



Community of Christ

Bethel Congregation
Midlands Mission Center
Welcoming the online community
 Kansas City, KS
 January 18, 2026 10:30AM CDT

Bring Light

Presiding **Seventy Kyle Joyce**

Hymn of Praise “Let Justice Roll like a River” **CCS #288**

Announcements

Welcome

In Community, we belong to Christ. “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him.” All are welcome in the love of Jesus Christ. Let us join this day in praise, reflection, proclamation, and commitment, that our worship may be acceptable in the name of God, the creator, Jesus, the liberator, and the Holy Spirit, our comforter.

May our worship today offer gratitude, faith, and generosity. Let us be inspired by the example set before us in our worship this morning.

Call to Worship **Psalm 40:1-11, NRSVue**

I waited for the Lord, and they heard my cry. They lifted me from the pit of despair, set my feet on solid ground, and steadied my steps. They placed a new song within me, a song of praise and trust. Happy are those who rely on the Lord, who do not follow false paths. Your wondrous deeds, O God, are beyond counting; Your faithfulness cannot be hidden. I have spoken your saving love aloud, and your mercy will keep me forever.

***Hymn** “Come and Bring Light” **CCS #287**

***Invocation**

***Response**

Prayer for Peace see insert

Hymn “For Everyone Born” **CCS #285**

Message

Elder Jeff Cady

Confirmation of Andrew James Miller

by Seventy Kyle Joyce and High Priest Stan Troeh

Hymn “The Spirit of God like a Fire Is Burning” **CCS #384**

Disciples’ Generous Response see insert <https://bit.ly/BethelGift>

***Hymn** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” **CCS #581**

***Sending Forth** **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Response**

Potluck following service

***Congregation invited to stand**

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Announcements

- **Sunday 1/18** 9:45 am **Lectionary Disc.** – Isaiah 49:1-7
10:30 am **Bring Light** – Seventy Kyle Joyce
Potluck following
- **Monday 1/19** 7:00 pm **Priesthood Meeting** (949 9683 2354)
- **Tuesday 1/20** 7:00 pm **Together Tuesday** (924 6108 0153)
- **Sunday 1/25** 9:45 am **Lectionary Disc.** – Matthew 4:12-23
10:30 am **Bring Our Lives** – Dave Hall
3:00 pm **JPAT Video** *A Citizen's Guide to Preserving Democracy* **Temple Continents**
Room or **Zoom ID 867 1124 3811 pswd 071643**
- **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](#))

RECORDINGS

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

Come and Bring Light - CCS 287 - The Beyond the Walls Choir
https://youtube.com/watch?v=USMkEj_tsz4

For Everyone Born - CCS 285 - The Beyond the Walls Choir (2020)
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=akF3oWZoIXE>

The Spirit of God like a Fire Is Burning (English) - CCS 384 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=aqFdya6liEI>

Lectionary

3-year cycle engaging significant portions of our Scripture.

This Week January 18 Bring Light

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| Isaiah 49:1-7 | Psalms 40: 1-11 |
| 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 | John 1:29-42 |

Next Week January 25 Bring Our Lives

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| Matthew 4:12-23 | Isaiah 9:1-4 |
| Psalms 27:1, 4-9 | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 |

Prayer for Peace

God our Light, we pause to hear your call to mission, to sense the longing in your heart that all the world might come to know the depth of your peace.

We confess that too often we have chosen apathy in the face of need, inattentiveness to the silent pleas around us, and abrasiveness when a gentle hand was sought. Though we stumble and choose courses that cause separation, still you beckon us to seek your ways of peace.

Open our inner eyes to see your dream of peace, to find the solace that stills our hearts and quickens our resolve to see your kingdom come. Restore us to your vision of welcome for all and provision for the least. Strengthen our hands and make our hearts sturdy that we might invest our energies in those things which make for peace in the fabric of your beloved creation community.

Lord, we give you our desire to serve that you might bless our efforts to further the work to which you once again call us, the work of spreading the healing balm of peace in our broken world. Call us to serve in your name of peace, we pray, Amen.

Disciples' Generous Response

God has made us stewards of the rich resources that were given in Creation and are given anew each day. On this day, we give our offerings and tithes for the church's mission and ministries throughout the earth. We give, knowing that all that we have has come from God who will continue to provide.

With much still to be done as witnesses to God's goodness around the world, may we be generous with our offerings. Let us pray.

Holy God, thank you for sending your Spirit, the Spirit of the risen Christ, from heaven. Help us to be like the early disciples, praying patiently as we wait for your guidance and power. Fill our hearts and minds with your gifts of faith, hope, and love. May our conversations with people of every language and culture around us witness to your grace and mercy. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to your good purposes in the world through our church's mission by the power of your Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



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.

January 5 – March 1

- **Introduction to PASTOR Ministry** (ends Feb. 15)
- **Ministry of the Disciple**
- Christian Ministry Cert. **Spiritual Formation** – Kris Judd (\$100)

March 2 – April 26

- **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry**
- **Ministry of the Teacher**
- **Ministry of the Seventy**
- **Ministry of the Bishop**
- Christian Ministry Cert. **Introduction to New Testament** - Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith (\$100)

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.

- Jan 7 & 14 – **Called to Question: The Story of CofC Theology parts 5 & 6** – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith
- Jan 21 – **Youth Ministry** – Humberto Tinsman
- Jan 28 – **Exploring Community of Christ Statement on Nonviolence** – Stassi Cramm



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WELCOME ROB HEVERLING

We welcome Rob Heverling as our new, fulltime paid, Mission Center President (team lead) and Chief Financial Officer-CFO (financial team lead) as sustained by vote at the Fall MMC Conference. Rob comes to us from Council Bluffs, IA, where he served on the Prairie Bluffs Mission Center leadership team and full-time pastor of Council Bluffs Central.

Until Rob has his official work phone and email, he can be reached at presidentteam@midlandsmc.org. He looks forward to helping the Mission Center create sacred and meaningful experiences.

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.

- **Sacred Flow: Mindful Community Yoga** – 8pm 1st Wednesdays
- **Conversation Café** – 7pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays
- **Soul Collage: Art & Soul** – 7pm 3rd Tuesdays



Documentary Screenings @ The Temple

3pm Sunday, January 11 & 25

This series hosted by the Justice and Peace Action Team KC continues with a screening of "A Citizens Guide to Preserving Democracy." Join via [Zoom ID 867 1124 3811 pswd 071643](https://us02zoom.us/j/86711243811?pwd=071643).

Climate Webinar

Can Reimagining Capitalism Save the Planet?

4pm Sunday, January 11

Bill McClain is a University of Washington economy instructor teaching a class on stakeholder capitalism, a different, more democratic form of capitalism. He's also deeply passionate about the environment and climate emergency, and he co-founded Clean and Prosperous America. Come hear Bill's hopeful message about the new capitalism emerging. Register at letsgo.bio/climatejustice/

Twist Weekend @ Olathe

Teens Working In Service Together

7pm Fri, Jan 30 – 12pm Sun, Feb 1

At TWIST, amongst all the fun and fellowship of camp, 6th–12th grade campers learn the value of service and giving back to the community while participating in various service-related activities on Saturday. Please bring \$25 fees, insurance card copy, and a completed health form, which can be found on the MMC website. Questions? Contact Dawn 816.718.8307 or Greg 816.210.4943

MMC_Youth@midlandsmc.org.

Navigating Your Financial Future

7– 8:30 pm Sunday, February 1

The Presiding Bishopric is hosting a financial education session and discussion with Certified Financial Planner® Paul Dreher for individuals aged 45–65. Join us for a program designed to help you understand key financial topics, assess your financial direction, and explore the benefit of a personalized retirement plan. Gain practical tools for planning your financial future. Register at bit.ly/FinancialFutureFeb26.

An Invitation to the Ministry of Silence

Online Ministry Retreat

9 – 11 am Saturday, February 7 OR 21

Central Missouri and Coastal Bend Mission Centers are hosting this online ministry led by Evangelists Diane Allison and Mark. Members of the Midlands Mission Center are invited to attend. Register at bit.ly/SpiritualRetreatFeb26. Questions can be directed to Central Missouri MC President Mary Jo Sartin at 660.747.6193.

