



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — February 8, 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 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.



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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:** Trooper Shaw

**Cancer Treatment:** Harold Farren, Tom Jennings, Trooper Shaw

**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:** Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS; Arabic Fellowship, Overland Park, KS – New Worshiping Community; Centerfield – 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](mailto:office@gcpc.org), or send to [gcpc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:gcpc.prayers@gmail.com).)

**SPOTLIGHT**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** has been postponed to Sunday, February 15, following worship.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** — Join the GCPC Children's Team for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 17, 5:30–7:30pm** in Heartland Hall. Enjoy pancakes, live Dixieland jazz music, and fun Shrove Tuesday activities for children and families. **Cost is \$5 per plate or \$20 per family**, with proceeds supporting GCPC Children's Ministries. Please **RSVP by Monday, February 9**, to help us plan. RSVP at [gcpc.org/pancakes](http://gcpc.org/pancakes). Volunteers and food donations are also needed — sign up when you RSVP.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The annual Covenant Group Brunch Potluck is Sunday, February 22, directly following worship. Watch for details from your Deacon.

## ADULT

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (February 8 & 15 | 10:45 a.m.)** Looking for a meaningful way to deepen faith, stretch your thinking, and connect with others? Join us for one (or both) of our adult education options — each week offers a great on-ramp for newcomers and a rich conversation for longtime members.

- **Bonhoeffer and the Nazis (Room 3 | February 8 & 15):** Led by Rick Randolph, this compelling two-week class explores Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life and witness in the shadow of the Nazi Party — and invites thoughtful discussion about Christian discipleship, moral courage, and what faithful living can require in difficult times. Expect an engaging presentation and a conversation that stays with you.
- **Worship Reflections (Heartland Hall — Southwest Corner | Every Sunday):** A warm, low-pressure, come-as-you-are discussion guided by Adult Ed leaders who help spark conversation. We'll reflect together on the day's Scripture readings and sermon notes — no homework, no "right answers," just honest conversation, listening, and encouragement.

Come for one week or both — everyone is welcome!

## CHILDREN

**AWAKENING TO WORSHIP:** 4yo-1<sup>st</sup> grade age-appropriate worship experience in Room 12 (downstairs). Our ATW friends leave from the children's sermon in worship and travel downstairs together with adult helpers. They will be ready for pickup at the end of worship.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45-11:45:** 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. **11:05–11:45am** — Sunday school lessons: Toddlers (2yo-3yo) Room 20; Preschool (4yo-5yo) Room 25; K–2<sup>nd</sup> grades, MUSIC, Room 15; 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grades, VIDEO, Room 18.

### COMING UP ...

- February 15, (DATE CHANGE!) Second-grade Communion Workshop will be after Sunday school, and their first communion in worship is now on March 1; 4-6pm, SMASH
- February 17, SHROVE Pancake Supper Fundraiser for Children's Department
- February 22, NO Sunday school due to the Covenant Group Brunch Potluck immediately following 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

**EVERY SUNDAY:** 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades: Sunday school 10:45-11:45am

- 10:45-11:05am — Many of our youth help with the Children's Choirs during this time, everyone else enjoys Youth Fellowship time in the Youth Lounge (downstairs).
- 11:05-11:45am — Sunday school, Room 19

### COMING UP ...




- February 15, and March 8, 4–6pm, YOUTH GROUP
- March 15 and 22, Youth help with combined children's Sunday school
- March 29, After Sunday School, YOUTH SUNDAY rehearsal and lunch
- April 4, Easter Egg Hunt, Youth Service Day, helping run games for the Children's Department
- April 5, EASTER, no Sunday school
- April 12, YOUTH SUNDAY! (Youth lead worship)

## MISSION

**SAVE YOUR SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY OFFERING** on February 15! We'll direct this offering to the KC Community Bail Fund. Lower-income people who can't make bail often lose their jobs, their spot in school, their housing, and their childcare while awaiting trial. The Bail Fund Project provides bail for people without the resources to post their own bail, making it possible for them to go on with their lives rather than sitting in jail without access to resources and costing themselves and the taxpayers money. Make a joyful noise and help correct the systemic injustice of the cash bail system.

**FEBRUARY'S COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IS ROSEHILL ELEMENTARY.** Rosehill is a Title I school in Lenexa, and a longtime partner with GCPC. Title I is a federal program that provides extra math and reading support; Rosehill is eligible for Title I because of the percentage of students who receive free or reduced lunch benefits. A quality education is necessary for every child to be successful in life; GCPC's partnership with Rosehill helps ensure that all our local children are equipped to succeed. Make your donation online or in the offering plate; just note that it is meant for Communion Offering.

**UPLIFT February Mission Partner: The Underwear King Returns (with a warmer twist!)**

   Last February, Grace Covenant answered the call in a big way—**over 800 pairs of men's and women's underwear** were donated for our friends served by UPLIFT. Kevin Johnson (Uplift Coordinator) even earned the honorable title: **"The Underwear King."** This February, we're leveling up for winter: **Long johns / thermal underwear** (men's and women's | **sizes Large, XL or XXL**) are the big need. **New items only, please.**

**How to help (every Sunday in February):**

Bring donations to church each Sunday and place them in Room 21 (the UPLIFT Closet). If ordering from Amazon: please do not ship to the church. Ship to: Kevin Johnson, 12840 Century St., Overland Park, KS 66213. If shipped to your home: please deliver to Room 21 (UPLIFT Closet) on Sunday.

Scan the QR codes below for the most-needed items and easy Amazon options. **Let's keep Kansas City warm—one cozy layer at a time!** You can also simply shop for yourself at your favorite retailer. (NOTE: if you are not good at QR codes simply email me at [krpj01@gmail.com](mailto:krpj01@gmail.com) and I will send easy click links that you can use.)

1 pair women's \$15.29



3 pr women's \$26.99



1 pr men's \$16.900



8 pr men's \$49.99



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# 2026 Upcoming Events and Services

*(Save these dates)*

**Music Appreciation Sunday**

Sunday, February 8, 9:30am

**Annual Meeting**

Sunday, February 15

*Following worship*

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, February 17, 5:30 - 7:30pm

*Volunteer to help!*

RSVP by February 9, at [gcpc.org/pancakes](https://gcpc.org/pancakes)

**Lent Begins**

**Ash Wednesday Worship**

Wednesday, February 18, 6:30pm

**Covenant Group Brunch Potluck**

February 22, 2026

*Following Worship*

**Palm Sunday**

March 29, 9:30am

**Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 2, 7pm

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 4, 10am

**Good Friday**

Friday, April 3, 7pm

**Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 5

9am and 11am

**Youth Sunday**

Sunday, April 12, 9:30am

**Trivia Night**

Saturday, April 18, Time TBA

**EncoreKC! Concert**

Sunday, April 26, 3pm

Grace United Methodist Church

**EncoreKC! Ensembles Concert**

Friday, May 1, 7pm, Sanctuary

**Bell Fest XXXVI**

Sunday, May 3, 6pm

**Vacation Bible School**

June 1-5, 9am-Noon

Register your child, or sign-up to Volunteer!

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

*(Children and Volunteers need to  
sign-up by May 1 to get a t-shirt)*

~ 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](https://gcpc.org/calendar)