



# Community of Christ

**Bethel Congregation**  
**Midlands Mission Center**  
**Welcoming the online community**  
Kansas City, KS  
November 3, 2024 10:30AM CDT

## **Love God, Love Neighbor**

**Elder Kristine Shipley**

### **Presiding**

### **Announcements**

**Hymn** "Sing of Colors" **CCS #332**

### **Welcome**

**Invitation to Worship** **Psalm 146:1-2,8-10**

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God  
all my life long.  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are  
bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.  
The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the  
widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.  
The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!*

**\*Hymn** "Bring Forth the Kingdom" **CCS #387**

### **\*Invocation**

### **Prayer for Peace**

Mother God,  
We long to bring forth peaceful communities where all are equal, all are safe, all are loved, and all are welcomed. We long to bring painful, destructive wars to an end. As rain heals the parched fields, we long for your mercy to heal our parched souls. We long to be your healing hands on Earth, spreading your justice. Give us strength and courage.

Many seeds grow. Many seeds blossom. We plant bulbs that will take months to peek through the soil and grow hearty petals. We plant tiny seeds that grow enormous leaves. May we tend to your garden lovingly and faithfully through seasons of rest, seasons of growth, and seasons of harvest. In the name of Jesus, tiller of fields of mercy. Amen.

**Hymn** "He Came Singing Love" **CCS #226**

**Communion Message** **High Priest Stan Troeh**

### **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 might 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.

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

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

### **Disciples' Generous Response**

**\*Hymn** "Called by Christ to Love Each Other" **CCS #577**

**\*Sending Forth** **Doctrine and Covenants 165:6a**

*Beloved Community of Christ, do not just speak an sing of Zion.  
Live, love, and share as Zion: those who strive to be visibly one in  
Christ, among whom there are no poor or oppressed.*

**\*Congregation standing as able**

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## **Announcements**

- **Sunday 11/3** >>>>**TIME CHANGE – Fall Back**<<<<  
    **9:45 am** **Lectionary Disc.**—Mark 12:28-34  
    **10:30 am** *Love God, Love Neighbor*  
    **Hybrid Communion**  
    **Speaking: High Priest Stan Troeh**
- Tuesday 11/5                Election Day (in the U.S.)
- **Saturday 11/9 5:00 pm** **Campfire**
- **Sunday 11/10 9:45 am** **Lectionary Disc.**—Mark 12:38-44  
    **10:30 am** *Can We Calculate Our Giving*  
    **Speaking: Evangelist Jim Diddle**
- Our website, including weekly bulletin, web and zoom links  
    [bethel.forthrightsystems.com](http://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 November 3** **[Love God, Love Neighbor](#)**

**Mark 12:28-34/12:33-40 IV** Ruth 1:1-18

Psalm 146                                Hebrews 9:11-14

Doctrine and Covenants 165:6a

**Next Week November 10** **[Can We Calculate Our Giving?](#)**

**Mark 12:38-44/12:45-50 IV** Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Psalm 127                                Hebrews 9:24-28

Doctrine and Covenants 165:2a, f



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## 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](http://graceland.edu/CIMM). Cost is \$25 unless noted.

### *Spring A (January 6–March 2, 2025)*

- **Introduction to Pastors Ministry**
- **Ministry of the Disciple**

### *Spring B (March 3–April 27, 2025)*

- **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry** – Instructor TBA
- **Ministry of the Seventy** – Instructor Bethany Lloyd
- **Ministry of the Teacher** – Instructor TBA
- **Ministry of the Bishop** – Instructor Carla Long

### *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](http://www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions).

- Nov 6 – “God All Around” Linda Booth
- Nov 13 – Deciding Together in the Church part 1 – Kelly Phipps
- Nov 20 – Deciding Together in the Church part 2 – Kelly Phipps
- Dec 4 – Star Trek Community – Star Trek Community Group
- Dec 11 – Becoming a Prophetic People – Linda Stanbridge
- Dec 18 – Worship in a Changing Culture part 2 – Tyler Marz & Karin Peter
- Jan 8 – Listening with the Lectionary – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith

## SAVE THE DATE

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| Nov 9 | Joel Ansett Concert         |
| Dec 7 | The Huixqui Sisters Concert |

## NONVIOLENCE STATEMENT FEEDBACK

In response to 2019 WCR 1319, the First Presidency has crafted a draft Statement on Nonviolence. You are invited to read the statement and provide feedback on each section **by February 28, 2025**. The FP will review the feedback and update as necessary by May 2025.

Statement: [bit.ly/NonviolenceStatement](http://bit.ly/NonviolenceStatement) (click “Draft Statement”)  
Survey: [bit.ly/NonviolenceSurvey](http://bit.ly/NonviolenceSurvey)

## WORLD CONFERENCE 2025

**DELEGATES:** World Conference will be held **May 30 – June 6, 2025**, in Independence, MO. Midlands is seeking **three more delegates** plus alternates. To submit an application: [bit.ly/WC2025delegate](http://bit.ly/WC2025delegate).

**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](http://bit.ly/WC25Legislation)  
View the background and support statements: [bit.ly/WC25LegSupport](http://bit.ly/WC25LegSupport)

**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 Bryant at 309.706.6179 or [BBryant@CofChrist.org](mailto:BBryant@CofChrist.org).

# Under the Spire Concert Series

The Temple Sanctuary is a world class performance space. As you sit beneath a 195-foot nautilus inspired spiral ceiling, you will feel the music soar in this unique acoustic environment. We are hosting gifted folk musicians who write and perform songs that evoke inspiration and peace. There is no ticket fee, but we do suggest a \$20 donation. Cost shouldn't be a barrier to participation. This series is sponsored by Community of Christ and the Independence Square Association. For more information, please visit [www.centerforlivingwater.org/concerts](http://www.centerforlivingwater.org/concerts).

## *Joel Ansett*

**7pm Saturday, November 9**

Joel Ansett is a grassroots and independent American singer-songwriter known for his introspective lyrics and heartfelt live performances. His sound combines folk and R&B. Artist Review wrote: "this music is soul therapy." His newest album "Layers" provides an immersive listening experience about unseen relational barriers with strangers, loved ones, and God.

## *The Huixqui Sisters*

**7pm Saturday, December 7**

The Huixqui Sisters – pronounced like "whiskey" – are a vocal duet accompanied by guitar and keys. They create custom arrangements of their favorite songs across a variety of genres, with a vocal blend only achieved by sisters and vocal precision. Originally from the small town of Huixquilucan (whikey-loo-kahn), Mexico, their hometown inspires identity and artistic passions. From the artist: It is in honor of this beautiful village, nestled in the mountains outside of Mexico City, that we named ourselves and hope to share some of its beauty with you.

# THANKSGIVING

## Word Scramble

DIRECTIONS/ Unscramble the Thanksgiving words and then use the highlighted letters to form the secret message. You will have to unscramble the message as well.

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