



Community of Christ

Bethel Congregation
Midlands Mission Center
Welcoming the online community
Kansas City, KS
March 9, 2025 10:30AM CDT

Believe with Our Hearts

Presiding **High Priest Stan Troeh**

Announcements

Welcome

Lent is a journey... a journey of self-reflection, of review, of repentance, sometimes penitence, of anticipation, and preparation for the unfolding of new life and purpose.

Gathering Hymn "Who Is This Jesus?" **CCS #38**

Invitation to Worship **Psalm 91:1-2,9-15**

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD,

People: My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.

Leader: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you.

People: My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.

Leader: For he will command his angels to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

People: My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; be with them in trouble, rescue them, and honor them.

People: My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.

***Hymn** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" **CCS #27**

***Invocation** **Fred Troeh**

***Response**

Prayer for Peace **Grace Troeh**

Lent Focus

Hymn "How Long, O God, How Long" **Joyce Shipley**
CCS #455

Sermon **Seventy Kyle Joyce**

Disciples' Generous Response <https://bit.ly/BethelGift>

***Hymn** "When We Are Tested" **CCS #453**

***Benediction**

*Congregation invited to stand

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- **Sunday 3/9** 9:45 am **Lectionary Disc.** – Romans 10:8b-13
10:30 am *Believe with Our Hearts*, Kyle Joyce
- **Justice and Peace Action Team (JPATKC) Book Study**
Tuesdays 2/18-3/25 7:00-8:30pm **Sacred Earth Sacred Soul**
by John Philip Newell More info <https://bit.ly/JPATBookStudy>
- **Thursday 3/13 2:00 pm Women’s Meeting**
- **Sunday 3/16** 9:45 am **Lectionary Disc.** – **Phil. 3:17—4:1**
10:30 am *Stand Firm in the Lord*, Grace Troeh
- **Central Avenue Center of Hope** – needs coats & blankets
- **World Conference Info** see links on our website
- **Our website**, including weekly bulletin, web and zoom links
bethel.forthrightsystems.com
- Give through **eTithing** (<https://www.cofchrist.org/give>)
Optionally, search for Bethel, KS ([link](#))

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

This Week March 9 [Believe with Our Hearts](#)

Romans 10:8b-13	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Luke 4:1-13
Alma 16:153-154	D&C 163:2b-c

Next Week March 16 [Stand Firm in The Lord](#)

Philippians 3:17—4:1	Psalm 27
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Luke 13:31-35
Doctrine and Covenants 164:9d-f	

Take Note

Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes *Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM)*

To enroll or for more information on these classes and the certificate programs, visit graceland.edu/CIMM. Cost is \$25 unless noted.

Spring B (March 3–April 27, 2025)

- **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry** – Rick Maupin
- **Ministry of the Seventy** – Bethany Lloyd
- **Ministry of the Teacher** – David Lloyd
- **Ministry of the Bishop** – Presiding Bishop Carla Long
- **Christian Ministries Certificate: World Religions – Dialogue, Understanding, and Peacemaking** – Andrew Bolton (\$100)

Upcoming CIMM Sessions

CIMM Sessions are short seminars on topics of theology, culture, and Community of Christ Identity, Mission, Message, Beliefs and practices. These sessions are broadcast live on **Zoom at 7:00pm Wednesday nights**. To register, please visit www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions.

- Adult Reunion Text Series: “Hope is Here”
 - March 12 – Story of Hope – Stassi Cramm
 - March 19 – Breathe in Hope – Katie Harmon-McLaughlin
 - March 26 – Turn Toward Hope – Crossing Identity Boundaries – Zac Harmon-McLaughlin
 - April 2 – Spirit of Hope – Conflict Transformation – Debbie Bayless
 - April 9 – Onward in Hope – Celebrate Community – Janné Grover
- Preaching Series (cont.): April 16 & 23 (Two-part series) – Quick-egesis: A Quick Exegetical Process for Worship and Preaching – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith



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SAVE THE DATE

Feb 28 – Mar 2 TWIST @ Shawnee Drive
March 15 Intro to Scripture Class
March–April TBD Ministry of the Elder Class

Midlands Mission Center Spring Conference will be held 2:30 – 5:00pm Sunday, April 13. Location TBD.

WORLD CONFERENCE LEGISLATION

Fourteen pieces of legislation have been submitted by mission centers and World Church Standing Teams for this gathering.

- View the legislation: bit.ly/WC25Legislation
- View the background and support statements: bit.ly/WC25LegSupport
- Explore two pieces of legislation each week online with others: bit.ly/LegExploration

PEACE AND JUSTICE SPECIALIST

Please welcome new MMC employee, **Jessica Pycior**! This exciting addition reflects our ongoing commitment to fostering peace, justice, and compassionate communities. Jessica holds several degrees; is certified and experienced in trauma-informed care, intervention, and training; and is currently pursuing an MA in Peace and Social Transformation with CofC Seminary. Jessica is passionate about restorative justice, advocacy, peace building, community development, animal rescue, gardening, reading, and writing. With her extensive experience and passion for social justice, we are confident she will bring invaluable insights and energy to our mission. jpycior@midlandsmc.org



Intro to Scripture Class @ Shawnee Drive

9 am – 5 pm Saturday, March 15

Dawn and Greg Bassett will instruct this in-person priesthood class with Zoom access available soon. A light lunch will be provided.

Virtual Elder Class @ Gateway MC

March–April TBD

Gateway Mission Center will offer the Ministry of the Elder Temple School Course via Zoom this spring. If you are interested in attending, please contact MC President Cheryl Saur at csaur@cofchrist.org.

World Conference 2025

DELEGATES: World Conference will be held **May 30 – June 6, 2025**. Midlands is seeking **two more delegates** - contact khnatyshyn@cofchrist.org

ZOOM SUPPORT: Volunteers are needed to support remote legislative sites. Multiple roles for non-delegates are available based on schedule, interest, and skills. Contact Brad at 309.706.6179 or BBryant@CofChrist.org.

VIDEO SUBMISSIONS WANTED: The worship team is gathering short, simple videos to share during our worship services. Choose one or both prompts:

Hope Is...? bit.ly/WC25Hope

Based on daily themes: bit.ly/HopeThemes

CALL FOR MUSICIANS: The Graceland Director of Bands is putting together a group of musicians for 5 June, the Thursday evening worship service of World Conference. Rehearsals, distribution of music, and meetings will all happen online prior to conference. All musicians, current and former, are encouraged to sign up, regardless of age and experience. bit.ly/WC25Music

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Early bird pricing is in effect through April 1. bit.ly/25WCRegistration

Experience Summer Camp!!

Youth Camps 2025

June 26 – 30	Sr High Float Trip @ Meramec State Park
July 12 – 19	Spectacular @ Graceland
July 13 – 17	Junior / Middle School @ Chihowa
July 13 – 18	Camp MITIOG @ Doniphan
July 24 – 26	Youth Quest @ Olathe



Junior, Middle School, and Senior High prices increase \$25 after 5/15

Family Camps (Reunion)

Doniphan – Excelsior Springs, MO – June 18 to 22
Joint event with Central Missouri Mission Center
Guest Minister: Apostle and Presiding Evangelist
designee Mareva Arnaud Tchong
Contact: Kat Hnatyshyn, 816.506.6948

Chihowa – Perry, KS – July 6 to 11
Guest Minister: Apostle Richard James
Director: Doug Albro, 316.734.4214



Family Camp Prices (Early Bird/Regular)

Age	Doniphan (6/2)	Chihowa (6/16)
Adults (age 18+)	\$300/\$320	\$250/\$270
Youth (age 13-17)	\$225/\$245	\$165/\$185
Children (age 5-12)	\$120/\$140	\$120/\$140
Children (age 0-4)	\$25/\$45	\$25/\$45

Registration COMING SOON at
www.midlandsmc.org

Camp Cook Assistant Needed

If you love food and serving others, please consider volunteering to assist with meals at Chihowa Reunion July 6-12 and/or youth camp July 13-17. We are blessed to have expert Mary Huffman as a master of the kitchen, and she would love to share her skills and knowledge and shepherd an apprentice. If interested, please contact mohuffman@sbcglobal.net.