



## GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — November 3, 2024

*“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:** Johnnie Baker

**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, and it will take you to the link.



**CONTACTING STAFF:** The office is open 8am to 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:** The Littlejohn family in the death of Nathan’s aunt.

**Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses:** Nancy Kalesz, Jim Trast

**Cancer Treatment:** Harold Farren, Katie Rickley, David Schesser

**Aging Challenges**

**Military Service:** David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Clara Frye. **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:** Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; South-Broadland Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

(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**

**TODAY IS GENEROSITY DEDICATION SUNDAY!** For 40 years, GCPC has been blessed by God’s steadfast love and the faithful generosity of our members. As we look to the future, we’re called to build on this legacy and ensure that generations to come will continue to experience God’s endless love through our ministry. Just as God’s love spans all generations, so too can our generosity create a lasting impact. Make your 2025 pledge at <https://onrealm.org/gcpc/-/form/pledge/2025pledgedoffering>, or contact Tara Hyder at [finance@gcpc.org](mailto:finance@gcpc.org), or submit via a pledge card found on the Generosity bulletin board. Links also available on our website at [www.gcpc.org](http://www.gcpc.org), or scan the QR code. Thank you for your support and faithfulness throughout the years.



**THE REG BAG ORGANIZATION** provides Christmas presents for foster children and disadvantaged youth in our community. Each child will receive nine presents and a Christmas stocking. **The Red Bags Post-it Note-gift-tags will be set out next Sunday, November 10. The wrapped gifts must be returned to church on Sunday, December 1.** This is the Sunday after Thanksgiving. If you know you will not be at church on December 1, please bring your Red Bag gift back before Thanksgiving. Please contact Sandy Adams, [sanadamsabc@gmail.com](mailto:sanadamsabc@gmail.com), with any questions.

**THE DINNERS FOR 7 OR 8** will be finished in the month of November. A new session will begin in January and meet monthly to finish in April. If you would like to join and/or continue, please contact Kathy Williams by December 15. You may choose to dine in homes or dine out with a group. Groups will be notified by e-mail their new dinner group in late December. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Williams at [kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com](mailto:kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com) or 913-485-1776.

**DID YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY HAVE A WEDDING AT GCPC?** The “Wedding Wall” by the Weekday Entrance, displays pictures of couples married at Grace Covenant. For those who are still active members, a current family picture is displayed along with the wedding photo. Please contact Kathy Williams for the details at [kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com](mailto:kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com) or 913-485-1776.

**BEING PART OF A CONNECTIONAL CHURCH**, Grace Covenant pledges to support the operations of our General Assembly, Synod of Mid-America, and Heartland Presbytery. **The 2024 per capita is \$43.94 per member.** The Session has pledged to give that full amount. We invite each member to prayerfully consider giving his or her \$43.94 to offset this expense in GCPC’s budget. We hope to have all who are able to provide our part in supporting the work of our leaders and officers within The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Checks may be made out to GCPC with “per capita” in the memo line. Thank you.

## ADULT

**ADULT EDUCATION TODAY:** We will gather in Heartland Hall for a conversation around questions for the GCPC transition team. What is God calling us to do next? What are the things we celebrate? What is this launching us forward to do? Join us for this important discussion as we gather information to prepare for the next steps in our journey to establish a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

**AS THE PAGE TURNS** will meet November 6 at 1:30 pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

**PAGE TURNERS** will meet November 7 at Vicki Peck's home (12521 Richards St. 66213), at 7pm. Our book for discussion is *Truth* by Hernan Diaz. This is his first novel, and it won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for 2023. We hope you will be there ... even if you didn't read the book. Please let Vicki know if you plan to attend at 913-706-9679.

## CHILDREN

**ATW, MUSIC & SUNDAY SCHOOL:** All are welcome to join our Sunday school programming today. If you need further information, please check the Children's Bookcase outside the sanctuary for details.

**THANK YOU** to the Trunk or Treat volunteers who made our awesome event possible and so fun! Thank you GCPC for loving and supporting YOUR children!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ALL-AGES ADVENT FAIR** coming up on November 24 at 10:30am. ALL are invited to jump into the Christmas spirit while we prepare ourselves to prepare for the first Sunday of Advent!

## MUSIC

**EXALTATION! REUNION CHOIR (1994–2024) will sing at the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on November 27.** We'll rehearse at 6pm and sing some Ex! favorites in the 7pm worship service. *If you ever sang in Exaltation! you are invited!* Please contact Rebecca Prater ASAP at [rebecca.prater@gcpc.org](mailto:rebecca.prater@gcpc.org) to let her know you'll be participating. Friends & Family: Help spread the word to your Exaltation! friends or family members! We'll have an optional social gathering at Johnny's Tavern (95th & Antioch) following the service.

## MISSION

**TURN OUT YOUR POCKETS FOR NOISY OFFERING ON NOVEMBER 10!** Our next Noisy Offering will go to help pay down student lunch debt at Rosehill Elementary. During the pandemic, free school lunches were offered to all children nationwide regardless of income, but that program ended in 2022, and many families have struggled with transitioning back to paying for school lunches. While no student is ever denied a lunch, outstanding debt is eventually sent to collections agencies and school districts have to make up debt that is ultimately unpaid out of funds that would otherwise be used for education. The Shawnee Mission School District has one the highest lunch debt totals in the KC metro area, totaling over \$170,000. Our Noisy Offering funds will help ease this burden on families at our long-time partner, Rosehill Elementary. Bring your loose change on November 10, and be a part of this GCPC tradition!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE AT RENEWED HOPE FOOD PANTRY:** ReNewed Hope makes a significant impact for good in our community by helping solve the problem of food insecurity. Many GCPC members have already volunteered at ReNewed Hope, and food donations may always be left in the bin in the Weekday Entrance. The pantry has volunteer opportunities on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, and Friday evenings. Please check out their website for more information: <https://renewedhopefoodpantry.org/>

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