



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — September 6, 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: Andrew Sellers

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.



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: Caroline Becher and family in the death of her mother, Lee Will.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Eileen Thomson, Cathy Haun, 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: Argentine United Presbyterian, Kansas City, KS; Elder's Circle – New Worshipping Community; The Elders of churches and congregations in Maya Quiché Presbytery; Heartland Presbyterian Center Camp Board of Directors.

(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

REMINDER: The church offices are closed Monday, September 7, for Labor Day.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK: Join us for worship next **Sunday, September 13, 9:30am**, at the Meadowbrook Park Grand Pavilion, located at 91st and Nall (SE Corner) in Prairie Village. Worship will be followed by a potluck picnic. Brats, beef & veggie burgers and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Come together with your church family for worship and savor the fellowship and beauty of the park! We are an Earth Care congregation, so remember to bring your own plates and silverware, and bring along camp chairs for seating. *[Volunteers are needed to help deacons take items (tables, orange beverage containers, compostable buckets, trash bucket) to picnic and return to GCPC. Large SUVs or trucks would be helpful!]*

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 <3 Thank you!

We need:

- **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.**

PIECEMAKERS QUILT RAFFLE! The Piecemakers are excited to raffle **three beautiful, handcrafted quilts**, generously donated by Julie Webb. Each quilt was lovingly made by Julie's grandmother, featuring a cross-stitched top and beautiful hand quilting. Each quilt measures approximately **80" x 94"**. The Piecemakers create quilts that provide comfort, warmth, and encouragement to those in need in our church and community. Proceeds from this raffle will help support this special ministry by funding supplies for future quilts. **Raffle tickets are \$5 each** and may be purchased on Sunday mornings. Payment may be made by **cash or check (checks payable to Donna Heer)**. Tickets will be available **through September 13**, with the **raffle drawing held at the church picnic at Meadowbrook Park. You do not need to be present to win!**

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: Join us today at **10:45 a.m. in Room 3** as **Don Wilson** leads the final session in our *Drawn IN* series: **"Re-integrate."** Together, we'll explore how listening, discernment, and faithful action can become integrated into the way we live and serve.

Coming up:

- **September 13:** **No Sunday School** — *Worship in the Park*
- **September 20:** *Spiritual Practices 101: Small Steps Toward a Deeper Faith* — Kevin Johnson
- **September 27:** No Sunday School; Town Hall
- **October 4:** *Spiritual Practices 102: Deeper Practices for Everyday Faith* — Kevin Johnson
- **October 11:** Good Faith Network Presentation — Don Wilson

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

THIS MORNING:

- **9:30am** Worship; no ATW due to the holiday weekend
- **No music rehearsal or Sunday school today**

Please fill out your child's registration at your earliest convenience so we can update our records. Thank you!



COMING UP:

- **September 13** — Worship in the Park (All families encouraged to come to Meadowbrook Park to worship, play, and eat with the congregation. No on-site activities at GCPC in the AM) then later that night we'll have 4–6pm SMASH! K–5th grade fellowship.

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



YOUTH

THIS MORNING:

- **9:30am** Worship
- **No fellowship or Sunday school due to the holiday weekend**

COMING UP:

- **September 13** — Worship in the Park (All families encouraged to come to Meadowbrook to worship, play, and eat with the congregation. No on-site activities at GCPC in the AM) then later, 4–6pm YOUTH GROUP (6th–12th grade fellowship)

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 a month of transition, September plays a crucial role in various environmental processes and conservation efforts. It is the beginning of sea ice minimums in the Arctic and when animals in the northern hemisphere begin gathering food for winter storage and hibernation later this month. September also has World Clean Up Day, Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, and World Car Free Day. What can you do to learn more about Seasons of Creation? TODAY Pray for the multifaceted water crisis that is disproportionately affecting vulnerable communities, future generations, and non-human life that has no voice in political or economic systems.

JOIN PRESBYTERIANS FOR EARTH CARE FOR A FREE PRESENTATION ON ARCTIC ADVENTURES: *Encounters with Creation and Culture*. Rev. Courtenay Willcox and Rev. Andrew Black will share stories and reflections from their journey to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge <https://ow.ly/UbmY50ZGchF>.



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2026 Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

Communion Sunday

Sunday, September 6, 9:30am

Worship in the Park

Sunday, September 13, 9:30am
Meadowbrook Park (91st & Nall)
Grand Pavilion (SE Corner) Prairie Village
(Lunch following)

Baker/Reynolds Golf Scramble

Sunday, September 20, 1pm
Register at gcpc.org/scramble

Stewardship Town Hall and Brunch

Sunday, September 27
(Following worship)

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

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