



## GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — April 13, 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:** Jake Schmidt

**HEAD USHERS:** Richard & Berdine Eby

**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.



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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:** David Sutherland and family in the death of his mother.

**Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses:** Charlie Bogan, Steve Becher, Jan Rosché

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

**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:** First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, MO; Warriors of Light — New Worshiping Community

(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

**HOLY WEEK:** For information on Holy Week services, please refer to the Upcoming Events and Services page at the end of these announcements or visit [gcpc.org/worship/holyweek.html](http://gcpc.org/worship/holyweek.html).

**ENCOREKC! FOUNDATION PRESENTS ENSEMBLE MANIA!** The EncoreKC! Foundation presents “Ensemble Mania” on Thursday, April 24, 7pm, at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. This exciting event will showcase a variety of talented ensembles, including EKC! Brass, EKC! SSA Chorus, EKC! Ukuleles, and EKC! Woodwinds. Come and enjoy an evening of uplifting music, performed by passionate musicians from our community. Bring your friends and family and celebrate the joy of ensemble music! For more details, visit [encorekc.org](http://encorekc.org).

**ENCOREKC CHORUS AND EKC! ACT II WILL PRESENT A SPRING CONCERT**, “Spring Forth Into Joy” Sunday, April 27, at Village Presbyterian Church on Antioch at 3pm. EKC! brass and other instrumentalists will also be performing. EncoreKC! Foundation is a 501(c)(3) comprised of musicians over the age of 50, all led by volunteers. Come enjoy an afternoon of uplifting music

and entertainment. There will also be a silent auction, so come early. (Parking is limited, so be sure to carpool.) EncoreKC! Foundation is Artist in Residence at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

**A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF SPRING FLOWERS** will transform the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The flowers are provided through the generosity of members who donate flowers “in memory of” or “in honor of” a friend or loved one. If you would like to be a part of this tradition, simply place your donation in the specially marked envelope provided in the pews or send your donation along with your name and whom the memorial/honor recognizes to the church office: GCPC, 11100 College Blvd., OPKS 66210, Attn. Patrick. (PLEASE PRINT THE MEMORIAL/HONOR NAMES NEATLY IN BLOCK LETTERS.) You may also make a donation through the online giving portal of our website. *The deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert is Monday, April 14.* Thank you!

**MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU at Bell Fest: A Galactic Celebration of Music!** In a sanctuary not so far, far away... the bells will ring, and the Force will sing! Join us for **Bell Fest on Sunday, May 4, at 6pm**, as we embark on an interstellar evening of music, harmony, and adventure. Experience the power of the bells as they echo through the galaxy, bringing balance to the Force and joy to all who listen. Jedi, Sith, and music lovers of all kinds are welcome — costumes encouraged! Don’t miss this force-filled night of fun and fellowship. The bells awaken ... will you answer the call?

**40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON JUNE 22:** On Sunday, June 22, 2025, we will gather at 9:30am for a special worship service, followed by brunch. Help us know how many people to plan for by submitting your RSVP at [gcpc.org/40th-RSVP](http://gcpc.org/40th-RSVP). Please share this link with friends, former members and others who have joined with us in ministry for these 40 years. Thank you!

<b>ADULT</b>
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**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS LENTEN SERIES:** Join us each Sunday at 10:45am for an Adult Education Class, based on the Lenten Sermon Series, “Journey of Resistance: Overcoming Temptation in Luke.” The class will consider: What temptations do we face in our daily lives? How do we continually turn away from what pulls us from God and return to Him? Today’s topic is “Victory in Surrender,” taught by Jake Schmidt. Room 3.

**ALL WOMEN OF GRACE COVENANT ARE INVITED.** Plan to attend the Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering; Saturday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. - Noon; Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6306 Roe Ave., Prairie Village, KS 66208. The PW Bible study this year focused on creation care and climate. Our own Grace Covenant member Brandon Hearn, Environmental Health Specialist with Johnson County Department of Health and Environment, is the keynote speaker. He will help us understand the program theme, “What Can I Really Do for the Earth?” Contact Ginny Wirtz, 913-851-8797, about carpooling or other information.

**THE CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR HELP FROM THE WHOLE CHURCH**

to pull off our summer VBS program! Would you like to help lead kiddos, organize, serve snacks, decorate, donate funds, or something else? Any help at all will be greatly appreciated! It takes a village to pull an event like this off! You can be an important part of this life-changing event at our church! Sign up to help here: <https://gcpc.org/vbs/volunteer.html>, or check with Emily—she will find a spot for you to help out: ([emily.dixon@gcpc.org](mailto:emily.dixon@gcpc.org))



**CHILDREN**

**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](https://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).

**YOUTH**

**YOUTH SUNDAY:** The middle and high schoolers of GCPC will be leading the worship service on April 27. We are planning during our Sunday school classes and will have a rehearsal on Saturday, April 26, 10am–1pm (including lunch). Contact Emily with questions.

**MISSION**

**APRIL DONATION PARTNER: A Gathering of Friends:** A Gathering of Friends is a grassroots organization serving those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in Johnson and Wyandotte counties. A Gathering of Friends relies on donations and volunteers for everything needed to make sure those they serve have a good, home cooked meal each week, along with sandwiches, snacks, and fresh fruits to eat later, as well as supplies to ensure their safety, health, and comfort. Please see the list below for what you can donate to support their mission. Donations can go in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime in April.

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| AA and AAA batteries     | men’s jeans/sweats/cargo*  |
| backpacks*               | tents*                     |
| reusable shopping bags*  | sleeping bags*             |
| flashlights              | insect repellent           |
| lighters                 |                            |
| men’s large/XL T-shirts* | *gently used items are ok! |
| hoodies*                 |                            |

**APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING PARTNER — One Great Hour of Sharing.** The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering benefits: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and

Self-Development of People. Visit <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing> for more information, or check out today's worship page at [gcpc.org](http://gcpc.org).

# Upcoming Events and Services

## Holy Week Services

### April 17, Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7:30pm  
Sacrament of Communion  
Music by the Praise Team

### April 18, Good Friday/Tenebrae Service

Worship at 7:30pm  
Music by Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

### April 20, Easter Sunday Worship

*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*  
Worship services at 9am and 11am  
Sacrament of Communion

*(\*\*\* NOTE: The flowering of the cross begins 15 minutes prior to the start of each worship service.)*

Music at 9am by the Praise Team

Music at 11am by Chancel & Exaltation!  
Singers, Organ, Percussion, Charter Ringers,  
and Chancel Brass

## ~ VBS Crafting and Decorating ~

### Crafting Events for VBS Decorations

Meet at GCPC in Heartland Hall.

Wednesday, April 16, 9 am-11:30am

Tuesday, April 29, 6- 8pm

Friday, May 9, 6-9pm

Wednesday, May 14, 9 am-11:30am

Tuesday, May 20, 6-8pm

### Decorating the week before VBS

Hallways, Heartland Hall, and the Sanctuary.

Tuesday, May 27, 9 -11:30am and 6-8pm

Wednesday, May 28, 9-11:30am and 1-3pm

Thursday, May 29: 9-11:30am and 1-3pm

Friday, May 30, 9-11:30am and 1-3pm

Saturday, May 31, 9-11:30am and 1-3pm

Sunday, June 1, 12 - 2pm

Any questions, contact Kristy Shaw or Christy Soule! An RSVP is appreciated so we can be sure to be ready for all the helping hands.

### 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 XXXV

#### "May The Fourth Be With You"

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 can also register at link below*

Register children at [gcpc.org/vbs](http://gcpc.org/vbs)

### Church Office Closed

Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19

### GCPC 40th Anniversary Celebration with Brunch Following Worship

Sunday, June 22, 9:30am

RSVP at [gcpc.org/40th-rsvp](http://gcpc.org/40th-rsvp)

### GCPC 40th Anniversary

#### Friendship Bracelet Making Party

Saturday, July 12, 1-3pm, Heartland Hall

RSVP at [gcpc.org/friendship](http://gcpc.org/friendship)



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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](http://gcpc.org/calendar)



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