



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — January 12, 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: Andrew Sellers

HEAD USHERS: Mike & Susan Fitzgerald, Eric Burdette

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: Sue Mehl, George Bures, Cal Sweeten, Pam Hearn

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

Aging Challenges: Lee Will

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: Maitland Presbyterian Church, Maitland, MO; First Presbyterian Church, Maryville, 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

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Join in the celebration in Heartland Hall as we thank Rebecca Prater, Director of Music Ministries, for her 20 years of talent, dedication, and service to our church. Help wish her well on her next adventures in life. (The Nursery is available during the reception for children ages Kindergarten and younger.)

RECEIVING A STAR WORD ON EPIPHANY SUNDAY IS A TRADITION AT GCPC. Epiphany Sunday recalls the visit of the Magi bearing gifts for the Christ Child. These paper stars with a word representing a spiritual quality are given to you as a simple gift. The stars are placed face down in the basket so that you can pick a star before you see the word. How that word speaks to you is for you to reflect upon. It may make an immediate connection or may be something that only brings about meaning as the year goes on. Whatever your experience, place your star where it will be visible throughout the year and enjoy your star word! For those unable to pick one up today, a basket of stars will be available in the office and at the welcome table on Sunday mornings.

40TH ANNIVERSARY TEA PARTY TODAY! Join us at 2pm in Heartland Hall for fellowship, finger sandwiches, sweets and tea! Bring your own teacup or use one of ours! Open to all ages.

“THIS IS GRACE” NEW MEMBER CLASS (New date!): Join us for the “This is Grace” New Member Class on **Sunday, January 19**, at 10:45am in Room 4, immediately following the worship service. Led by Rev. Karen Wright, this class is open to everyone — whether you're a first-time visitor or a longtime friend. This session offers a great opportunity to learn more about Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, ask questions, and explore how we carry out God’s work in our community. There’s no expectation to join the church after attending the class — just come to learn and explore. To sign up, visit gcpc.org/newmember, or contact Kathy Williams at kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com or call 913-485-1776 if you plan to attend.

GCPC WEEKEND CRAFTERS Annual Winter Craft Retreat on Friday, January 17, 6–9pm and again Saturday, January 18, 9am–4pm. **** RSVP by January 13 at gcpc.org/crafters.** We welcome anyone to join for parts of all of the retreat. Do you have craft supplies that you no longer use and would want to share/donate? Bring your stash and put on our donation table. Contact Christy Soule with any questions at christysoule@yahoo.com. (Full details on retreat at link.)

B-I-N-G-O-! You won’t want to miss out on another amazing evening of GCPC Bingo. Mark your calendars for **Friday, January 31, 5:30–7:30pm!** Liz Chandler has agreed once again to be our illustrious caller. Something new this year will be a delicious lasagna dinner, served before Bingo starts. The meal is graciously being covered by an anonymous donor. Make sure to get signed up before and after church services on January 19 and 26!

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.

THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA! Help us spread the word about the events, stories, and vibrant life of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church by engaging with and sharing our social media content. You’ll find GCPC on Facebook and Instagram, where every like, comment, and share helps us showcase how we share Christ’s love in our community. Thank you for being part of this important outreach!

DIY MINI GOLF EVENT! (Sign-up to reserve your spot by February 1 at gcpc.org/golf)** Join us for a 40th Anniversary DIY Mini Golf Night on Saturday, February 8, at 7pm in Heartland Hall. Gather your friends, family, or co-workers and join the fun at GCPC’s DIY Mini Golf event! Design and build your own creative mini golf hole and compete for prizes in design and golf scores. Each team (up to 5 members) will create a unique golf hole using a 3’ x 8’ space. Setup must be completed by 7pm. After the course is ready, enjoy a round of mini golf, light snacks, and plenty of laughs. Don’t miss this chance to showcase your creativity and skills!

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. 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.

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: We are no longer posting a flower calendar. BUT, if you have a celebration or memory you would like to mention, please let Chelly King know. Several people have used Linda McMaster’s floral arrangements since stopping the real flower deliveries. A donation will go to that month's donation partner unless you specify otherwise. If it is not a donation to the charity or to a specific GPC account, please send your check to the charity of your choice. (We need a two-week notice of the dedication to make printing deadlines.) For more information, contact Chelly King, chelly41RN@gmail.com.

ADULT

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume next Sunday, January 19.

CHILDREN

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Upcoming Events and Services

(Details and links under each event)

**GCPC 40th Anniversary Event
Intergenerational Afternoon Tea Party**
Sunday, January 12, 2-4pm

"This is Grace" New Member Class
Sunday, January 19, 10:45am, Room 4

Weekend Crafters Winter Retreat
Friday, January 17, 6-9pm
Saturday, January 18, 9am-4pm
**** RSVP by January 13 at gcpc.org/crafters**

Annual Church Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 10:30am

Bingo & Lasagna Night!
Friday, January 31, 5:30-7:30pm
**** Sign-up on January 19 or January 26,
during worship, or call the church office**

**GCPC 40th Anniversary Event
Intergenerational DIY Mini Golf**
Saturday, February 8, 7pm
**** Sign-up to play at gcpc.org/golf**

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

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

Lent Begins
Wednesday, March 5
GCPC 40th Anniversary Event

40th Anniversary Craft Fair
Saturday, March 29, 9am-2pm

Trivia Night!
Saturday, April 5

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 5, 10am

Holy Week
Palm Sunday, April 12, 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
Register online at gcpc.org/vbs

**GCPC 40th Anniversary Celebration
Brunch Following**
Sunday, June 22, 9:30am



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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