



Service of Worship — November 16, 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: Chris Cabe

HEAD USHERS: Dave & Vicki Peck

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

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Linda Starrett, Terra Howard, Sullivan Ambrecht

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, Tom Jennings

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: Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Westport 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

THERE ARE STILL RED BAG GIFT POST-IT NOTES AVAILABLE. Here's the process for getting Red Bag gifts for foster children in Johnson County.

1. Select one or more small Post-it Notes with a gift request. Please write your name, email address, and phone number on the paper.
2. Keep the Post-it note safe. It needs to be attached to the wrapped gift when you return the present. The small Post-it Note is VERY IMPORTANT!
3. Shop for the gift—you might find the item on an early Black Friday Sale.
4. Please, include a **gift receipt** for clothes, and shoes. Gift receipt for other gifts can be helpful too.
5. If a gift requires batteries, please put in the batteries. We want the child to be able to use the gift as soon as it's open.
6. Wrap the present. (Wrapping in a box is better, but not required.) **Please wrap gift cards in a box.** Don't forget to attach the Post-it Note to the gift.
7. Christmas stockings (made by the PieceMakers) need to be filled with goodies and then sewn close or use safety pins to close the stocking top. Be sure to put on the VERY IMPORTANT yellow Post-it Note.
8. Bring the presents to church and place on the table. Thank you for your generosity.

All wrapped gifts should be at church by November 30. (This is the Sunday after Thanksgiving). The gifts will be sorted and packed on December 1. Thank you for your generosity.

Four more drivers needed on Saturday, December 6: We deliver the Red Bags (full of gifts) to the Ball Center in Olathe. We need four more drivers with a van or covered truck bed to help deliver the presents. We'll meet at the church around 10am.

Please contact Sandy Adams by text (757-582-5292) or e-mail (sanadamsabc@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

REMEMBER SINGING "LEAVIN' ON A JET PLANE," "Blowin' in the Wind," "Turn, Turn, Turn"? EncoreKC Chorus and Act II will present its fall concert, "An American Quilt" **TODAY at 3pm at Grace United Methodist** on Ridgeview in Olathe. EncoreKC! Foundation is the arts partner with Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. Come join in the fun!

GENEROSITY 2026: Our 2026 Stewardship theme, ***A Living Legacy: Called to Plant, Called to Grow***, invites us to reflect on where we've been, how God is at work among us now, and the future God is calling us to cultivate together. We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026—every gift, large or small, is a seed God can use. Together we can carry forward the legacy of faith, hope, and love that has marked Grace Covenant's ministry for decades. Pledge confidentially online at gcpc.org/2026pledge, or use one of the pledge cards and envelopes found on the Generosity bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

ON THANKSGIVING EVE, we will share Hope Stories. If you have a Hope Story you would like to share, you will be invited to come up to a microphone and tell it, or you can have someone else read it for you. We are looking for uplifting stories that are recent (within the last year if possible) and not related to a particular political party/candidate. ALL stories MUST BE APPROVED in advance! If you have a Hope Story please submit it for approval to Kathy Bures at kathy.bures@gmail.com. You do not have to attend the service to submit a story. They can be just a few lines or several paragraphs. We will only have time for a certain number of submissions, so please be concise and get yours sent to Kathy as soon as possible. (The service is Wednesday, November 26, at 7pm.)

FESTIVE POINSETTIAS WILL DECORATE THE SANCTUARY for the Christmas season. If you would like to be a part of the tradition of purchasing a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, you may do so by enclosing your donation in one of the poinsettia envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate. Please be sure to neatly print your name and who the memorial/honor recognizes in block letters. You may also make a donation through the online giving portal on our website, or by sending your donation to the church office: GCPC, 11100 College Blvd., OPKS 66210, Attn: Patrick. *Deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert is Monday, December 15.* Thank you!

"THIS IS GRACE" NEW MEMBERS CLASS will be held on Sunday, December 7, following the worship service at 10:45 in Room 5. The class will be led by Rev. Karen Wright and is open to all.

This is a great 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 Grace Covenant 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 the church office, 913-485-1256, or Kathy Williams, 913-485-1776 or kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com.

DINNERS FOR 7 OR 8 WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY and finish 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 at restaurants. When you sign up, I will send you additional details about your group before December 31. 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 Kathy Williams a call, text, or e-mail: 913-485-1776 or kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com. Let her know by December 22 or sooner if you plan to participate.

ADULT

10:45-11:45AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Room 4: Worship Reactions and Room 3: Part 2 of a two-week series on the book *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Bishop Mariann Budde with Jane Allen. You do not need to have gone to the first part to participate today. Jane will have copies of a book review for those who haven't read the book as well.

THE AS PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet December 3 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Lulu Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kristen Miller. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship. Bring a wrapped book for the Christmas book exchange.

CHILDREN

ATW (AWAKENING TO WORSHIP): 4-year-olds through 1st graders are escorted together from worship after the Children's Time to their age-appropriate worship experience called ATW. They can be picked up downstairs in Room 12 after worship. Please check the Family Ministry bulletin board (just outside of the sanctuary, in the art hallway) for details about the rest of the morning's schedule and grab a calendar to take home! **4-6pm SMASH—TONIGHT!**

YOUTH

TODAY, 11:45am–2pm, RedBag Shopping! We are shopping for our RedBag contributions RIGHT AFTER church today. We'll grab a quick lunch, shop for our recipients, and bring it all back here. We'll be done by 2pm. This will be in place of our youth group time tonight, so you can watch the Chiefs at home.



Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

— 2025 —

EncoreKC! Chorus Concert

"An American Quilt:

Folk Music that Inspires Us"

Sunday, November 16, 3pm

Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, KS

From Scattered to Saved:

Songs of Thanksgiving

*A special Music Sunday featuring the
Grace Mountain Ensemble, Chancel Choir,
and Cal Sweeten on hammer dulcimer*

Sunday, November 23, 9:30am

Advent Begins - "Waiting Well"

Sunday, November 30, 9:30am

GCPC Winds:

Songs of the Season!

Sunday, December 7, 9:30am

"This is Grace" New Member Class

Sunday, December 7, 10:45am, Room 5

Sign up at gcpc.org/newmember

A Christmas Exclamation!

Sunday, December 7, 6pm

The Longest Night

Sunday, December 21, 7pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 24

5pm Family Service

8pm Traditional Service

— 2026 —

Bingo Night

Friday, January 23, Time TBA

Olympic Family Event

Saturday, January 31, Time TBA

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17, Time TBA

Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18

Palm Sunday

March 29, 9:30am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 7pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, Time TBA

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

Vacation Bible School

June 1-5, 9am-Noon

Registration opens on January 1, 2026

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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