



Service of Worship — November 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: Paul Bruns

HEAD USHER: 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/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

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Tom Hevener, Kim Krueger

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, 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.**

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: Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; South-Broadland Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting – November 8

(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

ON THANKSGIVING EVE, we are going to be sharing Hope Stories. If you have a Hope Story you would like to share, you will be invited to come up to a microphone and tell it, or you can have someone else read it for you. We are looking for uplifting stories that are recent (within the last year if possible) and not related to a particular political party/candidate. ALL stories MUST BE APPROVED in advance! If you have a Hope Story please submit it for approval to Kathy Bures at kathy.bures@gmail.com. You do not have to attend the service to submit a story. They can be just a few lines or several paragraphs. We will only have time for a certain number of submissions, so please be concise and get yours sent to Kathy as soon as possible. (The service is Wednesday, November 26, at 7pm.)

RED BAG PROJECT 2025: Grace Covenant has supported Red Bag for many years, providing gifts for foster children in our community. This year we are continuing the tradition and sponsoring 27 children from 5 months old to 17 years old. Next Sunday, tables will be set up with gift requests for the foster children. Each gift is written on a small yellow Post-it note. (THIS IS A VIP — VERY IMPORTANT POST-IT NOTE!) You select the gifts you want to buy, take the Post-it-note, write your name, phone number and e-mail address. You need to buy the gift, wrap the gift and **ATTACH THE POST-IT NOTE TO THE GIFT. All gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday, November 30.** (This is the Sunday after Thanksgiving, so if you have holiday plans, please return

the gifts the Sunday before Thanksgiving — November 23.) During the first week of December, a group of volunteers will use the VIP (Post-it notes) to sort and check the gifts for each child.

RED BAG VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6. Six volunteers with trucks or vans are needed to deliver the very large Red Bags to the Ball Center in Olathe. This will take approximately an hour, and you will not have to lift a heavy bag. Please contact Sandy Adams by text (757-581-5292) or e-mail (sanadamsabc@gmail.com) if you have a truck or van and are willing to deliver the Red Bags on December 6.

GENEROSITY 2026: Our 2026 Stewardship theme, ***A Living Legacy: Called to Plant, Called to Grow***, invites us to reflect on where we've been, how God is at work among us now, and the future God is calling us to cultivate together. We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026—every gift, large or small, is a seed God can use. Together we can carry forward the legacy of faith, hope, and love that has marked Grace Covenant's ministry for decades. Pledge confidentially online at gcpc.org/2026pledge. The Generosity Team will also host a table with pledge cards and donuts after worship each Sunday in October to answer questions.

INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BRACELET MAKING PARTY — Saturday, November 15, 1–3:30pm, Heartland Hall — *Open to all friends and family of GCPC members! **RSVP by November 10* at gcpc.org/friendship so we can reserve a table for you. Whether you're a kid, teen, parent, grandparent, or friend, this is the perfect chance to gather, share stories, and string together something beautiful. No experience? No problem! There are people who can teach you! You will need to bring your own supplies, and a plate of cookies to share.

ADULT

STARTING NEXT WEEK, ADULT EDUCATION will begin a two-week study of the book *How We Learn to Be Brave*, by Mariann Edgar Budde. Reading the book is not necessary to participate.

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet November 5 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Queen's Cook* by Tessa Afshar. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

PAGE TURNERS will meet Thursday, November 6, at 7pm in Jean Hampton's home. We will discuss *The Queens of Crime* by Marie Benedict. You can RSVP on the GCPC Page Turners Facebook page, by e-mailing Jean at hamptonjean@gmail.com or by calling her at 913-485-5856. Jean's address is 9112 West 116th Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66210. All are welcome.

CHILDREN

TODAY: 4yo-1st graders will go to Awaken to Worship from Children's Time until the end of the service and will be downstairs in Room 12. The Bible Workshop for our 3rd-graders and a beloved adult is today after Sunday school.

YOUTH

NEXT WEEK: November 9, 4–7pm, BONFIRE! We'll meet at GCPC and travel by carpool to Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church to attend the Presbytery Youth Bonfire!

MISSION

SIGN UP TO WORK WITH HABITAT KC AT GCPC! Use this link to sign up — put your name and email address in the first open spot under the “Participants” heading on the left.

<https://build.habitatkc.org/reservations/22079?auth=1756995885>

We can send up to eight people on **Tuesday, November 18, 9am–3pm**. Registration closes at 12pm on Friday, November 7. You'll get an email 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 9am–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; we will give you all of the education and tools you need!
- All registered volunteers will receive their assignment location via automated e-mail three 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 will have 30 minutes set aside for lunch time. You will need to provide your own lunches. Feel free to bring your lunch or have lunch delivered to the site.
- 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 and 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.



Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

— 2025 —

Bible Workshop and Lunch

for 3rd grade students
Sunday, November 2, Noon
Heartland Hall

Intergenerational Friendship Bracelet Making Party

Saturday, November 15, 1-3:30pm
Heartland Hall

RSVP by 11/10 at gcpc.org/friendship

EncoreKC! Chorus Concert

"An American Quilt: Folk Music that Inspires Us"

Sunday, November 16, 3pm
Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, KS

From Scattered to Saved: Songs of Thanksgiving

*A special Music Sunday featuring the
Grace Mountain Ensemble, Chancel Choir,
and Cal Sweeten on hammer dulcimer*

Sunday, November 23, 9:30am

Advent Begins - "Waiting Well"

Sunday, November 30, 9:30am

GCPC Winds: Songs of the Season!

Sunday, December 7, 9:30am

A Christmas Exclamation!

Sunday, December 7, 6pm

The Longest Night

Sunday, December 21, 7pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 24
5pm Family Service
8pm Traditional Service

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

— 2026 —

Bingo Night

Friday, January 23, Time TBA

Olympic Family Event

Saturday, January 31, Time TBA

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17, Time TBA

Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18

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
Registration opens on January 1, 2026