



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — April 5, 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 (11am)

**HEAD USHER:** Keith Langabee (9am); Eric Burdette (11am)

**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:** Harold Frye, JoAnne Kenefake, Nathan Littlejohn

**Cancer Treatment:** Harold Farren, Tom Jennings, 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:** Heartland Presbytery; Honorably Retired Ministers of Heartland Presbytery; All members serving on Commissions, Divisions, Committees; All members of Heartland Presbytery; Instructors and students at the Maya Quiché Theological Institute

(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**

**REMINDER:** The church offices will be closed Monday, April 6.

**GCPC TRIVIA NIGHT is coming up on Saturday, April 18, 5:30–7:30pm** — and you won’t want to miss it! Be sure to sign up to attend. You can RSVP at [gcpc.org/trivia](http://gcpc.org/trivia), after worship on March 29 and April 12, or by calling the church office. Childcare will be available with reservation: Nursery care is provided for ages 4 and under, and a group activity will be offered for children ages 5 and up. Please be sure to indicate your childcare needs when you sign up. **RSVP by April 14 at [gcpc.org/trivia](http://gcpc.org/trivia).** Dinner will be a **“Wiener Wonderland”** featuring hot dogs with all the fixings, chips, and delicious ice cream treats. After this “frankly” tasty meal, stick around for our Trivia Contest led by the one and only Jake Schmidt! Form your team ahead of time or come ready to join one — either way, it’s sure to be a fun evening full of laughter, fellowship, and friendly competition. Save the date and join us on April 18 for great food, great trivia, and great company. **Don’t forget to sign up — and let us know if you need childcare!**

**DON'T FORGET TO RSVP TODAY** [gcpc.org/ggfm](http://gcpc.org/ggfm) for the **KAIROS Lunch 'n' Learn**, *Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds* on Sunday, April 19, 12–2:30pm in Heartland Hall. Special guest Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull from Louisville Seminary, Louisville KY, will deliver the children's sermon and adult Sunday school on *God's Green, Resourceful Earth*. She will then join us for lunch after church to talk about the project [\*\*Growing Gardens Feeding Minds\*\*](#), as we eat a special Kenyan luncheon of freshly prepared dishes from our own GCPC kitchen. (Sign-up here to help us prepare and welcome our luncheon guests <https://bit.ly/4tjuY79>)



**PER CAPITA 2026:** Per Capita is an amount paid per adult member of every PC(USA) congregation across the United States. It is a way we are the church together, and the local congregations support the work of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. While we have a line item in the budget for this expense, it helps our operating budget when members pay their per capita. For 2026, the total cost per adult member is \$45.91. That is split between the three higher governing bodies as follows.

- Heartland Presbytery 31.50
- Synod of Mid-America 3.15
- General Assembly 11.26

There is a drop-down selection for per capita if you choose to pay online. If you would like to write a check, please write Per Capita in the memo line.

## MUSIC

**BELL FEST XXXVI: AMERICANA** — This year's Bell Fest, held on **Sunday, May 3, at 6pm**, celebrates the rich sounds and spirit of Americana, featuring music inspired by American folk traditions, beloved hymns, and classic melodies with a warm, roots-inspired feel. While handbells are at the heart of the concert, Bell Fest also showcases a wide variety of musical gifts, making this a joyful and unique evening of music for the whole community. Bring your friends and family and experience an evening filled with beautiful music, community, and the spirit of Americana.

## CHILDREN

**TODAY:** No ATW, Children's choirs, or Sunday school.

**VBS DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Let's get creative! Help create items that will transform our spaces for GCPC's Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS. Below are upcoming dates when we'll gather to work on decorations. **Please RSVP for any dates you plan to attend** so we can be sure to have plenty of projects ready for everyone. And feel free to invite a friend to join the fun! All skill levels needed. **DATES:** Meeting in Room 13 (Basement): Friday, April 10, 6–8pm; and Wednesday, April 15, 9–11am. Meeting in Heartland Hall: May 26–May 30, 10am–Noon and 2–4pm; and May 31, after worship until finished. Whether you're crafty, handy with a paintbrush, or simply willing to help, there's a place for you. We can't wait to see what we create together! If you have any questions, or want to RSVP, please contact Kristy Shaw or Christy Soule (or the church office). Thank you for joining in our fun!

## COMING UP:

- **April 12** — YOUTH SUNDAY worship where we are led in worship by our youth group. We will not have ATW, as we want to encourage all ages to stay and enjoy worship with the youth group. JOY! and CELEBRATION! choirs will be meeting during the Sunday school hour, as they prepare to sing in worship the following week.
- (SAT) **April 18** — Trivia Night
- **April 19** — Worship, ATW resumes, choirs sing in worship, 10:45am Music and Sunday school; 4–6pm SMASH (K-5th grade fellowship)
- **April 26** — Worship, ATW, Music and Sunday school, VBS Volunteer Training

**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

### COMING UP...

- (SAT) **April 11** — 5–8pm, Youth Sunday Rehearsal
- **April 12** — **YOUTH SUNDAY!** (Youth lead worship–8am arrival time)
- (SAT) **April 18** — Trivia Night
- **April 19** — Worship, Sunday school, 4-6pm Youth Group
- **April 26** — Worship, Sunday school, Noon-1pm VBS Volunteer Training

## KAIROS

**OUR SOLES 4 SOULS SHOE COLLECTION** is closing down as of April 30, 2026. Sadly, the cost in manpower and money has grown to a level that brings us to this decision. **HERE IS YOUR CHALLENGE: Let's make the month of APRIL 2026 the biggest one-time collection GCPC has ever had!** (More information in the April GCPC [Grace Notes](#) newsletter. Some have asked how to contribute to shipping costs; see Jo Randolph OR put a check in the collection plate and memo: S4S shipping.)

## MISSION

**DID YOU KNOW THAT GCPC HAS A QUILTING GROUP?** Piecemakers makes full-size quilts for Uplift, tactile quilts for students and seniors with neurological needs, Christmas stockings for the Red Bag Project, and baby quilts for the newest GCPC members. Everyone is welcome to join us the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am to 12pm in Room 3. No sewing experience is necessary! Most of Piecemakers fabric is donated by members (thank you!), but we do need a few supplies from time to time. If you'd like to help support Piecemakers, please take a look at our Amazon wish list via the QR code or link below:



[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2YUFTL3P32EG8?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2YUFTL3P32EG8?ref=wl_share).

**OUR APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING** will be directed to the PCUSA Special Offering One Great Hour of Sharing. Please see the bulletin insert for more information. Mark any checks you put in the offering plate “Communion Offering” or use the “Communion Offering” option in the online giving portal.

**OUR APRIL DONATION PARTNER** was meant to be A Gathering of Friends, but we have lost contact with that organization and it’s unclear if they are still operating. So, if you feel called to donate food in April, please concentrate on our support for the Renewed Hope Food Pantry — just put your donations in the wooden bin in the Weekday Entrance.



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# 2026 Upcoming Events and Services

*(Save these dates)*

## **VBS Crafting/Decorating**

Friday, April 10, 6–8pm  
Wednesday, April 15, 9–11am  
*Meeting in Room 13 (Basement)*

## **Youth Sunday**

Sunday, April 12, 9:30am  
Theme “Intergenerational Compassion”

## **Trivia Night**

Saturday, April 18, 5:30-7:30pm  
RSVP by April 14  
at [gcpc.org/trivia](https://gcpc.org/trivia)

## **New Member Class**

Sunday, April 19, 10:45am, Room 5  
[gcpc.org/newmember](https://gcpc.org/newmember)

## **KAIROS Lunch ‘n Learn**

### **Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds**

Sunday, April 19, Noon-2:30pm  
Heartland Hall

RSVP ASAP to attend at [gcpc.org/ggfm](https://gcpc.org/ggfm)

## **EncoreKC! Spring Concert**

Sunday, April 26, 3pm  
Grace United Methodist Church

## **EncoreKC! Ensembles Concert**

Friday, May 1, 7pm  
GCPC Sanctuary

## **Bell Fest XXXVI**

### **“Americana”**

Sunday, May 3, 6pm  
GCPC Sanctuary

## **VBS Decorating**

May 26–May 30  
10am–Noon and 2–4pm; and  
May 31, after worship until finished  
*Meeting in Heartland Hall*

## **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)*

## **Ministry Fair**

Sunday, August 9

## **Stewardship Town Hall and Brunch**

Sunday, September 27

~ 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)