



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — June 21, 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.

TODAY’S FLOWERS are given by Gene Wilson in loving memory of Mary Ann’s birthday, June 18.

ELDER ON DUTY: Barbara Douglas

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.



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

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: First Presbyterian Church, Atchison, KS; Belton Presbyterian Church, Belton, MO

(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

MOVIE NIGHT AND OPTIONAL BYO DINNER! Please join us at 6:30pm on June 23 in the sanctuary for a showing of the documentary “Charity Redefined.” Based on the work of SowHope, an organization GCPC has long supported. “Charity Redefined” confronts conventional ideas of charity and development by showcasing a model built on empowering women, maintaining dignity, and partnering with local leaders solving local problems using local solutions. Through exclusive access to SowHope’s partners and field work, the film redefines how to combat poverty in the developing world — not through handouts or funder-led initiatives, rather local leader ownership, empowerment, and sustainability. We’ll collect a free-will offering to support SowHope from attendees. Mary Daley, the founder of SowHope, will be with us for the screening. If you’d like to, bring your favorite take out dinner to Heartland Hall at 6pm; we’ll all eat together and make Mary feel welcome. Watch the trailer on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kaNOLWcpyPM>

MAKE PLANS TO DONATE BLOOD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, between 1–5pm, in Heartland Hall at GCPC! Sign up here: <https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/auth/signin>. New donors are always welcome! Contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or swbyrdks@gmail.com, with questions.

HELP LEAD A GRIEF SUPPORT DISCUSSION GROUP (Training & Support Provided): Grief touches every life, and no one should have to carry it alone. This fall, Adult Education hopes to offer a **Grief Support Discussion Group** three to four times per year (each session **4–6 weeks**). These groups will provide a gentle, welcoming place for church members to share, listen, and support one another through seasons of loss.

We are seeking **3–4 volunteer facilitators** who would be willing to help lead a session **once or twice a year** (often in pairs). If you have experience as a **Stephen Minister** — or have served in another caring or listening ministry — you may be especially well suited for this. That said, **you do not need to be a counselor** to help lead. What matters most is a compassionate presence and willingness to guide a simple format. **We will provide training, a clear session outline, and ongoing leader support.**

If you're interested (or would simply like to learn more, no commitment yet)? **Scan the QR code**, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/4dXFMmX> or contact Kevin Johnson.



THE CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE THE LIST of cookie and/or treat bakers for events and services at GCPC. This would include memorial services or other events. The list has some outdated contact information, and we have a real need for new bakers. (It's OK to buy cookies!) Any donation is really appreciated! If you would like to add your name to the list or have updated contact information, please contact Caroline Becher (913-904-8528) or caroline.becher@yahoo.com.

ADULT

ADULT EDUCATION: NO CLASS TODAY — JOIN US JUNE 28 FOR JOURNALING: There will be **no Adult Education class this Sunday, June 21**, in observance of Father's Day. Please plan to join us next Sunday, June 28, for ***Journaling: A Friend at the End of Your Pen***, led by **Stephen Wing**. Stephen is a retired Presbyterian minister who worships with our congregation and helps lead music in our contemporary services through singing and guitar.

This class will invite us to explore journaling as a simple, faithful practice for reflection, prayer, self-discovery, and listening for God's presence in our lives. Whether you already journal regularly or have never tried it before, this will be a welcoming opportunity to consider how putting words on paper can deepen our spiritual lives.

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!

- **June 28 — *Journaling: A Friend at the End of Your Pen*** — Stephen Wing
- **July 5 — No Sunday School** — 4th of July weekend
- **July 12 — *Why the Church Sings – Part II*** — Patrick O'Halloran
- **July 19 — *Why the Church Sings – Part III*** — Patrick O'Halloran

THE FALL SESSION OF DINNERS FOR 7 OR 8 will begin in August and finish in November. If you have participated before you know that meeting once a month is a great way to connect with other members. You have a choice of dinners in homes or dining out at restaurants. When you sign up, let us know your preference. Each group decides on the four dates and sets the times that work for the group. If you have any questions about how this works, please contact me or Laura. We will send out additional information after we hear from you. We will be organizing the groups starting on July 15. So, contact us as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you. Contact: Kathy Williams, 913-485-1776, kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com; or Laura Johnson, 785-312-4502, lauraek04@gmail.com.

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet July 1 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Tobacco Wives* by Adele Myers.

KAIROS

JOIN KAIROS TODAY IN ROOM 3 AT 11:45, after Sunday school. Get to know us, hear some exciting things we are working on, find your place to plug in — AND always check the bulletin board outside Heartland Hall for information on PEACE, JUSTICE & EARTHCARE issues.

MISSION

OUR JUNE COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IS MORE LIGHT PRESBYTERIANS, a non-profit dedicated to allowing the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society. More Light's programs move congregations towards full inclusion, improve ministry services for LGBTQIA+ individuals in need, and expand the faith-based movement opposing discriminatory legislation. They help congregations and members build capacity and develop new skills to deepen their welcome to LGBTQIA+ people within their churches and wider communities. You can read more about their history and ongoing work here: <https://sites.google.com/mlp.org/tempsite/home?authuser=0>

OUR JUNE DONATION PARTNER — in solidarity with our VBS program — is Project 1020, Johnson County's only no-barrier shelter and case management service for adults experiencing homelessness. Please bring the items below to the bin in the Weekday Entrance any time during June and let's help the VBS attendees make a BIG pile of donations!

- adult-size winter hats
- adult-size mittens/gloves
- hand warmers
- hot chocolate & instant oatmeal packets and water flavoring packets
- high-protein grab-and-go snacks (beef jerky, trail mix, breakfast bars)

GENEROSITY

GENEROSITY FULFILLMENT JUNE 2026 UPDATE — Generosity through the Generations: The figures are in for Grace Covenant's generosity through May 2026. The Generosity Team is pleased

to share our 2026 fulfillment numbers as of June 2. We have received nearly 53% of our total pledges and only 42% of this year has gone by us. **We are appreciative of everyone who has contributed to Grace Covenant.** Here is our progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (130)	February 23rd	June 2nd	Amount Received
0-25% fulfilled	120	36	\$8,400
26-50% fulfilled	4	64	\$137,468
51-75% fulfilled	0	4	\$11,116
76-100% fulfilled	5	26*	\$213,264
\$689,012	\$226,719	\$370,248	

Four groupings are used to show giving progress and calendar relationship. They are 0-25%, 26-50%, 51-75%, 76-100%. Each pledge falls into one of these groups. *The asterisk denotes several pledges being overpaid.

Our Generosity team meets on July 7, at 6:30pm in person or via Zoom. We are always glad to have new team members. The current team is Eileen Thomson, Jane Knoche, Rev. Karen Wright, Keith Langabee, Tom Stroud and Kim Krueger. Our 2026 stewardship campaign theme is *Led by the Spirit, Growing in Grace*. We are planning our Town Hall on Sunday September 27, 2026. Please contact Eileen or Jane if you are interested — we have room for You!



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2026 Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

"Table for Five ... Thousand!" Musical

The retelling the story of the loaves and fishes

Sunday, June 21, 9:30am

"Charity Redefined"

(Based on the work of SowHope)

Movie Night at GCPC

presented by the Mission Team

Tuesday, June 23, 6:30pm

Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 24, 1-5pm

Crafting & Fellowship Day!

Saturday, July 11

Piecemakers, 10am-Noon, Room 3

Weekend Crafters, 9am-3pm, Room 4

(All are welcome!)

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)

Heart of America CROP Walk

Sunday, October 11, 2pm

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