, M–F. To reach a staff member by e-mail:

- **Rev. Karen Wright (Interim Pastor):** karen.wright@gcpc.org
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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: David Schesser

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, Katie Rickley, David Schesser, Cindy Schendel

Ageing 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.**

Our Mission Co-Workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Leslie Vogel, PC (USA) Regional Liaison for Guatemala and Mexico.

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: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS; Arabic Fellowship, Overland Park, KS – New Worshiping Community; Centerfield – New Worshiping Community; Iglesia Monte de los Olivos, Almolonga (MQP)

(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

LIVESTREAM RESOURCES! Our Sunday worship service at 9:30am is now available to view on our website, YouTube channel, and Facebook livestream. We look forward to continuing to worship together as a community of faith, both near and far. (Note: We are no longer on Zoom.)

Watch worship live via these platforms:

YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/@gracecovenant443

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/GraceCovenantPresbyterian>

Website: <https://gcpc.org/livestream>

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 9TH! Chicken Noodle is dominating with **315 cans**, but the real winner is **our total—661 cans so far!** Can we push it to **700** by game day? **YES WE CAN!** Bring your cans, cheer on your favorite soup, and help us tackle hunger in our community! Let’s make this our biggest Souper Bowl yet! **Final count happens on February 9th—every can counts! Who will be the ultimate soup champion? Let’s do this, GCPC!**
#SouperBowl #TackleHunger #ChickenNoodleVsTomato

IHN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH — February 16 — After Sunday School (about 11:45 AM): Jane Knoche and Christine Caseres will host a volunteer appreciation lunch to celebrate the generous commitment GCPC has made to IHN over the past 20 years. A light lunch will begin after Sunday school of sandwiches, fruit and cookies. We are inviting not only GCPC but our support congregation volunteers. Also, if you are still in contact with anyone who has been involved with IHN, please either extend this invitation to them or share their updated contact information with Jane or Christine so we can invite them personally. For more information, contact Jane (jeknoche@att.net) or Christine (crcaseres032@gmail.com). We express our gratitude to the Mission Team for their support and whose budget will pay for this event.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – A DELICIOUS TRADITION! Get ready to flip for pancakes! The GCPC Children's Team invites you to our **annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4, 5:30–7:30pm** in **Heartland Hall**. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, and drinks, while tapping your toes to the lively sounds of the **Dixieland Band!** Join in on the **Mardi Gras-themed fun, games, and fellowship**, all while supporting a great cause — **proceeds benefit the Children's Team and its ministries**. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family (4+). **RSVP & Volunteer Opportunities:** To ensure we have enough pancakes and seating, please RSVP by **Monday, February 24**. Simply leave your **RSVP at gcpc.org/shrove-tuesday**, and we'll handle the rest! We also need **cooks, set-up helpers, clean-up volunteers, and food donations**. If you'd like to lend a hand, **check out the sign-up options at link above** and let us know where you can help. Come hungry and ready for a festive night of **food, music, and community**. We can't wait to see you there!

GARDENING ANGELS: OUR MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY is to provide a pleasant and inviting presence at College Blvd. and Nieman Dr. In addition to our architecturally pleasing building, we have multiple flowerbeds and green spaces that require attention throughout the year. As we celebrate 40 years of answering God's call to serve at this location, we look forward to re-establishing a tried and true method of caring for our garden at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. We are asking for volunteers to choose a flower bed or garden area to care for during the upcoming year. Our plan is to have small groups — two to six individuals to pick an area to care for, such as clean up from winter, spring planting, summer and fall care to clean up when season is done. Some of these seasons may not require weekly attention as most of the gardens do have automatic watering several times a week. You will be reminded of the needs of the various spaces throughout the seasons. Next Sunday a display of the garden beds will be in the foyer along with a description of each area for you to choose from. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity as your mission for the 40th Celebration of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CRAFT FAIR — JOIN THE CELEBRATION! Come one, come all! Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church is celebrating 40 years of faith, fellowship, and community with a special **40th Anniversary Craft Fair on Saturday, March 29, from 9am to 2pm** in the **concourse and Heartland Hall**. This exciting event will feature a variety of talented local artisans and crafters showcasing their handmade goods — everything from home décor, jewelry, and textiles to seasonal gifts, baked treats, and more! Whether you're looking for a unique treasure, a perfect gift, or simply want to enjoy a day of shopping and fellowship, there will be something for

everyone. In addition to the wonderful selection of crafts, we'll have refreshments available and plenty of opportunities to connect with friends, old and new. Don't miss this chance to support local crafters, celebrate our **40th anniversary theme — "Celebrating Our Faithful Journey"** — and enjoy a day of creativity and community! Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors—we can't wait to see you there!

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUR ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT on Saturday, April 5, 5:30–7pm. We will once again be led by our tremendous trivia master, Jake Schmidt. Pizza will be provided. **Check the concourse for the "Trivia Questions" box and submit your questions!** So put on your thinking caps and please join us!

ROAD TRIP — On the Go with God is the theme for the 2025 VBS, held June 2–6, 9am–Noon. **Registration is NOW OPEN!** Sign up your kiddos (*ages 4 years to 5th grade*) at gcpc.org/vbs. Volunteers needed! Volunteers can also sign up at the same link. Opportunities to help with decorating, planning, etc. are available and appreciated. Contact Kristy Shaw at kshaw96@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED: Periodically, the church office has a request for a ride to worship for one of our members who no longer drives. Recently one such request was for someone who lives near 135th and Mur-Len in Olathe. If you could help with this request or would like to be on a volunteer list to give rides in the future, please send your name and contact information to Patrick in the office, patrick.bell@gcpc.org or 913-345-1256. The information will be given to the Care & Connection Team to keep on hand should the need arise. Thank you!

WE'RE HIRING! Career opportunity at GCPC - Interim Director of Music Ministries. The Interim Director of Music Ministries will be the driving force behind our church's diverse and dynamic music program. The person filling this role will have the opportunity to nurture spiritual growth through music, coordinate various choirs and ensembles, and create unforgettable worship experiences for our congregation. **JOB DESCRIPTION** and full details at gcpc.org/careers.

ADULT

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets in Room 3, across from the choir room. Today, Don Wilson leads a discussion on the Good Faith Network.

CHILDREN

SMASH, our K–5th grade fellowship, meets Sunday, February 16, 4–6pm, in Heartland Hall.

NURSERY CARE — Available during Worship and Sunday School: We love seeing and hearing our children in worship, but if you prefer, our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in Room 22, in the children's wing. Worship bags are available on the bookshelf in the narthex for children who stay in worship.

AWAKENING TO WORSHIP (ATW) is our child-friendly worship experience for children ages 4 through FIRST GRADE. The children depart with leaders from the Sanctuary following the Children's Time in worship. Parents may pick up their children in Room 12 on the lower level following worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 10:45–11:45am

Toddlers/Preschool is for 2–4yrs. Rooms 20/25.

4-year-olds – 1st Grade meet in Room 26 (10:45am gathers for Joy! Singers and will be escorted to their Sunday school workshop.)

2nd–5th Grades meet in Room 15 (10:45am gathers for Celebration! Singers and will be escorted to their Sunday School workshop)

Middle and High School Youth meet in Room 19a. Our Youth gather each Sunday in the Youth Room which is in the lower level of our Education Wing at 10:45am.

MISSION

FEBRUARY’S COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IS ROSEHILL ELEMENTARY. Rosehill is a Title I school in Lenexa, and a longtime partner with GCPC. Title I is a federal program that provides extra math and reading support; Rosehill is eligible for Title I because of the percentage of students who receive free or reduced lunch benefits. A quality education is necessary for every child to be successful in life; GCPC’s partnership with Rosehill helps ensure that all our local children are equipped to succeed. Make your donation online or in the offering plate; just note that it is meant for Communion Offering.

UPLIFT — FEBRUARY DONATION PARTNER — UNDERWEAR CHALLENGE! “Answer the Call: Give the Gift of Dignity” We’ve all been blessed with the simple things we often take for granted — like clean, fresh underwear. For those struggling to meet basic needs, something as small as new underwear can restore dignity, comfort, and hope. Uplift is an organization that delivers hot meals and high need items to the homeless in the Kansas City area. Uplift is a 100% not for profit organization. No one in the organization gets paid for what they do. Yet every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evening four trucks pull out from their downtown warehouse, loaded with hot meals to feed 500 to 1,000 homeless and to provide them with essential needs. Our mission is clear: **We’re collecting NEW underwear for those in need!** This is a small gift that makes a big difference.

Below are Amazon links to help you understand what they are looking for. Feel free to get these anywhere you would like but if you use Amazon *please do not deliver to the church*. Instead have it delivered to my home (Kevin Johnson, 12840 Century St., Overland Park, KS 66213). You may also have it delivered to your home then drop them off at church in the Room 21 Uplift closet.

[Cotton Underwear for Women\(\\$13.99 on Amazon; Sizes M, L and XL\)](#)

[Men's Underwear Boxer Briefs \(\\$17.04 on Amazon; Sizes L, XL are highest need\)](#)

Women's Underwear



Men's Underwear



THE GOOD FAITH NETWORK will be hosting a Network meeting Sunday, February 9, in Room 4, following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the April Solutions Briefing and the May Nehemiah Action Event.



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Upcoming Events and Services

SMASH

Kindergarten-5th grade fellowship
Sunday, February 16, 4-6pm

Covenant Group Brunch Potluck

Sunday, February 23, 10:30am

Communion Workshop

2nd graders and their parents
February 23, Noon-2 pm

Music Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, March 2, 9:30pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4, 5:30-7:30pm
Heartland Hall

Ash Wednesday Worship - Lent Begins

Wednesday, March 5, 6:30pm

GCPC 40th Anniversary Event 40th Anniversary Craft Fair

Saturday, March 29, 9am-2pm
Heartland Hall and Concourse

Trivia Night!

Saturday, April 5, 5:30-7pm
Heartland Hall

Bible Workshop

3rd graders and their parents
April 6, Noon-2 pm

Easter Egg Hunt

April 12, 10-11am
Heartland Hall and Outdoors

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13, 9:30am
Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:30pm
Good Friday, April 18, 7:30pm
Easter Sunday, April 20, 9am & 11am

Church Office Closed

Easter Monday, April 21

Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 26, 9am-3pm

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 27, 9:30pm

Bell Fest

Sunday, May 4, 6-8pm

Church Office Closed

Memorial Day, Monday, May 26

Vacation Bible School

"Road Trip - On the Go with God!"

June 2 - June 6, 9am-Noon
Children Ages 4 yrs – 5th Grade
Volunteers register at link below
Register children at gcpc.org/vbs

Church Office Closed

Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19

GCPC 40th Anniversary Celebration with Brunch Following Worship

Sunday, June 22, 9:30am

GCPC 40th Anniversary Friendship Bracelet Making Party

Saturday, July 12, 1-3pm
Heartland Hall



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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