



Community of Christ

Bethel Congregation
Midlands Mission Center
Welcoming the online community
Kansas City, KS
November 17, 2024 10:30AM CDT

Hold Fast to Hope

Presiding

Priest Sandra Billings

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 16:5, 11

The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup. You, O God, show us the path of life. In your presence there is a fullness of joy.

***Praise Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" **CCS #250**

***Invocation**

***Response**

Spiritual Practice **Hebrews 10:11-25**

Song of Reflection "Heal Me, Hands of Jesus" **CCS #546**

Prayer for Peace

Creator of all,

It is easy to look around and become overwhelmed at the current state of the world. With environmental catastrophes and the state of global warming, the lack of sustainability, and pollution. There are wars and greed, systems that support discrimination, inequality and unjust treatment of people and planet. How can we not feel overwhelmed?

Don't put laws in our hearts, Lord. But rather your radical, all-encompassing love. May this flow through our bodies spurring us on to demand just change to the world we live in and on. May this cause us to make a beautiful noise; to speak and stand in the face of oppression and greed and be a living example of a better way.

Let us draw near to you God, with sincere hearts. That we might be sustained in the knowledge of your love for all and the heartbreak of what we, as humanity, have caused.

Help us find our way forward from here, is our prayer from the depths of our beings. Amen

Sing for Peace "Lord, Prepare Me" **CCS #280** (twice)

Message **Seventy Kyle Joyce**

Disciples' Generous Response

***Sending Forth Hymn** "Take the Path of the Disciple" **CCS #558**

***Benediction**

***Sending Forth** **Doctrine & Covenants 165:2b**

Listen to the testimonies of those responding generously. Follow your soul's yearning to come home to God's grace and generosity. Let gratitude show you the way.

***Congregation standing as able**

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- **Sunday 11/17 9:45 am Lectionary Disc--Hebrews 10:11-25**
10:30 am *Hold Fast to Hope*
Speaking: Seventy Kyle Joyce
- **Monday 11/18 7:00 pm [Priesthood Meeting](#) (zoom)**
- **Sunday 11/24 9:45 am Lectionary Disc--Revelation 1:4b-8**
10:30 am *Tomorrow Christ Is Coming*
Speaking: Elder Jeff Cady
after service **Potluck** and decorating for Advent
- **Tuesday 12/3 *Giving Tuesday* – gifts to World Church**
Mission Tithes will be matched (doubled)
- **World Church Legislation Prioritization Survey (to 12/14)**
<https://app.opinionx.co/85821c9c-6637-439f-a811-d1647a54120c>
- **Community of Christ draft statement/survey on Nonviolence**
<https://cofchrist.org/draft-statement/>
- **Stassi Cramm's Pastoral Letter** on church leadership changes
<https://bit.ly/4etLfyI>
- 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 our scripture

This Week November 17 [Hold Fast to Hope](#)

Hebrews 10:11-25 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10
Psalm 16 Mark 13:1-8
Doctrine and Covenants 165:2a-b

Next Week November 24 [Tomorrow Christ Is Coming](#)

Revelation 1:4b-8 2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-18 John 18:33-37
Doctrine and Covenants 161:4a-b; 165:2a



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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. 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.

- 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 (click “Draft Statement”)
Survey: 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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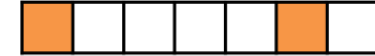
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DIRECTIONS/ Unscramble the Thanksgiving words and then use the highlighted letters to form the secret message. You will have to unscramble the message as well.

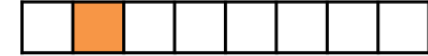
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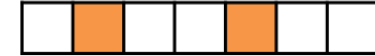
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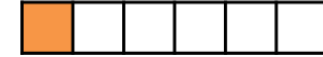
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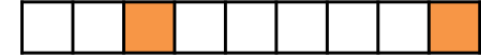
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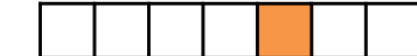
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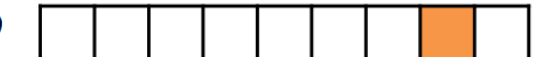
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