



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — April 6, 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: Johnnie Baker

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

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, Katie Rickley, David Schesser, Cindy Schendel

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.**

Our Mission Co-Workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Leslie Vogel, PC (USA) Regional Liaison for Guatemala and Mexico.

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: Heartland Presbytery; Maya Quiché Presbytery; The Thread Community — New Worshiping Community

(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

CRAFT FAIR THANKS! The 40th Anniversary Craft Fair on March 29 was a wonderful celebration of creativity and community! With 18 talented vendors and an estimated 230 attendees, the event was a great success. A heartfelt thank you to ALL our amazing volunteers who helped with setup, cleanup, decorating, greeting guests, assisting vendors, and capturing special moments in photos. We are especially grateful to the Children's Team, parents, and kids who donated items and staffed the Lemonade Stand. Thank you also to everyone who shopped and contributed to the Gift Basket Giveaway — your generosity made a difference! Congratulations to our basket winners, Elizabeth McKell and Caroline Becher! We are so thankful for this vibrant and giving community!

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY: Help us shape the next chapter of our ministry together by participating in an online survey: <https://gcpc.org/about-us/survey.html>. Thank you for your time, prayers, and commitment to this important endeavor.

ENCOREKC! FOUNDATION PRESENTS ENSEMBLE MANIA! The EncoreKC! Foundation presents “Ensemble Mania” on Thursday, April 24, 7pm, at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. This

exciting event will showcase a variety of talented ensembles, including EKC! Brass, EKC! SSA Chorus, EKC! Ukuleles, and EKC! Woodwinds. Come and enjoy an evening of uplifting music, performed by passionate musicians from our community. Bring your friends and family and celebrate the joy of ensemble music! For more details, visit encorekc.org.

ENCOREKC CHORUS AND EKC! ACT II WILL PRESENT A SPRING CONCERT, “Spring Forth Into Joy” Sunday, April 27, at Village Presbyterian Church on Antioch at 3pm. EKC! brass and other instrumentalists will also be performing. EncoreKC! Foundation is a 501(c)(3) comprised of musicians over the age of 50, all led by volunteers. Come enjoy an afternoon of uplifting music and entertainment. There will also be a silent auction, so come early. (Parking is limited, so be sure to carpool.) EncoreKC! Foundation is Artist in Residence at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF SPRING FLOWERS will transform the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The flowers are provided through the generosity of members who donate flowers “in memory of” or “in honor of” a friend or loved one. If you would like to be a part of this tradition, simply place your donation in the specially marked envelope provided in the pews or send your donation along with your name and whom the memorial/honor recognizes to the church office: GCPC, 11100 College Blvd., OPKS 66210, Attn. Patrick. (PLEASE PRINT THE MEMORIAL/HONOR NAMES NEATLY IN BLOCK LETTERS.) You may also make a donation through the online giving portal of our website. The deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert is Monday, April 14. Thank you!

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU at Bell Fest: A Galactic Celebration of Music! In a sanctuary not so far, far away... the bells will ring, and the Force will sing! Join us for **Bell Fest on Sunday, May 4, at 6pm**, as we embark on an interstellar evening of music, harmony, and adventure. Experience the power of the bells as they echo through the galaxy, bringing balance to the Force and joy to all who listen. Jedi, Sith, and music lovers of all kinds are welcome — costumes encouraged! Don’t miss this force-filled night of fun and fellowship. The bells awaken ... will you answer the call?

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON JUNE 22: On Sunday, June 22, 2025, we will gather at 9:30am for a special worship service, followed by brunch. Help us know how many people to plan for by submitting your RSVP at gcpc.org/40th-RSVP. Please share this link with friends, former members and others who have joined with us in ministry for these 40 years. Thank you!

ADULT

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS LENTEN SERIES: Join us each Sunday at 10:45am for an Adult Education Class, based on the Lenten Sermon Series, “Journey of Resistance: Overcoming Temptation in Luke.” The class will consider: What temptations do we face in our daily lives? How do we continually turn away from what pulls us from God and return to Him? Today’s topic is “Tempted by Fear,” taught by Rick Randolph. Room 3.

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR HELP FROM THE WHOLE CHURCH

to pull off our summer VBS program! Would you like to help lead kiddos, organize, serve snacks, decorate, donate funds, or something else? Any help at all will be greatly appreciated! It takes a village to pull an event like this off! You can be an important part of this life-changing event at our church! Sign up to help here: <https://gcpc.org/vbs/volunteer.html>, or check with Emily—she will find a spot for you to help out: (emily.dixon@gcpc.org)



CHILDREN

BIBLE WORKSHOP: We are excited to offer our 3rd grade children a Bible workshop TODAY at 11:45am. One parent or loved one is encouraged to attend our workshop. Our children will receive a Bible on behalf of GCPC during worship today.

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT! Join us for a morning of egg-citing fun on Saturday, April 12, 10–11am, in Heartland Hall and outdoors. Bring your baskets and your best egg-hunting skills! Hop on over and celebrate the joy of Easter with us! **Help us make it sweet! We need candy donations!** Drop them off in the concourse area on Sundays or at the church office anytime during regular office hours. Thank you — from the GCPC Children's Team.

ROAD TRIP — On the Go with God is the theme for the 2025 VBS, held on June 2–6 from 9am–Noon. **Registration is NOW OPEN!** Sign up your kiddos (*ages 4 years to 5th grade*) at gcpc.org/vbs. Volunteers needed! Volunteers can also sign up at the same link. Opportunities to help with decorating, planning, etc., are available and appreciated. Contact Kristy Shaw at kshaw96@yahoo.com.

YOUTH

YOUTH SUNDAY: The middle and high schoolers of GCPC will be leading the worship service on April 27. We are planning during our Sunday school classes and will have a rehearsal on Saturday, April 26, 10am–1pm (including lunch). Contact Emily with questions.

MISSION

THE GOOD FAITH NETWORK INVITES YOU to the Solutions Briefing TODAY at 3pm, at Grace United Methodist Church 11485 S. Ridgeview Road, Olathe, KS 66061. The Solutions Briefing brings the whole network up to speed on the committee's work on each of the four areas of focus: Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Mental Health and Elder Care. This Solutions Briefing will keep us informed and readies us to mobilize in preparation for the Nehemiah Action Event on May 6. For any questions, or if you are interested in carpooling, please contact one of the following: Dave Pack: dipack.12645@gmail.com; Don or Joy Wilson: donjoywilson@gmail.com; Eileen Thomson: esthompson@gmail.com.

APRIL DONATION PARTNER: A Gathering of Friends: A Gathering of Friends is a grassroots organization serving those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in Johnson and Wyandotte counties. A Gathering of Friends relies on donations and volunteers for everything needed to make sure those they serve have a good, home cooked meal each week, along with sandwiches, snacks, and fresh fruits to eat later, as well as supplies to ensure their safety, health, and comfort. Please see the list below for what you can donate to support their mission. Donations can go in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime in April.

AA and AAA batteries
backpacks*
reusable Shopping Bags*
flashlights
lighters
men's large/XL T-shirts*
hoodies*

men's jeans/sweats/cargo*
tents*
sleeping bags*
insect repellent

*gently used items are ok!

APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING PARTNER — One Great Hour of Sharing: Please see the bulletin insert for details on this PCUSA Special Offering.



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Upcoming Events and Services

Bible Workshop

3rd graders and their parents
April 6, 11:45am-2 pm

Easter Egg Hunt

April 12, 10-11am
Heartland Hall and Outdoors

Holy Week Services

April 13, Palm / Passion Sunday

Worship at 9:30am
Music by the Praise Team

April 17, Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7:30pm
Sacrament of Communion
Music by the Praise Team

April 18, Good Friday/Tenebrae Service

Worship at 7:30pm
Music by Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

April 20, Easter Sunday Worship

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Worship services at 9am and 11am
Sacrament of Communion

*(*** NOTE: The flowering of the cross
begins 15 minutes prior to the start
of each worship service.)*

Music at 9am by the Praise Team

Music at 11am by Chancel & Exaltation!
Singers, Organ, Percussion, Charter Ringers,
and Chancel Brass

Church Office Closed

Easter Monday, April 21

Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 26, 9am-3pm

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 27, 9:30pm

Bell Fest XXXV

“May The Fourth Be With You”

Sunday, May 4, 6-8pm

Church Office Closed

Memorial Day, Monday, May 26

Vacation Bible School

“Road Trip - On the Go with God!”

June 2 - June 6, 9am-Noon
Children Ages 4 yrs – 5th Grade

Volunteers can also register at link below

Register children at gcpc.org/vbs

Church Office Closed

Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19

GCPC 40th Anniversary Celebration with Brunch Following Worship

Sunday, June 22, 9:30am

RSVP at gcpc.org/40th-rsvp

GCPC 40th Anniversary Friendship Bracelet Making Party

Saturday, July 12, 1-3pm
Heartland Hall

RSVP at gcpc.org/friendship



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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

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