



# Community of Christ

**Bethel Congregation  
Midlands Mission Center  
Welcoming the online community  
Kansas City, KS  
January 22, 2023 10:30AM CDT**

## **United in Purpose**

**Presiding Elder Kristine Shipley**

**Gathering Hymn** “We Are a Family of Faith” **CCS #350**

**Welcome**

**Invitation to Worship Psalm 27:1, 7-8**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!  
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.*

**\*Hymn** “Now Sing to Our God” **CCS #108**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Response**

**Prayer for Peace Jordan Joyce**

Loving Spirit, allow us to be swept up in your movement of love. The journey ahead, we know will be filled with challenges and opportunities. May each step forward move us closer to the call and vision placed in my life. We pray for your presence to be felt by those we cannot see, for your presence felt by those around us. Our hearts yearn to live in sacred community as Christ’s new creation. Although at times, we’ve sat hesitant in the shadows of our fears, insecurities, and competing loyalties: give us strength, open our eyes, and help us break free of fears holding us back from spiritual and relational transformation. O God, you await our response to a covenant of peace in Jesus Christ. Be close and hold us as we practice whole-life stewardship

dedicating ourselves to the church’s ministries of restoration - focusing on the worth of all persons, protecting the sacredness of creation, and relieving physical and spiritual suffering in the world. As we walk this journey with Community of Christ, help us hear more than just words: help us understand and live out the depth of Christ’s mission. And become who you called us to be. Be in us, live through us. We are open for your Divine heart of peace to beat within us. Amen.

-Erin Cackler, inspired by Doctrine and Covenants 164:9

**Hymn** “Christ, You Call Us All to Service” **CCS #357**

**Sermon Elder Jeff Cady**

**Disciples’ Generous Response**

**\*Hymn** “We Are One in the Spirit” **CCS #359**

**\*Sending Forth Doctrine and Covenants 162:1b**

*Listen to the Voice that echoes across the eons of time and yet speaks anew in this moment. Listen to the Voice, for it cannot be stilled, and it calls you once again to the great and marvelous work of building the peaceable kingdom, even Zion, on behalf of the One whose name you claim.*

**\*Congregation standing as able**

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## Announcements

- Our website, including weekly bulletin and Zoom links [bethel.forthrightsystems.com/](http://bethel.forthrightsystems.com/)
- **Sunday, 1/22 10:30am *United in Purpose***  
**Speaking: Elder Jeff Cady**
- **Tuesday, 1/24 7:00pm [Together Tuesday](#)**  
Zoom id: 924 6108 0153
- **Sunday, 1/29 9:45am President Veasey video**  
**10:30am *Discern Wisdom***  
**Speaking: Elder Rob de Zwart**
- Give through [eTithing \(https://www.cofchrist.org/give\)](https://www.cofchrist.org/give)  
Optionally, search for Bethel, KS ([link](#))
- 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 22, 2023 [United in Purpose](#)

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18**      Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9              Matthew 4:12-23  
Doctrine and Covenants 162:1b

Next week January 29, 2023 [Discern Wisdom](#)

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**      Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15                      Matthew 5:1-12  
Doctrine and Covenants 161:7; 162:1a-b, 2a-b

# Take Note

## Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes

### Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM)

Together with Graceland University and Community of Christ Seminary, CIMM is launching online classes which include Temple School credit and non-credit bearing continuing education units (CEUs). The classes listed below are now enrolling for a \$25 fee. More classes are coming, including a new non-degreed online certificate program in "Christian Ministries," similar to the past MEADS programs. To enroll or view the schedule of upcoming classes, go to our website: [www.graceland.edu/CIMM](http://www.graceland.edu/CIMM)

- **Introduction to Pastor Ministry:** 8-weeks, Jan 9 – March 4
- **Ministry of the Disciple:** 8-weeks, Jan 9 – March 4
- **Children & Youth Worker Training:** Self-paced available Oct. 24 – Dec. 17
- **Christian Ministry Certification Course: Intro to Christian Theology:** Online + one live session per week, Jan 9 – March 4, \$100

The Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM) through the Community of Christ Seminary presents Discernment Facilitator Training, a NEW *online* certificate program for those who feel called to deepen their understanding, leadership, and facilitation of group discernment processes. Katie Harmon-McLaughlin will instruct this two-year series. Enrollment is open now through January 1, and the **first class starts January 9**. Each class is \$100 (\$700 for the entire certificate) and includes non-degree CEU credit. *CofC members save 50% on fees*. Information, future dates, and enrollment is at [www.graceland.edu/CIMM](http://www.graceland.edu/CIMM)



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## MISSION CENTER UPDATES

Our mission center has openings for **THREE** more delegates plus alternates. Additionally, other mission centers in our field may have openings if we exceed our allotment. Those interested in serving should contact [presidentteam@midlandsmc.org](mailto:presidentteam@midlandsmc.org). Funds are available to offset conference registration costs if needed.

To join the Norton Heights congregational leadership team, contact Peter Judd: 816.682.4394 or [sonjudd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sonjudd@sbcglobal.net).

## SAVE THE DATE

Jan 17	JPAT-MADP Event
Jan 22	Day of Prayer and Offering for World Conference
Feb 10 –12	TWIST @ Smithville
Feb 19	Delegate Preparation Meeting (2 – 4pm)
Mar 28	Delegate Preparation Meeting (7 – 8:30 pm)

## SUMMER 2023

June 10 – 15	Junior Camp @ Chihowa
June 10 – 15	Middle School Camp @ Chihowa
June 17 – 21	Doniphan Reunion
June 22 – 24	Youth Quest @ TBD
June 25 – 30	Senior High Camp @ Chihowa
July 9 – 14	Chihowa Reunion
July 15 – 22	Spectacular @ Graceland
July 16 – 22	Camp MITIOG @ Doniphan



# JPAT: Advocacy to Abolish the Death Penalty

Woods Chapel Congregation, Lee's Summit OR Zoom

**7pm Tuesday, January 17**

The Justice and Peace Action Team of Greater Kansas City invites you to join us for an information meeting with Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (MADP). Elyse Max, co-director of MADP, will share about MADP's work and how we can participate in their Advocacy Day on January 31 in Jefferson City. We will learn how to join them under the dome to talk with our elected officials about ending the death penalty in Missouri.

Zoom: [bit.ly/JPATJan17](https://bit.ly/JPATJan17) ID: 835 3605 5408 Passcode: 274937

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## WC Legislation Exploration Sessions

### Weekly Beginning January 9

Explore legislative proposals with others around the church through Zoom. Everyone is invited, not just delegates. A single resolution will be the focus each week during the series. Participants will share perspectives and listen to others in a facilitated session. Five sessions will be offered each week to accommodate time zones and busy schedules. To see daily schedules, view weekly discussion topics, and register, visit [bit.ly/ExplorationSessions](https://bit.ly/ExplorationSessions).

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## World Conference Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers do not need to be delegates, nor do they need to register. One-time and recurring assignments are available. Positions include ushers, room hosts, door monitors, and communion preparers. Email, text, or call:

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# COURAGE!

World Conference 2023

April 22 – 28



Pre-conference workshops and discussion sessions will be held on Friday, April 21. The World Conference will officially begin on Saturday, April 22, with the opening legislative session at 10 am. The conference will end on Friday, April 28, at the close of the afternoon legislative session and sending forth worship. Masks are strongly encouraged indoors.

**Online registration for World Conference delegates, attendees, Conference Kids, and childcare is open at [bit.ly/registerWC23](https://bit.ly/registerWC23).**

<b>ADULTS</b>	<b>STUDENTS, YOUTH (ages 12+)</b>
Entire week \$160 (\$200 after 3/1)	Entire week \$80
Weekend only \$40	Weekend only \$20
	Badge only \$5
<b>CHILDREN (ages 6–11)</b>	<b>INFANTS, TODDLERS</b>
Conference Kids \$80	(ages 6 weeks – 5 years old)
Badge only \$5	Childcare \$230

## Day of Prayer and Special Offering

### Sunday, January 22

The goal is to raise \$100,000 for World Conference. Donations can be made using the special tile at [www.etithing.org](http://www.etithing.org). Checks with "World Conference" written in the memo line can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to International Headquarters, Attn: Presiding Bishopric, 1001 W. Walnut St., Independence, MO, USA, 64050. If desired, congregations can designate loose funds received in the offering that Sunday to 2023 WC using purpose code 920. Herald House has a special Disciples' Generous Response available.