



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — January 11, 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: Debbie Campbell

HEAD USHERS: Mike & Susan Fitzgerald

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

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, Tom Jennings, Trooper Shaw

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: Maitland Presbyterian Church, Maitland, MO; First Presbyterian Church, Maryville, MO

(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

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be Sunday, January 25, immediately following worship.

GCPC WEEKEND CRAFTER'S WINTER RETREAT! Join us Friday, January 16 (6–9pm) and/or Saturday, January 17 (9am–4pm) for our winter retreat. This is a time for our GCPC family and friends to enjoy some crafty fellowship. Participants will bring their own projects to work on in Heartland Hall while we sip, snack, and create together. We are working to put together a Make-and-Take Project for Saturday for a minimal fee (details soon). **REGISTER TO ATTEND by TODAY at gcpc.org/crafters.** Join our Facebook group GCPC Weekend Crafters for community and fellowship online at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gcpcweekendcrafters>. Save a spot on your calendar and join us! If you have any questions, please contact Christy Soule, Kristy Shaw, or Kim Krueger.

OUR ANNUAL GCPC BINGO EVENT will be held on Friday, January 23, 5:30–7:30pm. Liz Chandler has graciously agreed to be our caller again! Pizza, veggies and cookies will be provided. Child care for kids age 4 and under will be available, and of course, prizes will be awarded to our BINGO

winners. Please sign up for BINGO, and child care as needed, today and January 18 at church, or call the church office by Monday, January 19. Come beat the winter BLAHS with BINGO!

GET READY FOR SOME WINTER FUN! Everyone is invited to the **GCPC Winter Olympics** on **Saturday, January 31, 4–6pm**. Gather your crew and form a team to compete in a friendly showdown for **bronze, silver, and gold medals!** Teams will take on **six Olympic-inspired events** — a mix of **three brain-teasing challenges** and **three action-packed physical events**. Teams can be any size, so bring your best thinkers and at least one teammate who's ready to get moving! Form a team of any kind. Your team might be comprised of your immediate family, part of your covenant group, church committee, those you sit by at worship or whomever you choose. Don't miss the fun — **sign up today** and encourage others to join you. Let's make this an unforgettable event and **set an Olympic record for GCPC attendance!** You can find more detail on our registration form here: gcpc.org/olympics. RSVPs kindly requested by January 24.

ADULT

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (January 4–February 1 | 10:45am) Start the new year by growing deeper in faith and conversation! Join one of our two adult education options:

- **Half Truths** (Room 3): A study of Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*—exploring popular sayings that sound biblical... but aren't always.
- **Worship Reflections** (Concourse by the coat closet): A relaxed, come-as-you-are discussion of the day's Scripture readings and sermon notes.

Come for one week or all five — everyone is welcome!

CHILDREN

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!



SUNDAYS IN JANUARY:

- January 11 — Worship, ATW, Regular Programming with Music & Sunday School
- January 18 — Worship, ATW, Regular Programming with Music & Sunday School, and SMASH (K–5th Fellowship), 4–6pm
- January 25 — Worship, ATW, Regular Programming with Music & Sunday School, then 2nd grade Communion Workshop until 2pm

YOUTH

EVERY SUNDAY:

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45-11:05 Youth Fellowship in Youth Lounge

- 11:05-11:45 Youth Sunday School in Room 19

MLK, JR. DAY PRESBYTERY YOUTH DAY OF SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP: Monday, January 19, 8am–3:30pm. Spend MLK Jr. Day serving and having fun together in this multi-church event with other 6th–12th graders.

MISSION

IT'S TIME FOR ... SOUPERBOWL XL! From now through January 31, we'll collect non-perishable food items for the Renewed Hope Food Pantry at New Hope SDA Church. About 10% of Johnson County households are food insecure, and many of those households make too much money to qualify for government assistance, leaving them reliant on private charities.

In addition to helping our neighbors, we'll have fun settling some Great Food Debates, such as: Pancakes or Waffles? Bacon or Sausage? One donated item = one vote for whichever side you support!

Vote by placing your donations on the tables in the hallway between the sanctuary and Heartland Hall. Mission Team will count the votes on each table during the Sunday School hour each week and announce the winner from the previous week. If you prefer, you can also give a monetary donation by writing "Communion Offering" on your check or using the Communion Offering option in the online giving portal.

The Great Food Debate for January 12-18 is ... Coffee, Tea, or Hot Chocolate? Which hot beverage is your pick? Bring those donations and say "We gotchu, baby" to our hungry neighbors. And on February 1, we'll say "TOUCHDOWN, GCPC!"



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2026 Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

Weekend Crafters Winter Retreat

Friday, January 16, 5-10pm
Saturday, January 17, 9-4pm

RSVP at gcpc.org/crafters

Bingo & Pizza Night

Friday, January 23
5:30-7:30pm

RSVP to the church office
or during worship on 1/11 and 1/18

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25
Following worship

Olympic Family Event

Saturday, January 31, 4-6pm

Music Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, February 8, 9:30am

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17, 5:30pm

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

Register your child, or sign-up to Volunteer!

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