



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — January 25, 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 worshiping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Barbara Douglas

HEAD USHER: Keith Langabee

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/GCPAttendance>, 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

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Donna Dearmore

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, Tom Jennings, Trooper Shaw

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: All the Retired Ministers of the Word and Sacrament

(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

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION is today at the end of the worship service.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP, COME TO HEARTLAND HALL to celebrate Carolyn Chaffin's 25 years of service to GCPC as our Child Care Coordinator. Thank you, Carolyn!

GET READY FOR SOME WINTER FUN! Everyone is invited to the **GCPC Winter Olympics** on **Saturday, January 31, 4–6pm**. Gather your crew and form a team to compete in a friendly showdown for **bronze, silver, and gold medals!** Teams will take on **six Olympic-inspired events** — a mix of **three brain-teasing challenges** and **three action-packed physical events**. Teams can be any size, so bring your best thinkers and at least one teammate who's ready to get moving! Form a team of any kind. Your team might be comprised of your immediate family, part of your covenant group, church committee, those you sit by at worship or whomever you choose. Don't miss the fun — **sign up today** and encourage others to join you. Let's make this an unforgettable event and **set an Olympic record for GCPC attendance!** You can find more detail on our registration form here: gcpc.org/olympics. RSVPs kindly requested by January 24.

SAVE THE DATE! The annual Covenant Group Brunch Potluck is Sunday, February 22, directly following worship.

ADULT

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (January 4–February 1 | 10:45am) Start the new year by growing deeper in faith and conversation! Join one of our two adult education options:

- **Half Truths** (Room 3): A study of Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*—exploring popular sayings that sound biblical... but aren't always.
- **Worship Reflections** (Concourse by the coat closet): A relaxed, come-as-you-are discussion of the day's Scripture readings and sermon notes.

Come for one week or all five — everyone is welcome!

CHILDREN

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!](#) 

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY:

- TODAY — Worship, ATW, Regular Programming with Music & Sunday School, then 2nd grade Communion Workshop until 2pm

YOUTH

EVERY SUNDAY:

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45-11:05 Youth Fellowship in Youth Lounge
- 11:05-11:45 Youth Sunday School in Room 19

MISSION

A NOTE FROM RENEWED HOPE FOOD PANTRY: Dear GCPC, your donations and volunteer support at Renewed Hope Food Pantry are making a big difference for people facing hunger. Thank you for your ongoing donations and support throughout the year and generous donations financially at the end of 2025 — and your fantastic food drives. We often see food pantry guests cry tears of gratitude when they receive food and a big, big part of this comes from you. Thank you for helping keep food going out to people who are needing it, showing them that God provides all we need. Blessings to all of you, Karen Whitsen, Pantry Director.

IT'S TIME FOR ... SOUPERBOWL XL! From now through January 31, we'll collect non-perishable food items for the Renewed Hope Food Pantry at New Haven SDA Church. About 10% of Johnson

County households are food insecure, and many of those households make too much money to qualify for government assistance, leaving them reliant on private charities.

In addition to helping our neighbors, we'll have fun settling some Great Food Debates, such as: Pancakes or Waffles? Bacon or Sausage? One donated item = one vote for whichever side you support!

Vote by placing your donations on the tables in the hallway between the sanctuary and Heartland Hall. Mission Team will count the votes on each table during the Sunday School hour each week and announce the winner from the previous week. If you prefer, you can also give a monetary donation by writing "Communion Offering" on your check or using the Communion Offering option in the online giving portal.

The Great Food Debate for January 26-31 is ... "Donuts: Lamars or Krispy Kreme?" Bring those donations and say "We gotchu, baby" to our hungry neighbors. And on February 1, we'll say "TOUCHDOWN, GCPC!"

SIGN UP TO WORK WITH HABITAT KC AT GCPC — FEBRUARY 20! Use this link to sign up: <https://build.habitatk.org/reservations/22591?auth=1762889310>. Put your name and e-mail address in the first open spot under the "Participants" heading on the left. If you'd like to help but are concerned about it being too cold to work outside - Habitat does bring in heaters for very cold days, and they will put our crew down for any inside work on the February date (i.e., in a house with walls and roof up).

We can send up to 8 people on **Friday, February 20 from 8:30am to 3pm**. Registration closes at **12pm, Friday, February 6**; you'll get an e-mail after registering inviting you to complete the volunteer application - this must be complete 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 7:15 a.m. 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.



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2026 Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

Olympic Family Event

Saturday, January 31, 4-6pm

*Sign up your family, team,
or group here at gcpc.org/olympics*

Music Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, February 8, 9:30am

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17

5:30 - 7:30pm

Volunteer to help!

RSVP by February 9, at gcpc.org/pancakes

Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18

Covenant Group Brunch Potluck

February 22, 2026

Following Worship

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

*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)*

~ 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