

# GRACE

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The members of Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church know that God has already prepared our next lead pastor to follow the more than three decades of selfless service from our initial pastor. We are a congregation that has grown from a few families meeting in homes, to one that met in a public-school gymnasium, to one that met in our “sanctunarium” (sanctuary/gymnasium), to one that now worships in our beautiful sanctuary. Not only did our initial pastor serve for decades but the rest of our staff have also served for many years. We have definitively seen God’s faithful provision through the decades and trust He will remain faithful.

We are in Lawrence, Kansas, a bedroom community between the Kansas City metropolitan area and Topeka, Kansas. Our city is the home of the University of Kansas, which provides a vibrant college atmosphere of 25,000 students, yet we are close to the prairie and farmlands. Our immediate neighborhood is residential, which built around us after we bought the acreage that previously supplied hay.

As a congregation, we have grown up on verse-by-verse expositional preaching with some liturgical aspects. We are accustomed to sermons of about 40 minutes, but the length of the sermon is not as important as the content and application is. We desire to be fed the necessary milk and meat of God’s Word so that we may become the salt and light we are called to be.

Our children’s ministry has become a hallmark and likely one aspect by which people in Lawrence know about Grace. For example, our annual Vacation Bible School regularly draws children from the neighborhood, other churches, and relatives to our congregation. Yet, the foundation for this ministry is the knowledge that every child needs the Gospel. So it is communicated in all ways during children’s church, Sunday School, midweek activities, and other events.

In years past, we had a thriving college ministry that worked alongside well-known parachurch campus ministries. We have experienced a decline in college student attendance over the past couple of years for various reasons, and the reaping of a harvest on campus has grown ever more difficult.

We seek more ways to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God as we currently partner with children of incarcerated parents through Angel Tree, support the local pregnancy care center, and conduct various annual mission trips.

We know that our ministry rises and falls on the power of God’s Word working by His Spirit to change people’s lives. To that end, our women’s Bible studies, men’s Bible studies, life groups, college ministry, and small groups within our youth group focus on studying the Bible and over the years have been another measure by which Grace is known in the community. In particular, the women’s Bible studies have drawn unbelievers and ladies from other churches to learn about God, especially our every-five-year “read-through” the Bible program.

You may learn more about us at [www.gepc.org](http://www.gepc.org).

We are looking for a lead pastor, who will serve God's Church at Grace by shepherding the congregation, preaching God's Word, leading the staff, and moderating the Session.

We desire a lead pastor with a Master of Divinity degree, with a background in a Reformed denomination that adheres to the Westminster Confession, having experience leading a congregation, and experience supervising staff. When we initially posted for this position, we sought someone ordained in the EPC or able to be ordained in the EPC. However, we recently began exploring the process to depart the EPC and join the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

We expect our next lead pastor to be concerned with his personal holiness as proven through regular study of the Scripture, daily times of prayer, personal accountability with trusted friends, and other similar habits or practices; who leads his household well; of high moral character; and a wise steward of resources and gifts, with a clear call to serve as a lead pastor.

To those interested and qualified, please send us your [Personal Information Form](#), links to recorded sermons, and other materials you think should be considered. The materials should be sent via email to [pastorsearch@gepc.org](mailto:pastorsearch@gepc.org). Questions may be sent to that email address, or you may contact Scott Rask at (785) 764-5904 as the chair of the Pastor Search Committee.