

**Bethel Congregation**

**Midlands Mission Center**

**Welcoming the online community**

Kansas City, KS

January 16, 2022 10:30AM CDT

**A Sign of Things to Come**

***Racial Justice Day***

**Presiding Elders Stan & Grace Troeh**

**Announcements, Prayer Requests, Welcome**

**Gathering Hymn** “Summoned by the God Who Made Us” **CCS #330**

**Invitation to Worship Psalm 36:5-9 NRSV Monte Scarborough**

*5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,*

 *your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,*

 *your judgments are like the great deep;*

 *you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.*

*7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God!*

 *All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

*8 They feast on the abundance of your house,*

 *and you give them drink from the river of your delights.*

*9 For with you is the fountain of life;*

 *in your light we see light.*

**Invocation Sandra Billings**

**We Share God’s Goodness (DGR)**

**Hymn** “Beauty for Brokenness” **CCS #302**

**Call to Peace in Hymn (CCS #318) and Scripture (D&C 162)**

 **CCS #318** Peace of Jesus verse 1

 **D&C 162:4a read by Joseph Rainey**

*4a Listen carefully to the many testimonies of those around the world who have been led into the fellowship of the Community of Christ. The richness of cultures, the poetry of language, and the breadth of human experience permit the gospel to be seen with new eyes and grasped with freshness of spirit. That gift has been given to you.*

 **CCS #318** Peace of Jesus verse 2

 **D&C 162:5a,b read by Kyle Joyce**

5a Do not be defined by the things that se*parate you but by the things that unite you in Jesus Christ. 5b Over and over again you have been counseled to be reconciled, to seek the unity that is imperative to the building of the kingdom. Again the Spirit counsels the church to not allow the forces of division to divert you from your witness.*

 **CCS #318** Peace of Jesus verse 3

 **D&C 162:5c read by Christina Houston**

*5c Listen together to one another, without judgment or predisposition. Do not assume that the answers to matters of conflict have yet been perceived. There is much labor to be done. Reason together in love, and the Spirit of truth will prevail.*

 **CCS #318** Peace of Jesus verse 4

 **D&C 162:5c read by Kris Cady**

*6 From the earliest days you have been given a sacred principle that declares the inestimable worth of all persons. Do not forget. The One who created all humankind grieves at the shameful divisions within the human family. A prophetic people must work tirelessly to tear down walls of separation and to build bridges of understanding. You hold precious lives in your hands. Be gentle and gracious with one another. A community is no stronger than the weakest within it. Even as the One you follow reached out to those who were rejected and marginalized, so must the community that bears his name.*

 **CCS #318** Peace of Jesus verse 5

 **D&C 162:3a,4b read by Stan Troeh**

*3a Do not be discouraged. You have not been promised an easy path, but you have been assured that the Spirit that calls you will also accompany you.*

*4b It is for divine purpose that you have been given the struggles as well as the joys of diversity. So must it always be in the peaceable kingdom.*

**Sermon Elder Rob de Zwart**

**Closing Hymn** “We Need Each Other’s Voice to Sing” **CCS #324**

**Closing Prayer JoNell Thomas**

**Sending Forth Isaiah 62:1-3 NRSV**

*1 For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,*

 *and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest,*

 *until her vindication shines out like the dawn,*

 *and her salvation like a burning torch.*

*2 The nations shall see your vindication,*

 *and all the kings your glory;*

 *and you shall be called by a new name*

 *that the mouth of the LORD will give.*

*3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,*

 *and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.*

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**Announcements**

* Our website, including weekly bulletin and Zoom links [bethel.forthrightsysteams.com/](http://bethel.forthrightsystems.com/)
* **Sunday, 1/16 10:30am *A Sign of Things to Come***

 **Speaking: Elder Rob de Zwart**

* **Monday, 1/17 7pm** [**Priesthood Meeting**](https://zoom.us/j/94996832354)
* **Sunday, 1/23 10:30am *A Call to Ministry***

 **Speaking: Elder Joetta Klee**

* Give through [eTithing](https://www.cofchrist.org/give) (<https://www.cofchrist.org/give>)

Optionally, search for Bethel, KS ([link](https://app.securegive.com/cofchrist/bethel-ks-/donate/category))

* Video about using [eTithing](https://youtu.be/vOaogMcekbw) (<https://youtu.be/vOaogMcekbw>)

**Lectionary:** 3-year cycle engaging significant portions of our scripture

This week**, January 16, 2022** [**A Sign of Things to Come**](https://www.heraldhouse.org/products/january-2022-worship-planning?_pos=2&_sid=32f2ffad8&_ss=r)

**John 2:1-11** Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10 I Corinthians 12:1-11
Doctrine and Covenants 162:3-6

**Next Week, January 23, 2022** [**A Call to Ministry**](https://www.heraldhouse.org/products/january-2022-worship-planning?_pos=2&_sid=32f2ffad8&_ss=r)

**Luke 4:14-21/4:13-21 IV** Psalm 19
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 I Corinthians 12:12-31
Moroni 10:12-13, 17



Midlands Weekly Worship Services

**JOB OPENING**

**Young Adult Minister** (*Full-time* position) **\*\*UPDATED\*\***

Email letter of interest, resume, qualifications, and references to Khnatyshyn@cofchrist.org or allen.keehler@midlandsmc.org; or mail documents to: Midlands USA Mission Center

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Bethel – 10:30 am Sunday – [zoom.us/j/204886967](https://zoom.us/j/204886967) Password: 8510

Lenexa – 11:00 am Sunday – [zoom.us/j/326620236](https://zoom.us/j/326620236)

Mission Road – [tinyurl.com/cofczoom](http://tinyurl.com/cofczoom) Password: 2021

 Sunday: 9:15am Adult Class, 10:30am Worship

 Wednesday: 7:00 pm Prayer Service

Olathe – 10:00 am Sunday via YouTube [www.olathecofchrist.org/live](http://www.olathecofchrist.org/live)

The Highlands – 10:30 am Sunday & 6:30–7:15 pm Wednesday

[us02web.zoom.us/j/87299866589](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87299866589)

Topeka – 10:45 am Sunday on Microsoft TEAMS

Join via FB: Topeka CofChrist Ministry Group

Shawnee Drive – 10:30 am Sunday – [www.shawneedrive.org](http://www.shawneedrive.org)

University – 10:00 am Sunday

 Contact Jeff Mercer for the link: jeffdmercer@gmail.com

Webb Road – 11:00 am Sunday

 Contact for the GoogleMeet link: pastor@webbroadcoc.org

**SUMMER 2022**

June 2 – 12 Senior High Caravan <http://bit.ly/CaravanSurvey>

June 19 – 23 Junior Camp @ Chihowa

June 19 – 24 Middle School Camp @ Chihowa

June 29 – July 3 Reunion @ Doniphan

July 10 – 15 Reunion @ Chihowa

July 16 – 23 Spectacular @ Graceland **\*\*NEW DATES\*\***

July 28 – 30 Youth Quest @ TBD

Join Seventy Dave Hall for a Zoom worship service via **7 – 8 pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays**. Watch the MMC Facebook page for a link each week.



NOTE: If you do not have access to the internet, **you can join *any* Zoom meeting via phone**. Dial 312.626.6799 and when prompted enter the meeting ID and password. To mute/unmute yourself use \*6.



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**COVID-19 UPDATES**

World Church buildings and historic sites remain closed. Congregations can work with mission center leadership to decide when and how to reopen. **The upcoming World Conference has been delayed until 2023**.

### Sleeping in a tent | Free SVG

 eLearning Classes

Registration is limited and opens December 16. Classes cost $25, which may be paid via check or Paypal. To register, please visit [www.developmetrics.org](http://www.developmetrics.org) and click “USA Registration”.

* **Ministry of the Deacon** (MP302): 6-weeks, January 8 – Feb. 18
* **Ministry of the High Priest** (MP307): 8-weeks, January 8 – March 3
* **Introduction to Priesthood** (MP300): 8-weeks, January 8 – March 3
* **Introduction to Pastors Ministry:** 6-weeks, January 8 – Feb. 18
* **Children & Youth Workers Core Training**: 2 weeks independently $18

### Grief Ministry

**7 pm Thursday, January 27**

To avoid conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will not meet in November or December. Please join us after the first of the year as we conclude this educational series.

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Dr. Diana Guthrie: dianaandrichard1957@gmail.com

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New Year’s Trivia Quiz

1. What do the words, “Auld Lang Syne” actually mean?
2. What island nation is listed in the Guinness Book of Records for the biggest New Year’s celebration?
	1. Australia c. Madeira
	2. Hawaii d. Iceland
3. What do people traditionally do at midnight on New Year’s Eve?
4. Why does the Pacific Island nation of Kiritawa become briefly famous every New Year’s?
5. Which super-group released the hit “New Year’s Day” in 1983?
6. Which Jewish holiday celebrates a new year?
7. When is Chinese New Year?
8. What is the most popular German New Year’s tradition?
	1. Chasing a piglet c. Watching a British play
	2. Firing shotguns d. Playing boardgames
9. For whom is the Gregorian calendar named?
10. When do Iranians celebrate a new year?
11. What was the original purpose of making loud noises for NYE?
12. Why do Irish people fear the east wind on New Year’s?



ANSWERS

1. Old Long Since 7. February 5th – February 19th
2. A) Australia 8. C) Watching a British play
3. Kiss 9. Pope Gregory XIII
4. First to welcome in the new year 10. March 20 or 21
5. U2 11. To chase away evil spirits
6. Rosh Hashanah 12. It shows the British would prevail