



Community of Christ

Bethel Congregation
Midlands Mission Center
Welcoming the online community
Kansas City, KS
October 1, 2023 10030AM CDT

God Is at Work

Presiding

Elder Kristine Shipley

Announcements

Welcome

Invitation to Worship

Psalm 78:1-4

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
³ things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
⁴ We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

***Hymn** "Now in this Moment"

CCS #96

***Invocation**

***Response**

Prayer for Peace and Community

O God who is continuously at work in creation,
We unite our hearts in prayer as we pause and focus on the need for justice and peace in our lives and the world. The news is filled with stories that do not reflect your vision of Shalom. We confess that we sometimes become overwhelmed by those stories. We also confess that we sometimes get in the way of your work in the world both directly and indirectly. We call upon your grace and

forgiveness as we prepare to participate in the Sacrament of Communion.

God of all generations,

Give us courage to be your ambassadors of peace, doing your work in our families, neighborhoods, cities, and world. Guide us with Divine wisdom in determining where and how we can make a positive difference in the places where we live and serve.

Let our words proclaim your Son and promote communities of joy, hope, love, and peace. Let our actions reflect our best understanding of who you are as we work for justice and share Christ's peace. Grant us courage and hope when we are fearful or discouraged.

In the name of Jesus, the Peaceful One, we pray, Amen.

Hymn "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" **CCS #623**

Communion Message **Elder Rob de Zwart**

Hymn "For Bread Before Us Broken" **CCS #524**

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome at Christ's table. The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is a sacrament in which we remember the life, death, resurrection, and continuing presence of Jesus Christ. In Community of Christ, we also experience Communion as an opportunity to renew our baptismal covenant and to be formed as disciples who live Christ's mission. Others may have different or added understandings within their faith traditions. We invite all who participate in the Lord's Supper to do so in the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

****Blessing and Serving of the Bread and Wine**

Disciples' Generous Response

***Hymn** "Come and Bring Light" **CCS #287**

***Sending Forth** **Philippians 2:13**, adapted
Remember "...it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure". Go and join wherever you find God at work!

***Response**

*Congregation standing as able

**Congregation kneeling as able

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Announcements

- Our website, including weekly bulletin, web and zoom links bethel.forthrightsystems.com
- Sunday 10/1 9:45 am Lectionary Disc. **Phil. 2:1-13**
10:30 am *God Is at Work*, Communion
Speaking: Rob de Zwart
- Tuesday 10/3 7:00 pm [Together Tuesday](#) via zoom
- Sunday 10/8 9:45 am Lectionary Disc. Phil. 3:4b-14
10:30 am *Press On!*
at Temple 2:00 pm Wallace B. Smith Celebration of Life
- **Sunday 10/15 3-6 pm Mission Center Conference**
at Mission Road Cong (7842 Mission)
or zoom—register at bit.ly/MMCFall2023
- 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 October 1, 2023 [**God Is at Work**](#)

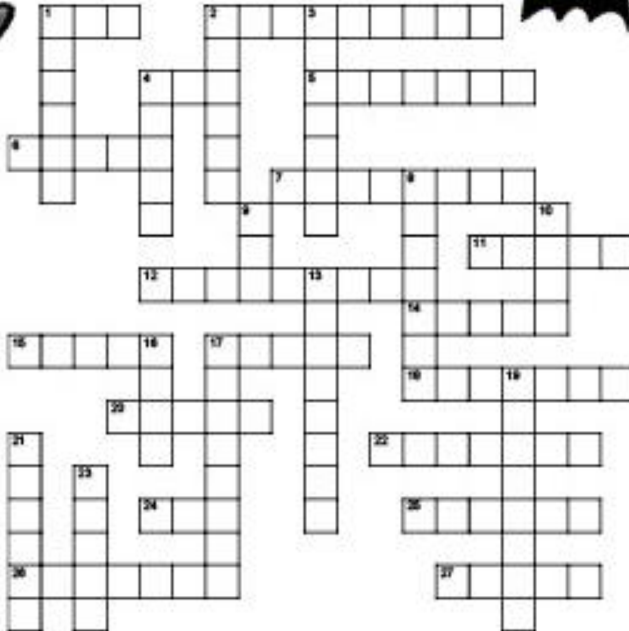
Philippians 2:1-13 Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Matthew 21:23-32
Doctrine and Covenants 164:4b-c

Next Week October 8, 2023 [**Press On!**](#)

Philippians 3:4b-14 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19 Matthew 21:33-46



Halloween



Across

1. He swallowed the canary.
2. Playground for ghosts.
4. What a spider spins.
5. Frankenstein has one.
6. When ghosts come out to play.
7. Scare.
11. What the pot might call the kettle.
12. October 31st.
14. ____ or treat.
15. Witch transportation.
17. Frightening.
18. The Count.
20. A skeleton is just a bunch of these.
22. Disguise.
24. Lives in the belfry.
25. Incey wincey is one of these.
26. Main ingredient in a popular pie.
27. ____ stories.

Down

1. Where a vampire sleeps.
2. Evil or mischievous creature.
3. He hates garlic.
4. Samantha for example.
8. ____ house.

9. Whoo? Whoo?
10. Mr. O'Lantern.
13. Comes out on full moon nights.
16. Might be full, half, or new.
17. A boney sort of fellow.
19. Fire burn, and ____ bubble.
21. When something makes our skin crawl, it's this.
23. Found in Egypt.



MISSION CENTER UPDATES

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

MMC Fall Conference

3:00 pm Sunday, October 15 @ Mission Road Congregation

Gathering is scheduled for 2:30 pm – We can't wait to see you!

To join the conference via zoom visit: bit.ly/MMCFall2023



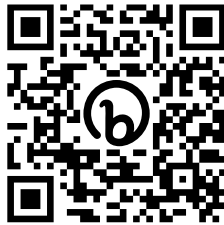
Campus Connections

A ministry for post-secondary students aged 18–25

2pm Tuesdays & 9pm Thursdays

This revolutionary online ministry transcends borders, welcoming and affirming students from all corners of the globe. Our mission is simple: to create a nurturing community that fosters self-care, support, mentorship, and spiritual exploration. Life after high school is a time of profound change and self-discovery. Campus Connections is here to provide essential support and companionship. Think of it as a grown-up camp community! For more information or to register visit:

bit.ly/CofCCampus



Wallace B. Smith Memorial

The Temple & Livestreamed

2pm Sunday, October 8

Wallace B. Smith, who served as prophet-president of Community of Christ from 1978–1996, died on September 22 in Lee’s Summit, Missouri, at age 94. A celebration of life service will be held at the Community of Christ Temple and streamed live on YouTube www.youtube.com/CofChrist. Doors open at 1PM.

Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes

Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM)

The Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission, through the Graceland University Community of Christ Seminary, has opened fall classes for enrollment. To enroll or for more information on these classes and the certificate programs, visit graceland.edu/CIMM.

Fall B Session (October 23-December 17):

- **Introduction to Scripture:** \$25
- **Ministry of the Deacon:** \$25
- **Children and Youth Worker Core Training:** Self-paced two weeks, \$25
- **Christian Ministry Certificate Course: Intro to Hebrew Scriptures:** Kat Goheen – online and one live session per week – \$100



Summer Camp 2024

Junior/MS Camp	June 9 – 14
Doniphan Reunion	June 19 – 23
Chihowa Reunion	July 7 – 12
Spectacular	July 13 – 20
Senior High Camp	TBD
Youth Quest	TBD

****Dates subject to change****