



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — January 18, 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 worshiping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Andrew Sellers

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/GCPAttendance>, 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: Harold Farren, Tom Jennings, Trooper Shaw

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: New Horizon Presbyterian Church, Odessa, 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

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed Monday, January 19, in observance of MLK, Jr. Day.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be Sunday, January 25, immediately following worship.

OUR ANNUAL GCPC BINGO EVENT will be held on Friday, January 23, 5:30–7:30pm. Liz Chandler has graciously agreed to be our caller again! Pizza, veggies and cookies will be provided. Child care for kids age 4 and under will be available, and of course, prizes will be awarded to our BINGO winners. Please sign up for BINGO, and child care as needed, today at church, or call the church office by Monday, January 19. Come beat the winter BLAHS with BINGO!

GET READY FOR SOME WINTER FUN! Everyone is invited to the **GCPC Winter Olympics** on **Saturday, January 31, 4–6pm**. Gather your crew and form a team to compete in a friendly showdown for **bronze, silver, and gold medals!** Teams will take on **six Olympic-inspired events** — a mix of **three brain-teasing challenges** and **three action-packed physical events**. Teams can be any size, so bring your best thinkers and at least one teammate who's ready to get moving! Form a team of any kind. Your team might be comprised of your immediate family, part of your

covenant group, church committee, those you sit by at worship or whomever you choose. Don't miss the fun — **sign up today** and encourage others to join you. Let's make this an unforgettable event and **set an Olympic record for GCPC attendance!** You can find more detail on our registration form here: gcpc.org/olympics. RSVPs kindly requested by January 24.

SAVE THE DATE! The annual Covenant Group Brunch Potluck is Sunday, February 22, directly following worship.

ADULT

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (January 4–February 1 | 10:45am) Start the new year by growing deeper in faith and conversation! Join one of our two adult education options:

- **Half Truths** (Room 3): A study of Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*—exploring popular sayings that sound biblical... but aren't always.
- **Worship Reflections** (Concourse by the coat closet): A relaxed, come-as-you-are discussion of the day's Scripture readings and sermon notes.

Come for one week or all five — everyone is welcome!

CHILDREN

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](#)! 

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY:

- TODAY — Worship, ATW, Regular Programming with Music & Sunday School, and SMASH (K–5th Fellowship), 4–6pm
- January 25 — Worship, ATW, Regular Programming with Music & Sunday School, then 2nd grade Communion Workshop until 2pm

YOUTH

EVERY SUNDAY:

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45-11:05 Youth Fellowship in Youth Lounge
- 11:05-11:45 Youth Sunday School in Room 19

MLK, JR. DAY PRESBYTERY YOUTH DAY OF SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP: Monday, January 19, 8am–3:30pm. Spend MLK Jr. Day serving and having fun together in this multi-church event with other 6th–12th graders. Contact Emily for more information.

MISSION

IT'S TIME FOR ... SOUPERBOWL XL! From now through January 31, we'll collect non-perishable food items for the Renewed Hope Food Pantry at New Hope SDA Church. About 10% of Johnson County households are food insecure, and many of those households make too much money to qualify for government assistance, leaving them reliant on private charities.

In addition to helping our neighbors, we'll have fun settling some Great Food Debates, such as: Pancakes or Waffles? Bacon or Sausage? One donated item = one vote for whichever side you support!

Vote by placing your donations on the tables in the hallway between the sanctuary and Heartland Hall. Mission Team will count the votes on each table during the Sunday School hour each week and announce the winner from the previous week. If you prefer, you can also give a monetary donation by writing "Communion Offering" on your check or using the Communion Offering option in the online giving portal.

The Great Food Debate for January 19-25 is ... Pineapple on Pizza: Delicious or Disgusting? Bring those donations and say "We gotchu, baby" to our hungry neighbors. And on February 1, we'll say "TOUCHDOWN, GCPC!"

SIGN UP TO WORK WITH HABITAT KC AT GCPC — FEBRUARY 20! Use this link to sign up: <https://build.habitatk.org/reservations/22591?auth=1762889310>. Put your name and e-mail address in the first open spot under the "Participants" heading on the left. If you'd like to help but are concerned about it being too cold to work outside - Habitat does bring in heaters for very cold days, and they will put our crew down for any inside work on the February date (i.e., in a house with walls and roof up).

We can send up to 8 people on **Friday, February 20 from 8:30am to 3pm**. Registration closes at **12pm, Friday, February 6**; you'll get an e-mail 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 8:30am–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; all education and tools will be provided!
- All registered volunteers will receive their assignment location via automated email 3 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 7:15 a.m. each morning.
- We ask that all volunteers stay the full day, from 8:30am to 3pm.
- 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 & 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.



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