



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — September 13, 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.

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.



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: Mary Sue Thomas, Dave Schesser

Cancer Treatment: Trooper Shaw, Johnnie Baker

Aging Challenges

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, 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: Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, KS

(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

WE STILL HAVE A FEW OPENINGS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, ATW leaders, and shepherds, etc. It's a joyful, rewarding way to fulfill the promises we make to our GCPC children at their baptism, and we'd love to have you join the fun! These openings are coming up soon and we need you. Thank you!

We need:

- **SMASH and YOUTH GROUP helpers for September 13**
- **October 4** — Shepherd for K-5th graders and ATW Greeter
- **October 11** — K-2nd Grade Sunday School Teacher and Shepherd(2) for K-5th grade, ATW Greeters
- **October 18** — 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School, ATW leader and Greeters

(Children's Volunteer Opportunities)

<https://gcpc.org/children-youth/youareinvited.html>



(Youth Group Volunteer Sign-up)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-57367467-gcpc>



LET'S GET CRACKIN'! Join us Sunday, September 27, following worship in Heartland Hall, for our annual Stewardship Town Hall! Enjoy a delicious brunch, hear inspiring stories about how God is working through Grace Covenant, and learn where the Spirit is leading us in 2027 under the theme ***"Led by the Spirit. Growing in Grace."*** Come share a meal, conversation, and your voice as we celebrate what God is doing and look toward the future together. **Please RSVP by Sunday, September 20 at gcpc.org/eggs.**

21ST ANNUAL GCPC GOLF SCRAMBLE & FUNDRAISER: Join us for a fun afternoon on the course while supporting the Baker/Reynolds Scholarship Fund, which helps provide opportunities for GCPC youth. This annual event honors longtime GCPC youth supporters Larry Baker and Reggie Reynolds. The scramble takes place **Sunday, September 20**, with the first tee time at 1pm at Falcon Valley Golf Course in Lenexa. The 9-hole scramble is \$100 per golfer, which includes green fees, a riding cart, prizes, and a donation to the scholarship fund. **Register by September 13 by submitting your entry form and \$100 payment to Bill Turner or enter online at gcpc.org/scramble** or use the QR code. Golfers may request their preferred playing partners. An optional lunch special featuring a cheeseburger or grilled chicken sandwich, chips, and a drink is available for approximately \$12. Not a golfer? You can still support the Baker/Reynolds Scholarship Fund with a donation. Questions or registration: Bill Turner at 913-515-5994 or 99wdturner@gmail.com.



WEEKEND CRAFTERS PAJAMA CRAFT PARTY — Join us **Friday, October 2, from 6–9pm in Heartland Hall** for an evening of crafts, laughter, snacks, and fellowship! Wear your favorite PJs and bring a current craft project — or simply come enjoy time with friends. All crafters and friends of crafters are welcome. Bring a snack to share and a friend! **RSVP at gcpc.org/pjs.**

TRUNK-OR-TREAT IS OCTOBER 25! We're collecting candy donations at church now. And be sure to sign up to host a trunk! It's a BLAST!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-65301767-gcpc>



ADULT

ADULT EDUCATION WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 20 with ***Spiritual Practices 101: Small Steps Toward a Deeper Faith***, led by **Kevin Johnson**. Spiritual practices are simple ways we make space to notice, receive, and respond to God's presence in everyday life. They do not have to begin with long prayers, silent retreats, or complicated routines. Sometimes they begin with a deep breath at a red light, a kind smile offered intentionally, a moment of gratitude, or a decision to listen with love. This introductory class will offer practical small steps toward a deeper life with God.

Looking ahead, ***Spiritual Practices 102: Deeper Practices for Everyday Faith*** will be offered on **October 4**, also led by **Kevin Johnson**. Together, these two classes will explore how simple spiritual practices can become sustainable rhythms in daily life.

Upcoming Adult Education schedule:

- **September 13** — Worship in the Park — No Sunday School
- **September 20** — *Spiritual Practices 101: Small Steps Toward a Deeper Faith* — Kevin Johnson
- **September 27** — Town Hall — No Sunday School

- **October 4** — *Spiritual Practices 102: Deeper Practices for Everyday Faith* — Kevin Johnson
- **October 11** — *Good Faith Network Presentation* — Don Wilson
- **October 18** — *Reformed—and Still Being Reformed: “What Makes Us Presbyterian?”*
— Harold Frye

Classes meet in Room 3 at 10:45am. All are welcome!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP — BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20: Adult Ed will offer a **six-session Grief Support Group** beginning **Sunday, September 20, 2–3:30pm in Room 4**. The group is for anyone experiencing grief from a death, job or relationship loss, children leaving home, a move, major life transition, or other significant loss.

This will be a **closed, confidential group**, with membership established before the first session. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/4grrGet>. Your sign-up information will be visible only to the group organizers and not to other participants. You may also contact **Kevin Johnson, Stephen Wing, Jan Cummings, or Harold Frye** with questions or to express interest.

CHILDREN

TODAY: 4–6pm SMASH K–5th grade Fellowship

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR CHILD’S REGISTRATION at your earliest convenience so we can update our records. Thank you!’



YOU ARE INVITED to be involved in Children’s Ministry! Learn more here:



YOUTH

TODAY: 4–6pm YOUTH GROUP

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR YOUTH’S REGISTRATION at your earliest convenience so we can update our records.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HANG OUT WITH SOME COOL YOUTH? Please sign up to volunteer here:



MISSION

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING: WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING — The September Communion Offering supports the World Communion Offering of the Presbyterian Church

(U.S.A.). This is one of three special offerings of the PC(USA) and provides opportunities to put our faith into action around the world. This year's theme is based on Micah 6:8: "What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

The World Communion Offering seeks to "reconcile God's people at the Table of Grace through ministries of justice." Gifts support restoration and ministry projects in five areas: Racial Justice, Gender Justice, Peacemaking, Global Witness, and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.

Throughout September, please prayerfully consider making a gift to the World Communion Offering. A small amount given by many people can create a live-changing impact in the world. Together, we can help bring the unity and grace of the Communion Table into the world. We will celebrate World Communion on October 4.

SEPTEMBER DONATION PARTNER: CARE BEYOND THE BOULEVARD — This September, our Donation Partner is **Care Beyond the Boulevard (CBB)**, an organization dedicated to providing comprehensive medical and mental health care, along with supportive services, to people experiencing homelessness and others who are underserved throughout the Kansas City area on both sides of the state line.

There are two easy ways you can help:

💧 **Donate bottled water.** CBB has an ongoing need for bottled water. The easiest way to donate is through the delivery services at Walmart or Sam's Club. Please have the water shipped directly to: **Care Beyond the Boulevard**, 3150 Fiberglass Rd., Kansas City, KS 66115

👉 **Shop CBB's Winter Wishlist.** You can also purchase needed winter items through CBB's Amazon Wishlist and have them delivered directly to the organization. This is the link to Amazon wishlist: <https://a.co/0etNkeR1>

GCPC WILL PARTICIPATE IN A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEER DAY on Friday, October 9, 8:30am–3pm. We have eight volunteer spots. Please use the link to register: build.habitatkc.org/reservations/24830?auth=1781016106. (All volunteers need to be registered with their online volunteer application complete by the registration deadline of 12pm on Friday, September 25. Contact Jim Byrd, jbyrdks@gmail.com, for more information.

KAIROS

SEPTEMBER'S ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE As we gather today in the warmth of a Kansas Sunday with our sisters and brothers, take a moment to become aware of the outside world around you — the sounds, the colors, the touch of a light breeze, the drip of the body helping you regulate your body temperature in the heat. All of which are God's wonderful, amazing creation. When you return home to "cool down" and rest from the day, check out some short webinars from Presbyterians for Earth Care <https://presbyearthcare.org/> Need to feel a bit cooler? Check out the adventures of two Presbyterian pastors as they experienced their *Arctic Adventures: Encounters with Creation and Culture* in Alaska earlier this summer, or one on plug-

in solar. Or follow their Facebook page for information on the heat from the UN and NPR. <https://www.facebook.com/presbyearthcare>. **September 16** — Preservation of the Ozone Layer a global social action program aimed at combating solid waste problems, is the third [Saturday](#) in September. Prepare for **September 22** World Car Free Day — take just one day and view ways you can reduce air pollution. <https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/world-car-free-day-22-september-great-opportunity-reduce-air-pollution>



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2026 Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

Baker/Reynolds Golf Scramble

Sunday, September 20, 1pm

Register at gcpc.org/scramble

Stewardship Town Hall and Brunch

Sunday, September 27

(Following worship)

*** RSVP by 9/20 at gcpc.org/eggs

Weekend Crafters Pajamas Craft Party

Friday, October 2, 6-9pm

RSVP at gcpc.org/pjs

~ WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY ~

Sunday, October 4, 9:30am

Invite friends, family and neighbors
to this special Communion Sunday

Heart of America CROP Walk

Sunday, October 11, 2pm

Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 17, 5:30–7:30pm

Generosity Sunday

Sunday, October 25, 9:30am

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25, 11:45am - 1:00pm

Hot dog lunch, games for all ages
and a costume parade

Blood Drive

Thursday, October 29, 1-5pm

Fauré's Requiem

Presented by the Chancel Choir,
Orchestra, and featuring members
of GCPC and the community
Sunday, November 1, 9:30am

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29

A Christmas Exclamation!

Sunday, December 6, 6pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24

5:30pm and 8pm

~ 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