



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — March 30, 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: Mary Ann Weyforth

HEAD USHERS: Steve & Caroline Becher

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: Kathy Williams and family in the death of her brother-in-law; Mary Sue Thomas and family in the death of her brother-in-law.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Tom Jennings

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

Ageing 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: Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, Raytown, MO; United Christian Presbyterian Church, Richmond, 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

THE SEASON OF LENT: Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal. It is a time to journey with Christ toward the cross, examining our hearts and drawing closer to God. This year our Lenten theme, *“Journey of Resistance: Overcoming Temptation in Luke,”* invites us to consider the struggles we all face — temptations that seek to pull us away from God’s purpose for our lives. As we resist the temptations of anger, greed, fear, power, or complacency, we also embrace something deeper: the grace, love, and transformation God offers. What might we need to surrender to follow Christ more faithfully? View all of our Lenten resources at gcpc.org/lent

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.

NOISY OFFERING FOR CROSS-LINES IS TODAY! The Noisy Offering this quarter will go to our longtime partner, Cross-Lines. Established in 1963 as “a place of hope” for those struggling with the hardships of poverty, Cross-Lines provides direct assistance to at-risk families, the elderly,

and single individuals struggling to make ends meet. The mission of Cross-Lines is to provide people in the Kansas City area affected by poverty with services and opportunities that encourage self-confidence, meet today's needs, and provide tools for future self-sufficiency.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUR ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT on Saturday, April 5, 5:30–7:30pm. We will once again be led by our tremendous trivia master, Jake Schmidt. Pizza will be provided. ***Check the concourse for the “Trivia Questions” box and submit your questions!*** So put on your thinking caps and please join us! Nursery care will be provided. Activities will be available for Kindergarteners through 5th graders. Sign-up sheets for Trivia Night and child care will be available today. You can also call the office, 913.345.1256, to sign up.

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.

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!

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?

ADULT

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS LENTEN SERIES: Join us each Sunday at 10:45am for an Adult Education Class, led by Rev. Karen Wright, based on the Lenten Sermon Series, *“Journey of Resistance: Overcoming Temptation in Luke.”* She will engage us further in the text and challenge us to 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 Wealth,” taught by Gene Wilson. Join us in Room 3.

AS THE PAGE TURNS WILL MEET APRIL 2 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

PAGE TURNERS MEETS APRIL 3 at the home of Teresa Ilten, 5408 W. 97th Circle in OP. We will begin discussing *The Women* by Kristin Hannah at 7pm. If possible, please carpool and park in the driveway or in the spots around the circle of the cul-de-sac. RSVP by text to Teresa at 913-515-1087 or on Facebook. Hope you can join us!

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

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT! Join us for a morning of egg-citing fun on Saturday, April 12, 10–11am, in Heartland Hall & 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.

BIBLE WORKSHOP: We are excited to offer our 3rd grade children a Bible workshop on April 6 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 that day.

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 on Sunday, April 6, 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: djpack.12645@gmail.com; Don or Joy Wilson: donjoywilson@gmail.com; Eileen Thomson: esthomson@gmail.com.

COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IN MARCH — InterFaith Hospitality Network (IHN): Although GCPC stopped participating as a host church with IHN in late 2024, IHN continues to serve clients, helping homeless families and single women gain stability. IHN provides clients with food and housing, and helps them learn to break the cycle of homelessness. During the day, IHN clients either work or stay in the JoCo IHN Family Center, learning essential life and financial skills. IHN guests receive budget counseling, case management, job search assistance, connections to community resources, and education on life, parenting, and coping skills. IHN's program works — more than 70% of the clients who graduate from IHN's program gain sustainable housing! If you'd like to support IHN's important work with a donation, just write "Communion Offering" on your check and drop it in the offering plate, or check the "Communion Offering" box in the online giving portal. Thanks as always for your generous support!

MARCH DONATION PARTNER — GCPC's Little Free Pantry: Our donation partner in March is our own Little Free Pantry. If you haven't seen it, this pantry is found on the east end of our property along Nieman Road. We stock the pantry with nonperishable items and them being taken out of the pantry each week — sometimes the pantry is wiped clean. Volunteers check the pantry twice a week and restock it. On occasion, items are added to the pantry by members of the local community. If you'd like to donate to the pantry, please bring your donations to the Weekday Entrance anytime in March. Thanks as always for your generous support! Most consumed are:

- *small jars of peanut butter*
- *noodle and pasta sauce*
- *box dinners*
- *individual drinks or snacks of any kind*

Upcoming Events and Services

GCPC 40th Anniversary Event

Craft Fair

Saturday, March 29, 9am-2pm
Heartland Hall and Concourse

gcpc.org/craft-fair

Noisy Offering

Sunday, March 30, 9:30am

Trivia Night!

Saturday, April 5, 5:30-7:30pm
Heartland Hall

Sign up after worship on March 30,
or call the church office

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

Palm Sunday, April 13, 9:30am
Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:30pm
Good Friday, April 18, 7:30pm
Easter Sunday, April 20, 9am & 11am

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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