



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — April 12, 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 worshipping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Andrew Sellers

HEAD USHERS: Youth, Caroline & Steve 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/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: Linda Rosine in the death of Harold Farren

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Nathan Littlejohn, Harold Frye, Bill Brown

Cancer Treatment: Tom Jennings, Trooper Shaw, Johnnie Baker

Aging Challenges: Lee Will, 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: First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, 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

GCPC TRIVIA NIGHT is coming up on Saturday, April 18, 5:30–7:30pm — and you won't want to miss it! Be sure to sign up to attend. You can RSVP at gcpc.org/trivia, after worship on March 29 and April 12, or by calling the church office. Childcare will be available with reservation: Nursery care is provided for ages 4 and under, and a group activity will be offered for children ages 5 and up. Please be sure to indicate your childcare needs when you sign up. **RSVP by April 14 at gcpc.org/trivia.** Dinner will be a **“Wiener Wonderland”** featuring hot dogs with all the fixings, chips, and delicious ice cream treats. After this “frankly” tasty meal, stick around for our Trivia Contest led by the one and only Jake Schmidt! Form your team ahead of time or come ready to join one — either way, it's sure to be a fun evening full of laughter, fellowship, and friendly competition. Save the date and join us on April 18 for great food, great trivia, and great company. **Don't forget to sign up — and let us know if you need childcare!**

THE KAIROS LUNCH 'N' LEARN IS NEXT SUNDAY! Don't forget to RSVP today at gcpc.org/ggfm for *Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds* on Sunday, April 19, 12–2:30pm in Heartland Hall. Special guest Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull from Louisville Seminary, Louisville KY, will deliver the children's sermon and adult Sunday school on *God's Green, Resourceful Earth*. She will then join us for lunch after church to talk about the



project [Growing Gardens Feeding Minds](#), as we eat a special Kenyan luncheon of freshly prepared dishes from our own GCPC kitchen. (Sign-up here to help us prepare and welcome our luncheon guests <https://bit.ly/4tjuY79>)

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED: Our volunteer planning committee is busy preparing for a great week of VBS this June. We offer VBS to our members and community for a low cost thanks to your donations. Stop by our donation board located outside the sanctuary or visit our Amazon wish list if you prefer. We will be adding items as planning continues so check back with us as many times as you can. Items should be returned to church as soon as possible to allow our preparations to continue. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/QVESOZQ7U3OV?ref=wl_share

MUSIC

BELL FEST XXXVI: AMERICANA — This year's Bell Fest, held on **Sunday, May 3, at 6pm**, celebrates the rich sounds and spirit of Americana, featuring music inspired by American folk traditions, beloved hymns, and classic melodies with a warm, roots-inspired feel. While handbells are at the heart of the concert, Bell Fest also showcases a wide variety of musical gifts, making this a joyful and unique evening of music for the whole community. Bring your friends and family and experience an evening filled with beautiful music, community, and the spirit of Americana.

CHILDREN

TODAY: We are led in worship by our youth group this morning, there is no ATW today.

JOY! AND CELEBRATION! CHOIRS will be meeting during the Sunday school hour this morning as they prepare to sing in worship the next week.

COMING UP...

- **(SAT) April 18** — Trivia Night
- **April 19** — worship, ATW resumes, choirs sing in worship, 10:45am music and Sunday school, 4–6pm SMASH (K-5th grade fellowship)
- **April 26** — worship, ATW, music and Sunday school, VBS Volunteer Training
- **May 3** — worship, ATW, ALL MUSIC for 4yo–5th grade, Bell Fest @ 6pm

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

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- **April 19** — worship, Sunday school, 4-6pm Youth Group
- **April 26** — worship, Sunday school, Noon-1pm VBS Volunteer Training
- **May 3** — worship, Sunday school, Bell Fest at 6pm
- **May 10** — Mother’s Day, worship, Sunday school

KAIROS

OUR SOLES 4 SOULS SHOE COLLECTION is closing down as of April 30, 2026. Sadly, the cost in manpower and money has grown to a level that brings us to this decision. ***HERE IS YOUR CHALLENGE: Let's make the month of APRIL 2026 the biggest one-time collection GCPC has ever had!*** (More information in the April GCPC [Grace Notes](#) newsletter. Some have asked how to contribute to shipping costs; see Jo Randolph OR put a check in the collection plate and memo: S4S shipping.)

MISSION

THE GOOD FAITH NETWORK INVITES EVERYONE to join us at the Nehemiah Action Event on Tuesday April 28, 6pm at United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Ave., Leawood. The event is part of the Good Faith Network's efforts to ask for commitments from local decision-makers who have the power to implement our requests for specific actions. Each request supports issues addressing mental health, homelessness, affordable housing and elder care. We are aiming for 75 participants from GCPC to contribute to a Network goal of 2,000 participants. We have a sign-up poster on the Mission bulletin board, which is in the hallway across from Heartland Hall. For any questions or for more information, please contact:

- Dave Pack: djpack.12645@gmail.com
- Don or Joy Wilson: donjoywilson@gmail.com
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SIGN UP TO WORK WITH HABITAT KC AT GCPC ON MAY 8! Use this link to sign up: <https://build.habitatkc.org/reservations/23655?auth=1772049834> — put your name and email address in the first open spot under the “Participants” heading on the left.

We can send up to eight people on [Friday, May 8, 8:30am–3pm](#). **Registration closes at 12pm on Friday, April 24.**

You’ll get an e-mail after registering inviting you to complete the volunteer application. This must be completed by the deadline! Spots are on a first-come, first-served basis, so don’t wait until the last minute.

- The workday is from 8:30am–3pm, with a 30-minute onsite lunch break. Bring your own lunch and a full water bottle (extra water will be available on site).
- Construction volunteers do not need to have any prior experience in construction or bring any of their own tools; all education and tools will be provided!

- All registered volunteers will receive their assignment location via automated email 3 days prior to the volunteer day.
- In case of inclement weather, please call our Weather Hotline at 816-897-7799 to hear the recorded message for any cancellations or changes. We update the message by 7:15am each morning.
- We ask that all volunteers stay the full day, from 8:30am to 3pm.
- We highly recommend you bring a water bottle with you.
- Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirt, mud or house paint on, and wear sturdy/closed toe & heeled shoes (NO flip flops, sandals or crocs!) If you have work gloves, please bring them.
- Dress for the weather. If there has been rain on previous days, be prepared for the sites to be muddy.
- The use, purchase and possession of alcohol, drugs and weapons are forbidden on Habitat KC property and volunteer sites.
- All volunteers must be 16 or older to volunteer. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

OUR APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING will be directed to the PCUSA Special Offering One Great Hour of Sharing. Mark any checks you put in the offering plate "Communion Offering" or use the "Communion Offering" option in the online giving portal.

OUR APRIL DONATION PARTNER was meant to be A Gathering of Friends, but we have lost contact with that organization and it's unclear if they are still operating. So, if you feel called to donate food in April, please concentrate on our support for the Renewed Hope Food Pantry — just put your donations in the wooden bin in the Weekday Entrance.



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2026 Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

VBS Crafting/Decorating

Wednesday, April 15, 9–11am
Meeting in Room 13 (Basement)

Trivia Night

Saturday, April 18, 5:30-7:30pm
RSVP by April 14
at gcpc.org/trivia

New Member Class

Sunday, April 19, 10:45am, Room 5
gcpc.org/newmember

KAIROS Lunch 'n Learn

Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds

Sunday, April 19, Noon-2:30pm
Heartland Hall

RSVP ASAP to attend at gcpc.org/ggfm

EncoreKC! Spring Concert

Sunday, April 26, 3pm
Grace United Methodist Church

EncoreKC! Ensembles Concert

Friday, May 1, 7pm
GCPC Sanctuary

Bell Fest XXXVI

"Americana"

Sunday, May 3, 6pm
GCPC Sanctuary

VBS Decorating

May 26–May 30
10am–Noon and 2–4pm; and
May 31, after worship until finished
Meeting in Heartland Hall

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)*

Ministry Fair

Sunday, August 9

Stewardship Town Hall and Brunch

Sunday, September 27

~ 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