



## GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — February 2, 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:** Barbara Douglas

**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/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:

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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

**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.**

**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:** Heritage Presbyterian Church, Olathe, KS; Woodville Presbyterian Church, Oregon, MO

(If you have a prayer request you would like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at [office@gcpc.org](mailto:office@gcpc.org), or send to [gcpc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:gcpc.prayers@gmail.com).)

**SPOTLIGHT**

**NEW LIVESTREAM RESOURCES!** We are excited to announce a change to our livestream worship services. Beginning TODAY, our Sunday worship service at 9:30am will be available to view on our website and YouTube channel, in addition to our existing Facebook livestream. Considering these new options, we will be **discontinuing the livestream on Zoom**. We believe these new platforms will provide a better experience for those who cannot join us in person, and we encourage all who are unable to attend worship to join us online, wherever you may be. Please share this news with friends and family who may also benefit from this change. We look forward to continuing to worship together as a community of faith, both near and far.

**Watch worship live via these platforms:**

YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/@gracecovenant443](https://www.youtube.com/@gracecovenant443)

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

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

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** Help us fight hunger and also settle the eternal question — which is the better soup, chicken noodle or tomato? Indicate your answer by leaving nonperishable food

items on the table in the hallway between the sanctuary and Heartland Hall. All donations will go to support the ReNewed Hope Food Pantry, which is operated by New Haven Seventh Day Adventist in Overland Park. New Haven is also having a food drive and has challenged us to see which congregation can generate more donations. So, bring those donations, fight hunger, go GCPC (and go Chiefs!) The Souper Bowl is both our donation partner and our communion offering recipient in January, so if you'd rather you can also give financially. Just write "Communion Offering" on your check, or check that box in the online giving portal. Thanks as always for your generous support! **UPDATE: Chicken Noodle is in the lead! So far we have gathered 280 cans of soups and other pantry staples! We have two weeks left in our drive for Renewed Hope Food Pantry and our friendly competition with New Haven Seventh Day Adventist! Keep those donations coming!**

**OUR GCPC DIY MINI GOLF EVENT IS ALMOST HERE! Saturday, February 8, 7pm.** We do have a few registrations and would love to expand our golf course with a few more holes. Can you encourage others to join us? If you are unsure about how to create a hole, we are here to help! E-mail us today and we'll brainstorm with you along with helping you collect any necessary supplies OR you can come to the event a bit early and we'll assemble your hole together. We'll be there from 5pm to 7pm to help set up your hole. We do suggest five people per team, but we'll accept all teams and would even help you form a team with others who might be looking to join a team. With a few simple supplies, you can create a great miniature golf hole. Check our registration page for examples and here are a few too. If you would like to come golf and NOT create a hole, we'd sure love to have you. Just let us know this too. Register here: [gcpc.org/golf](http://gcpc.org/golf)

**ROAD TRIP — On the Go with God** is the theme for the 2025 VBS, held on June 2–6 from 9am–Noon. **Registration is NOW OPEN!** Sign up your kiddos (*ages 4 years to 5th grade*) at [gcpc.org/vbs](http://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](mailto:kshaw96@yahoo.com).

**GARDENING ANGELS:** Join the fun on Wednesday, February 5, 10am, in the kitchen at the church to clean, sharpen, and oil the church's garden tools in preparation for spring. Looking further ahead, in March, get your plant and/or flowers ideas and which garden you think is the best for your suggestions to Cindy Monshizadeh, [cmonsh@gmail.com](mailto:cmonsh@gmail.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 135<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://gcpc.org/careers).

## ADULT

**THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP** will meet February 5 at 1:30 pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Boys, A Memoir of Hollywood & Family* by Ron and Clint Howard. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

**PAGE TURNERS** will discuss *The Boys, A Memoir of Hollywood & Family* by Ron and Clint Howard on Thursday, February 6, at 7pm at the home of Eileen Thomson, 14223 Eby, OP 66221. Everyone is welcome whether you have read the book or not. RSVP 913-461-3430 or [esthompson@gmail.com](mailto:esthompson@gmail.com) Hope to see you there!

## CHILDREN

**ATW, MUSIC & SUNDAY SCHOOL:** All are welcome to join our Sunday school programming today. If you need further information, please check the Children's Bookcase outside the sanctuary for details.

## 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.

**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.

**2025 MISSIONS CALENDAR:** The 2025 Missions Calendar is now available for download on our website at [gcpc.org/missioncalendar](http://gcpc.org/missioncalendar). Each month GCPC designates an organization to receive the Communion Offering. The Communion Offering recipient is listed in the bulletin each Sunday. Members can give to the Communion Offering Recipient of the month by either selecting "Communion" in the online giving portal with their donation, or by writing "Communion Offering" on their check, or envelope they put into the offering plate. All Communion Offerings submitted will be directed to the Communion Offering Recipient designated for the month in which the donation was received. If you would like to give to a Communion Offering Recipient outside of the month designated for them, please give your donation directly to the

organization. Mission Team will share information on how to contact the organizations directly in the weekly bulletins. For any questions, please contact Mission Team Moderator Mikki Walker.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE AT RENEWED HOPE FOOD PANTRY:** ReNewed Hope makes a significant impact for good in our community by helping solve the problem of food insecurity. Many GCPC members have already volunteered at ReNewed Hope, and food donations may always be left in the bin in the Weekday Entrance. The pantry has volunteer opportunities on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, and Friday evenings. Please check out their website for more information: <https://renewedhopefoodpantry.org/>



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# Upcoming Events and Services

(Details and links under each event)

**GCPC 40th Anniversary Event  
Intergenerational DIY Mini Golf**  
Saturday, February 8, 7pm  
Heartland Hall

*\*\* Sign-up to play at [gcpc.org/golf](http://gcpc.org/golf)*

**Covenant Group Brunch Potluck**  
Sunday, February 23, 10:30am

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**  
Tuesday, March 4, 5:30-7:30pm  
Heartland Hall

**Lent Begins**  
Wednesday, March 5

**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

**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

**Vacation Bible School**  
"Road Trip - On the Go with God!"  
June 2 - June 6, 9am-Noon  
Children Ages 4 yrs – 5th Grade  
Volunteers needed - sign up  
at link below  
*Register online at [gcpc.org/vbs](http://gcpc.org/vbs)*

**GCPC 40th Anniversary  
Celebration and 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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Full details on these events and services are shared in the midweek email announcements, bulletin, newsletter, and on Facebook and Instagram.

For an online church calendar, visit [gcpc.org/calendar](http://gcpc.org/calendar)