



Service of Worship — November 23, 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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Michael & Susan Fitzgerald in celebration of their 43rd anniversary.

ELDER ON DUTY: Johnnie Baker

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

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: Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; Westport 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, or send to gcpc.prayers@gmail.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

ALL RED BAG GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30. Look for large boxes wrapped in Christmas paper on or under the decorated tables to place your gifts. Please remember:

1. Please include a gift receipt with the clothing and shoes.
2. Attach the yellow Post-it Note to the wrapped gift.
3. Gifts, especially toys, need to be ready to use. If batteries are needed, please put the batteries *in the toy* so it's ready to be enjoyed.

Red Bag gifts for foster children create happy memories and plant seeds of love. Thank you for your generosity.

One more driver/vehicle is needed to deliver the gifts on Saturday, December 6.

Please contact Sandy Adams by text (757-582-5292) or e-mail (sanadamsabc@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

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, or use one of the pledge cards and envelopes found on the Generosity bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: This Thanksgiving Eve, we will have a special service, sharing "Hope Stories." Join us on Wednesday, November 26, at 7pm. in the Sanctuary.

FESTIVE POINSETTIAS WILL DECORATE THE SANCTUARY for the Christmas season. If you would like to be a part of the tradition of purchasing a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, you may do so by enclosing your donation in one of the poinsettia envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate. Please be sure to neatly print your name and who the memorial/honor recognizes in block letters. You may also make a donation through the online giving portal on our website, or by sending your donation to the church office: GCPC, 11100 College Blvd., OPKS 66210, Attn: Patrick. *Deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert is Monday, December 15.* Thank you!

"THIS IS GRACE" NEW MEMBERS CLASS will be held on Sunday, December 7, following the worship service at 10:45 in Room 5. The class will be led by Rev. Karen Wright and is open to all. This is a great way to get an overview of the church. First-time visitors and long-time friends are encouraged to attend to get questions answered and to discover the exciting ways Grace Covenant carries out God's work. There is no assumption on our part that you will join Grace Covenant following the class. The class will include a discussion on the meaning of membership and "Everything you've wanted to ask a pastor but have been unable to ask." If you are interested, please contact the church office, 913-485-1256, or Kathy Williams, 913-485-1776 or kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com.

DINNERS FOR 7 OR 8 WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY and finish in April. If you have participated before you know that meeting once a month is a great way to connect with other members. You have a choice of dinners in homes or dining out at restaurants. When you sign up, I will send you additional details about your group before December 31. Each group decides on the four dates and sets the times that work for the group. If you have any questions about how it works, give Kathy Williams a call, text, or e-mail: 913-485-1776 or kathykaskewilliams@gmail.com. Let her know by December 22 or sooner if you plan to participate.

ADULT

THE AS PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet December 3 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Lulu Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kristen Miller. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship. Bring a wrapped book for the Christmas book exchange.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY book and bookmark exchange and dinner will be on Thursday, December 4, 6:30pm at the home of Susan Mou, 10045 Hemlock Dr., Overland Park, KS 66212. The book selection is *The Bletchley Riddle* by Ruta Septetys and Steve Sheinkin. Please contact Susan by text, 816-547-1185, or e-mail, susanmmou@aol.com, to let her know what appetizer, bread, dessert, or salad you will bring. Come and enjoy fellowship and dinner even if you have not read the book. All are welcome.

CHILDREN

THIS MORNING:

ATW During Worship — all 4-year-olds through 1st graders are welcome to come down to ATW after the Children's Time and can be picked up in Room 12.

10:45–11:05 Children's Choir rehearsals

JOY! 4s–1st graders, Room 26

CELEBRATION! 2nd–5th graders, Room 15

11:05–11:45 Sunday School

2s–3s, toddlers — Room 20

4s–5s, preschool — Room 25

K–2nd, COOKING — Room 10

3rd–5th, GAMES — Room 14

COMING UP:

December 7 and 21 are ALL MUSIC Sundays during the Sunday school hour.

December 7, 6pm, A Christmas Exclamation! concert including JOY! And CELEBRATION! Choirs.

December 14, SMASH, 4–6pm, Caroling at Aberdeen Village. Come get in the holiday spirit at this family event! Please RSVP to Christy Soule or Amy Sellers.

YOUTH

THIS MORNING:

We will be organizing/wrapping our Red Bag gifts during Sunday school.

COMING UP:

December 14, 4–6pm, cooking for Project 10/20 homeless shelter.

Christmas Eve — helping lead the 5pm Family Service.

MISSION

SAVE THE DATES FOR HABITAT KC — JANUARY 21 AND FEBRUARY 20! Mark your calendars now if you'd like to work with Habitat KC on either of these dates. Sign-up information will go out in late December for the January date.

START SAVING YOUR SPARE CHANGE for the Noisy Offering on December 7! We'll direct the proceeds to Rosehill Elementary to help them restock refrigerated items for their student food pantry and recover from extra need during the recent pause in SNAP benefits.

GENEROSITY

GENEROSITY NOVEMBER UPDATE: Our Generosity team meetings have changed to 6:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month in person or by Zoom. We are always glad to have new team members. The current team is Eileen Thomson, Jane Knoche, Rev. Karen Wright, Keith Langabee, Kim Krueger, and Tom Stroud. Mark December 2 on your calendar! Please contact Eileen if you are interested — we have room for you! Our next agenda includes discussion of our 2026 pledge drive.

GENEROSITY THROUGH THE GENERATIONS — 2025 Fulfillment Update: The Generosity Team is happy to share our 2025 fulfillment numbers as of November 12, 2025. We have received 85.9% of our total pledges and 83% of this year 2025 has gone by us. We continue to appreciate everyone who has contributed to Grace Covenant. Thank you for your faithfulness! Here is our progress shown by numbers of pledges:

<i>Submitted Pledges (136)</i>	<i>March 31st</i>	<i>June 6th</i>	<i>Sept 30th</i>	<i>November 12th</i>
<i>0-25% fulfilled</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>26-50% fulfilled</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>51-75% fulfilled</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>76-100% fulfilled</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>91</i>
<i>\$723,179</i>	<i>\$226,719</i>	<i>\$324,383</i>	<i>\$548,781</i>	<i>\$621,046</i>

Four groupings are used to show giving progress and calendar relationship. They are 0-25%, 26-50%, 51-75%, 76-100%. Each pledge falls into one of these groups.



Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

— 2025 —

From Scattered to Saved: Songs of Thanksgiving

*A special Music Sunday featuring the
Grace Mountain Ensemble, Chancel Choir,
and Cal Sweeten on hammer dulcimer*
Sunday, November 23, 9:30am

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

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

"This is Grace" New Member Class Sunday, December 7, 10:45am, Room 5 Sign up at gcpc.org/newmember

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 gcpc.org/vbs

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