



Community of Christ

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

Hold Fast to God's Vision

Presiding Elder Kristine Shipley

Announcements

Gathering Hymn "Gather Your Children" **CCS #77**

Welcome

Call to Worship **Psalms 145:1,3a,21**

*I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.*

***Hymn** "Rain Down" **CCS #260**

*Invocation

Prayer for Peace **from D&C 163:1,2a,3b**

Leader: "Community of Christ," your name, given as a divine blessing, is your identity and calling.

People: We are called to pursue peace.

Leader: Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God's shalom, invites all people to come and receive divine peace in the midst of the difficult questions and struggles of life.

People: We are called to pursue peace.

Leader: Follow Christ in the way that leads to God's peace and discover the blessing of all the dimensions of salvation.

People: We are called to pursue peace.

Leader: Above all else, strive to be faithful to Christ's vision of the peaceable kingdom of God on Earth.

People: We are called to pursue peace.

All: O God, grant us a vision of your peace. Go with us as we pursue peace on and for the earth. Amen.

Hymn "God of the Future" **CCS #516**

Message Elder Rob de Zwart

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

Spiritual Practice of Gratitude

***Hymn** "Let Justice Roll like a River" **CCS #288**

***Sending Forth** **2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*Congregation invited to stand

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Recording Links

Gather Your Children - CCS 77 - The Beyond the Walls Choir (2021 Mix) <https://youtube.com/watch?v=DDpmDXGYxDs>

Rain Down (2021) - CCS 260 - The Beyond the Walls Choir https://youtube.com/watch?v=vPF3chvC_cI

CCS 360 God of the Future (2023) https://youtube.com/watch?v=iW_uGMrh8o8

Let Justice Roll Like a River - CCS 288 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=MfsiMIHItc>

Announcements

- **Sunday 11/9** **9:45 am** Lectionary Disc–2 Thess 2:1-5,13-17
10:30 am *Hold Fast to God's Vision*–Rob de Zwart
- **Tuesday 11/11** **2:00 pm** **Women's Meeting**
7:00 pm [Together Tuesday](#) (id 924 6108 0153)
- **Thursday 11/13** **7:00 pm** Temple School *Ministry of the Teacher*
Sessions 1 & 2, [Sunday zoom](#)
- **Sunday 11/16** **9:45 am** Lectionary Disc–2 Thess 3:6-13
10:30 am *Make Responsible Choices*–Grace Troeh
- **Our website**, including weekly bulletin, web and zoom links
bethel.forthrightsystems.com.
- Give through [eTithing](https://www.cofchrist.org/give) (<https://www.cofchrist.org/give>)
Optionally, search for Bethel, KS ([link](#))

Lectionary: 3-year cycle engaging significant portions of Scripture.

This Week November 9 [Hold Fast to God's Vision](#)

2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17 Haggai 1:15b—2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 Luke 20:27-38
Doctrine and Covenants 163:1, 2a, 3b

Next Week November 16 [Make Responsible Choices](#)

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12 Luke 21:5-19/21:5–18 IV
Doctrine and Covenants 161:7; 162:7b



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.

October 20 – December 14, 2025

- **Introduction to Scripture** – Daniel Nowiski
- **Ministry of the Deacon** – I. David Lloyd
- **RCYW Core Training** – I. David Lloyd

CIMM Sessions are short seminars on topics of theology, culture, and Community of Christ Identity, Mission, Message, Beliefs and practices.

These free sessions are broadcast live on **Zoom at 7:00pm most Wednesdays**. To register, visit www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions.

- Nov 5 – **Post-Colonial Theology** – Joudy Clark Rufou
- Nov 12 & 19 – **CofC Theology parts 3 & 4**– Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith
- Dec 3 – **Ministry to the Unhoused** – Gleen Johnson
- Dec 10 – **Jesus as an Untouchable** – Joshua Bennett
- Dec 17 – **God with Us: Reclaiming the Truth of the Nativity: Unveiling the Theological Power Behind a Familiar Story** – Dave Anderson

Central Mission Center Temple School Courses

- **Ministry of the Priest:** 6:30 – 8:30 pm Mondays in November @ CMC Office

More information and registration instructions can be found at centralmission.org/temple-school/.



ONLINE RESOURCES

The USA Mission Field has a new website! cofchristusa.org

eNews website: cofchrist.org/news/new-gathering-resources-website

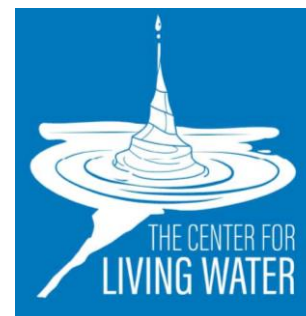
Worship resources are in a new location on the “Gathering Resources” gathering.cofchrist.org/ Scroll down to “Lectionary Calendar” under “Plan”, then use the arrows to navigate to the correct month and date.

CENTER FOR LIVING WATER

www.centerforlivingwater.org

Grounded in the contemplative tradition of Christian spirituality, the Center for Living Water encourages attendees to seek spiritual transformation and peaceful living through practice and action.

- **Under the Spire Concerts** – 7pm Nov 8, Dec 13
- **Sacred Flow: Mindful Community Yoga** – 8pm 1st Wednesdays
- **Sacred Pulse: Mindful Music** – 6pm Nov 22, Dec 20
- **Conversation Café** – 7pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays
- **Soul Collage: Art & Soul** – 7pm 3rd Tuesdays



Carrie Newcomer featuring Gary Walters

Under the Spiral Concert Series

7pm Saturday, November 8

Carrie Newcomer is a songwriter, recording artist, performer and educator and has released 19 albums. She has been described as a "prairie mystic" by the Boston Globe and one who "asks all the right questions" by Rolling Stone Magazine. Her low and resonant voice is "*..as rich as Godiva Chocolate*". For parents of children between the ages of 2-10, register for free childcare at [this link](#).

Hanging with Ma-Gnomies @ Olathe

Young Adult Chili & Craft

6pm Friday, November 14

Olathe congregation is located at 15520 S Ridgeview Rd. Children are welcome! For more information: OlatheYoungAdults@GMAIL.COM

Youth & Young Adult Leader Gathering

Young Adult Chili & Craft

12pm or 8pm Friday, November 21

Emerging Generations Specialist Humberto Tinsman invites leaders serving children, youth, and early young adults to join online to connect, share, and encourage one another in ministry. We look forward to connecting and sharing together in this ministry space! **Register by November 17** at forms.office.com/r/KejzQX003Z.

EMERGE Online Youth Gathering

6pm Sun, Nov 23

All youth ages 14–18 are invited to join this Zoom gathering to connect, make new friends, and share life together with others across the church. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to see you there! Zoom

link: bit.ly/EmergeNov2025

Autumn Lecture Series

Journey with us as we explore a number of fascinating individuals and topics from Community of Christ's past. Register for each event at

cofchrist.org/news/autumn-lecture-series/

- 7pm Thurs, Nov 6 – "*Nauvoo Polygamy and the RLDS Church*" with Lachlan Mackay
 - 7pm Thurs, Nov 13 – "*A Peculiar People, Politically: The Saints and Politics in 1830s Ohio*" with Seth Bryant
 - 12pm Thurs, Nov 20 – "*From War and Poverty to Questing for Peaceable Zion: Andrew Bolton's Story*" with Andrew Bolton
 - 7pm Tues, Dec 2 – "*The Peter and Mary Whitmer Family and Diversity in the 1830s Church of Christ*" with Mark Staker
 - 7pm Thurs, Dec 4 – "*Cecil Ettinger's Journey to Nigeria*" with David Ettinger
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Save the Date: Summer 2026

June 5–16 Caravan	July 12–19 Spectacular
June 18–22 Doniphan Family Camp	July 12–17 MITIOG
June 28–July 3 Junior/Middle School Camp	July 23–25 Youth Quest
July 5–10 Chihowa Family Camp	