



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — May 17, 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:** Kevin Johnson

**HEAD USHERS:** Dave & Vicki Peck

**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**

**Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses:** Drew Monrad, Mary Lou Jones, Donna Goeckler, Nancy Taylor

**Cancer Treatment:** 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:** Jacoby Chapel, Warrensburg, MO; Our Neighbors at the Linwood Area Ministry Place (L.A.M.P.)

(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**

**TODAY: HONOR YOUR MOM/GRANDMA/SISTER/ANY SPECIAL LADY through the Noisy Offering!** This special offering will benefit the Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering. Collected in the spring of each year to celebrate blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women, the Birthday Offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women’s concerns. We suggest honoring your mom, grandmother, sister(s), or any other woman who has been important in your life by giving coins to equal her age or to represent her birthday. For example, eight dimes to represent eight decades, or \$1.21 to represent a December first birthday. Join us in combining a GCPC tradition with a PW tradition!

**WEAR YOUR RED! Pentecost is Sunday, May 24.** Celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday, Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. This day is considered the birth of the Christian church. You are encouraged to wear an article of red clothing that morning to celebrate. Let’s make the Sanctuary a sea of RED!

**VBS DECORATING VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!** Let's get creative! Help create items that will transform our spaces for GCPC's Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS. Below are upcoming dates when we'll gather to work on decorations. **Please RSVP for any dates you plan to attend** to Kristy Shaw or Christy Soule (or the church office). And feel free to invite a friend to join the fun! All skill levels needed. **DATES:** Meeting in Heartland Hall: May 26–May 30, 10am–Noon and 2–4pm; and May 31, after worship until finished.

**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/QVESOZQ7U30V?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/QVESOZQ7U30V?ref=wl_share)

## ADULT

**ADULT EDUCATION — Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in Room 3:** Join us right after worship in Room 3 for Adult Ed at 10:45. Whether you are a regular or have not made it down the hall in a while, there is a place for you.

**Today — *Trash Talk: How to Be a Better Recycler* with Brandon Hearn:** Brandon Hearn will help us sort through the surprisingly complicated world of recycling. If you have ever stood over a bin wondering, “Can this go in there?” or “Am I helping the planet or committing a small plastic felony?” this class is for you. Brandon will offer practical guidance on how to recycle better and more wisely and help us think a little more clearly about everyday stewardship. It should be useful, interesting, and probably more fun than you expected a recycling class could be.

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

- **May 24** — No Sunday School — Memorial Day
- **May 31** — *How to Read the Bible 102* — Barbara Douglas
- **June 7** — *Speaking With Grace: Advocacy and the Life of the Church* — Rick Randolph
- **June 14** — *PCUSA Mission Structure Change* — 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

## CHILDREN

### TODAY:

- **Awakening To Worship:** 4yo–1<sup>st</sup> grade age-appropriate worship experience in Room 12 (downstairs). ATW children leave from the children’s sermon in worship and travel downstairs together with helpers. They finish at the end of worship.
- **9:30am:** Worship and ATW
- **10:45–11:45am:** Sunday school hour (LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL of the school year)
- **10:45–11:05am:** JOY! (Rm 26) and CELEBRATION! (Rm 15) choirs rehearse and the children are escorted to their Sunday school classes by leaders; they can be picked up in their Sunday school lesson rooms. (Listed below)
- **11:05–11:45am:** Sunday school lessons:
  - Toddlers (2yo–3yo) Room 20
  - Preschool (4yo–5yo) Room 25
  - K–2nd grades, DRAMA, Room 14
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grades, ART, Room 10
- **4–6pm:** SMASH K-5th grade fellowship (Last SMASH of the school year)

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- **May 24** — Pentecost, Memorial Weekend, NO ATW, NO Sunday school
- **May 31** – Worship, NO ATW, NO Sunday School, VBS check-in after worship
- **June 1–5** — VBS, 9am–Noon
- **June 7** — VBS Sunday! VBS campers and helpers in worship.

**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

### TODAY:

- **9:30am:** Worship
- **10:45–11:45am:** Youth Sunday School, Youth Lounge and Rm 19
- **4–6pm:** Youth Group

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## 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 Decorating**

Meeting in Heartland Hall

May 26–May 30

10am–Noon and 2–4pm; and  
May 31, after worship until finished

## **Vacation Bible School**

June 1-5, 9am-Noon

Sign-up your child, or Volunteer!

[gcpc.org/vbs](http://gcpc.org/vbs)

## **Vacation Bible School Sunday**

Sunday, June 7, 9:30am

## **Blood Drive**

Wednesday, June 24, 1-5pm

## **Ministry Fair**

Sunday, August 9

*(Following worship)*

## **Worship in the Park**

Sunday, September 13, 9:30am

Meadowbrook Park (91st & Nall)

Grand Pavilion (SE Corner) Prairie Village

*(Lunch following)*

## **Baker/Reynolds Golf Scramble**

Sunday, September 20, 1pm

## **Stewardship Town Hall and Brunch**

Sunday, September 27

*(Following worship)*

## **Chili Cook-Off**

Saturday, October 17

## **Generosity Sunday**

Sunday, October 25, 9:30am

## **Blood Drive**

Thursday, October 29, 1-5pm

## **First Sunday of Advent**

Sunday, November 29

## **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)