



## GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — October 5, 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:** Debbie Campbell

**HEAD USHER:** Steve 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**

**Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses:** Kevin Johnson, Trooper Shaw, Tom Hevener

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

**Aging 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.**

**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:** Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Iglesia Getsemaní, Pachaj, Cantel (MQP); Heartland Presbytery Mission and Social Justice

(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**

**GENEROSITY 2026:** Our 2026 Stewardship theme, ***A Living Legacy: Called to Plant, Called to Grow***, invites us to reflect on where we've been, how God is at work among us now, and the future God is calling us to cultivate together. We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026—every gift, large or small, is a seed God can use. Together we can carry forward the legacy of faith, hope, and love that has marked Grace Covenant's ministry for decades. Pledge confidentially online at [gcpc.org/2026pledge](https://gcpc.org/2026pledge). The Generosity Team will also host a table with pledge cards and donuts after worship each Sunday in October to answer questions.

**MAKE PLANS TO DONATE BLOOD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22**, between 2–6pm, in Heartland Hall at GCPC! Sign up here: <https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/auth/signin>. New donors are always welcome! Contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or [swbyrdks@gmail.com](mailto:swbyrdks@gmail.com), with questions.

**TRUNK OR TREAT AT GCPC:** It's that spooky-sweet time of year! **Join us Sunday, October 26, 11:45am–1pm, for GCPC's annual Trunk-or-Treat.** We'll have trunks full of treats, spook-tacular games, a costume parade, and a hauntingly good hot dog lunch (because even monsters need mustard!). Bring friends, neighbors, and **non-perishable donations** for our **Little Food Pantry** (pull-top cans especially welcome).



We can't wait to see your costumes, candy buckets, and spooky smiles! Sign up to host a trunk, donate candy, volunteer to set-up/take down and more here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-58889084-trunk#/>

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2:** The November 2 bulletin will contain an insert with the names of those who have passed since All Saints' Sunday 2024 (November 3, 2024). If you would like to include the name of a relative or friend who has passed this past year, please send that person's name to [office@gcpc.org](mailto:office@gcpc.org) no later than noon on Wednesday, October 29.

**INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BRACELET MAKING PARTY** — Saturday, November 15, 1–3:30pm, Heartland Hall — *Open to all friends and family of GCPC members! \*\*RSVP by November 10* at [gcpc.org/friendship](http://gcpc.org/friendship) so we can reserve a table for you. Whether you're a kid, teen, parent, grandparent, or friend, this is the perfect chance to gather, share stories, and string together something beautiful. No experience? No problem! There are people who can teach you! You will need to bring your own supplies, and a plate of cookies to share.

## CHILDREN

**ATW AND REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MORNING.** Check out our bulletin board outside of the sanctuary for updates and grab a fall calendar. **Forms Due:** Please fill out this form for the children in your family who are involved in our programming. This helps us better serve all of our GCPC children.



### LOOKING AHEAD ...

October 12: All-music hour during Sunday school and Smash, 4–6pm

October 19: Joy! and Celebration! Choirs sing in worship. At 4pm families meet at Shaake's Pumpkin Patch (1791 N 1500 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66046) for an informal Fall Family Fun meet-up.

## YOUTH

**REGULAR PROGRAMMING TODAY:** 10:45–11:05am — Youth Fellowship in the Lounge; 11:05–11:45am — Middle School Sunday school in Room 19b and High School Sunday school in Room 19a. Check out our bulletin board outside of the sanctuary for updates and grab a fall calendar. **Forms Due:** Please fill out this form for the youth in your family who are involved in our programming.



### LOOKING AHEAD ...

October 12: Regular programming, 4-6pm Youth Group

October 19: Regular programming, at 4pm families meet at Shaake's Pumpkin Patch (1791 N 1500 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66046) for an informal Fall Family Fun meet-up.

October 26: Regular programming, THEN! TRUNK or TREAT! from 11:45am to 1pm. The youth are encouraged to participate however they feel comfortable. The youth help lead games with the younger groups, but they are also welcome to go Trunk or Treating!

November 9: Youth Bonfire, 4–7pm, drivers needed

## MISSION

**OCTOBER DONATION PARTNER AND COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT** — Johnson County Christmas Bureau: JCCB is a nonprofit supporting our low-income neighbors in Johnson County. Their mission is to provide warmth and support during the winter holiday season to low-income families, and to increase awareness and understanding of poverty in Johnson County. This year we are collecting new and gently used books for JCCB, including board books, children's books in English and Spanish, young adult books, adult fiction books, and Bibles. Please leave your donations in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime in October. If you like, you can order a book from the Amazon wish list, and it will be delivered directly to JCCB. If you'd like to support JCCB with a financial donation, just use the "Communion" option in the online portal or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope and turn in your donation by October 31. [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2EB37DH1V7SN5?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2EB37DH1V7SN5?ref=wl_share)

**THE GOOD FAITH NETWORK** is composed of faith-based organizations and individuals who seek to foster a more just society. The Network is focused on four main issues: mental health, affordable housing, homelessness and elder care. The Good Faith Network will be holding Listening Sessions for those interested in continuing their membership and for those interested in learning more about the Network. The Listening Session will be "Good Neighbor Conversations" reflections on what it means to be a good neighbor. You can participate in a listening session in Room 3 on one of these dates: Tuesday, October 7, at 7pm and Saturday, October 11, at 4pm. For any questions or to RSVP please contact one of the following: Dave Pack, [djpack.12645@gmail.com](mailto:djpack.12645@gmail.com); Don Wilson, [donjoywilson@gmail.com](mailto:donjoywilson@gmail.com); Eileen Thomson: [esthompson@gmail.com](mailto:esthompson@gmail.com).

**KAIROS KLUES: Earth Care** — The Benefits of Native Landscape Plants with Tracy Twombly. Join Sustainable Sanctuaries this Monday night, October 6, in person (Village Presbyterian Church) or via Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81498174087?pwd=GSGyuuti7OnxB44XR0J0zS7z7JiBAy.1>)  
**Justice** — Don't forget to sign up to walk in the CROP Walk or to support others who will be walking. Connect with Dave Pack TODAY. **Peace** — Let Us Be Peacemakers on Peace & Global Witness Sunday. Get to know our neighbors. Johnson County History Museum is celebrating Hispanic Heritage month with a FREE special event Wednesday, October 8, 6–8pm. Also, on this World Communion Sunday, pray for peace for all creation residing together in this world.

## NOMINATING

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is looking for four new deacons beginning January 2026. The Deacon Ministry is about compassion, witness and service. Deacons serve a 3-year term. Each deacon is entrusted with a Covenant Group, comprising about a dozen families or individuals. Deacons play a vital role in congregational care by connecting members to the life of the church and by fostering relationships. Each deacon along with his or her covenant group is linked with two other covenant groups referred to as Deacon Pods. Deacons do things such as arrange meals for members in need, acknowledge celebrations and simply work to keep members in touch with one another. Each Deacon Pod helps once a quarter, with Sunday hosting and greeting. Deacons

currently sponsor two church-wide social events: the Brunch Potluck in February and the Church Picnic in the late summer. Sometimes deacons will choose to host smaller social events as a way to further build connections among members. There is a 90-minute training session for new deacons in January and six, one-hour meetings per year, currently held the first Sunday of even months following worship. If you have any questions or if you are interested or know someone who would be interested in serving as a deacon, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

- Michala Walker [michala.walker@gmail.com](mailto:michala.walker@gmail.com)
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# Upcoming Events and Services

*(Save these dates)*

## — 2025 —

**CROP Walk**  
October 12, 2pm

**Blood Drive**  
Wednesday, October 22, 2-6pm  
[https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/85350](https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/85350)

**Pledge Dedication Sunday**  
Sunday, October 26, 9:30am  
Submit pledge at [gcpc.org/generosity2026](https://gcpc.org/generosity2026)

**Trunk or Treat**  
Sunday, October 26, 11:45am-1pm

**Intergenerational  
Friendship Bracelet Making Party**  
Saturday, November 15, 1-3:30pm, Heartland Hall  
RSVP by 11/10 at [gcpc.org/friendship](https://gcpc.org/friendship)

**EncoreKC! Chorus Concert**  
"An American Quilt: Folk Music that Inspires Us"  
Sunday, November 16, 3pm  
Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, KS

**Advent Begins - "Waiting Well"**  
Sunday, November 30, 9:30am

**GCPC Winds: Songs of the Season!**  
Sunday, December 7, 9:30am

**A Christmas Exclamation!**  
Sunday, December 7, 6pm

**The Longest Night**  
Sunday, December 21, 7pm

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
Wednesday, December 24  
5pm Family Service  
8pm Traditional Service

## — 2026 —

**Bingo Night**  
Friday, January 23, Time TBA

**Olympic Family Event**  
Saturday, January 31, Time TBA

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**  
Tuesday, February 17, Time TBA

**Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday**  
Wednesday, February 18

**Palm Sunday**  
March 29, 9:30am

**Maundy Thursday**  
Thursday, April 2, 7pm

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday, April 4, Time TBA

**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

**Vacation Bible School**  
June 1-5, 9am-Noon  
Registration opens on January 1, 2026

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)