



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — May 31, 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:** Mary Ann Weyforth

**HEAD USHERS:** John & Mary Pat Gilbert

**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**

**Cancer Treatment:** Trooper Shaw, Johnnie Baker

**Ageing 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:** Synod of Mid-America

(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**

**SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE VBS DONATION PARTNER:** This year at VBS, the children are learning about finding their strength in God. As part of our mission, we are excited to support a local partner serving our community, **Project 1020**, Johnson County’s only no-barrier shelter and case management service for adults experiencing homelessness. They provide transportation to and from the shelter, a hot evening meal, and a grab-and-go breakfast, along with a safe place to sleep and compassionate care and support. During VBS (June 1–5), we will be collecting items and monetary donations each day to help bless their guests:

- **Monday:** adult-size winter warm hats (and Pennies)
- **Tuesday:** adult-size mittens/gloves (and Nickels)
- **Wednesday:** hand warmers (and Dimes)
- **Thursday:** hot chocolate & instant oatmeal packets and water flavor packets (and Quarters)
- **Friday:** high-protein grab-and-go snacks (beef jerky, trail mix, breakfast bars) (and Dollars)

Donations can be brought in advance or dropped off at worship on **May 31, during VBS June 1–5, or on Sunday, June 7.** Thank you for helping our VBS kids share God’s love in practical, meaningful ways!

**DO YOU KNOW HOW TO KNIT OR CROCHET?** Do you want to learn? Crafty people are needed to make prayer shawls to give to members facing challenges. Yarn and instructions can be provided. If interested, please contact Cheryl Johnson, [agathatoo@gmail.com](mailto:agathatoo@gmail.com).

## ADULT

**HOW TO READ THE BIBLE 102 AND MORE GREAT SUNDAYS AHEAD:** Adult Education resumes this Sunday, May 31, with **How to Read the Bible 102**, led by **Barbara Douglas**. This class will continue the conversation begun in **How to Read the Bible 101**, offering more practical tools for engaging Scripture with both heart and mind. Whether you attended the first class or are joining the conversation for the first time, you are welcome. Come ready to think together about how we read, interpret, question, and listen for God's Word in Scripture.

- Looking ahead, on **June 7** we'll gather for **"Speaking with Grace: Advocacy and the Life of the Church,"** led by **Rick Randolph**. We'll explore how advocacy can grow out of our Christian faith — not as partisan argument, but as a faithful way of loving our neighbors, seeking justice, and giving voice to compassion in the public square.
- Then on **June 14**, we are especially pleased to welcome **Doug Tilton** and **Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri** for **"Still Sent, Now Walking Alongside: PC(USA) Global Mission in a New Season."** Doug will be joining us by Zoom from Africa to help us better understand changes in PC(USA) global mission and what it means for the church to continue walking alongside partners around the world.
- Adult Ed meets in **Room 3 at 10:45 a.m., immediately after worship**. Come when you can, bring your questions, and join the conversation!

### **Coming up: (all classes are held in Room 3)**

- **June 7** — *Speaking With Grace: Advocacy and the Life of the Church* — Rick Randolph
- **June 14** — *Still Sent, Now Walking Alongside: PC(USA) Global Mission in a New Season* — Doug Tilton, Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri
- **June 21** — No Sunday School — Father's Day
- **June 28** — *Journaling: A Friend at the End of Your Pen* — Stephen Wing
- **July 5** — No Sunday School — July 4th Holiday
- **July 12** — *Why the Church Sings – Part II* — Patrick O'Halloran
- **July 19** — *Why the Church Sings – Part III* — Patrick O'Halloran

**THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP** will meet June 3 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *How To Read a Book* by Monica Wood. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

## CHILDREN

**TODAY:** Worship, NO ATW, NO Sunday school, VBS check-in after worship

**COMING UP:**

- **June 1–5** — VBS, 9am–Noon
- **June 7** — VBS Sunday! VBS campers and helpers in worship.

## YOUTH

**TODAY:**

- **9:30am:** Worship, NO Sunday School, VBS check-in after worship

**COMING UP:**

- **June 1–5** – VBS, 9am-Noon
- **June 7** – VBS Sunday! VBS campers and helpers in worship.

## MISSION

**MAY DONATION PARTNER — STARFISH PROJECT:** The Starfish Project is a nonprofit in Olathe that works to support to meet the basic needs of the community. They provide food, clothing, toiletries, haircuts, vision and dental screenings, services to help keep kids in school and grown-ups employed, training for new social workers, and more. They currently serve over 2,000 people a month! Please consider helping Project Starfish achieve their mission by donating any of the items below. Donations can be left in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime the church is open.

- hand-held label machine and supplies
- masking tape
- new kids' underwear and socks
- 66-quart clear plastic tubs for storage
- fleece throw blankets
- peanut butter, canned chicken and ready-to-eat canned meals
- full-sized toiletries (especially shampoo and liquid body soap for boys and shaving gel/cream for both boys and girls). Use the [Amazon Wishlist](#) if you prefer to shop online. We will take open bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash (for example, products you tried but didn't like).
- travel-sized toiletries
- washcloths
- old T-shirts (can be stained or have holes, just need to be clean)
- fleece (used for dog toys and muzzle mats for the rescues)

**MAY COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — CROP HUNGER WALK:** CROP Hunger Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States. They

support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in Bismarck, ND (1969), and York, PA (1970). Since then, CROP Hunger Walk events have been held in hundreds of communities, large and small, raising millions of dollars to eradicate hunger and poverty.

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime. The Heart of America CROP Walk won't take place until this fall, but we can support the global CROP organization now. If you'd like to support the CROP Walk, use the "Communion" option in the online portal to make a donation, or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope and donate it during the offering before June 1.



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# 2026 Upcoming Events and Services

*(Save these dates)*

## **Vacation Bible School**

June 1-5, 9am-Noon

## **Baker/Reynolds Golf Scramble**

Sunday, September 20, 1pm

## **Vacation Bible School Sunday**

Sunday, June 7, 9:30am

## **Stewardship Town Hall and Brunch**

Sunday, September 27

*(Following worship)*

## **Communion Sunday**

Sunday, June 14, 9:30am

## **Chili Cook-Off**

Saturday, October 17

## **"Table for 5...Thousand" Musical**

*The retelling the story of the loaves and fishes*

Sunday, June 21, 9:30am

## **Generosity Sunday**

Sunday, October 25, 9:30am

## **Blood Drive**

Wednesday, June 24, 1-5pm

## **Blood Drive**

Thursday, October 29, 1-5pm

## **Ministry Fair**

Sunday, August 9

*(Following worship)*

## **First Sunday of Advent**

Sunday, November 29

## **Worship in the Park**

Sunday, September 13, 9:30am

Meadowbrook Park (91st & Nall)

Grand Pavilion (SE Corner) Prairie Village

*(Lunch following)*

## **Christmas Eve Worship**

Thursday, December 24

5:30pm and 8pm

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