



# Community of Christ

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

## The Promise of Hope

**Presiding** Elder Grace Troeh

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Advent Focus** Joyce Shipley

**Invitation to Worship** Mosiah 1:49

*Behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God.*

**\*Hymn** "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" CCS #397

**\*Invocation**

**\*Response**

**Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" CCS #394 v1,3,4

**Hymn** "Star-Child" CCS #420

**Scripture** Isaiah 2:2-4

**Hymn** "Blest Be the God of Israel" CCS #396

**Scripture** Mosiah 1:102-103

**Hymn** "Peace Child" CCS #402

**Prayer for Peace** text of CCS #312

**Hymn** "Come, Join in Mary's Prophet Song" CCS #308

**The stories of Mary, the angel, and Elizabeth** Stan Troeh  
Based on Luke 1:26-56

**Hymn** "Canticle of the Turning" CCS #404

**Scripture** Doctrine and Covenants 163:2a-b

**Hymn** "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" CCS #407

**Disciples' Generous Response**  
**Hymn** "No Obvious Angles"

<https://bit.ly/BethelGift>

CCS #418

**\*Closing Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

CCS #431

**\*Closing Prayer & Blessing on food**

Stan Troeh

**\*Congregation invited to stand**

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## RECORDINGS

CCS 394 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – privately shared recording  
by Brian & Sara Tubbesing

CCS 420 Star Child – 2020 Advent worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urY8xNkJoWU>

Canticle of the Turning - CCS 404 - The Beyond the Walls Choir

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=S7GAFySnkFs>

CCS 431 O Come All Ye Faithful remix (2nd)

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=rmFoxJKmn0o>

## Announcements

- **Sunday 11/30**      **9:45 am Hanging of the Green** -- decorating  
                         **10:30 am *The Promise of Hope***  
                         Service of Advent & Christmas Carols  
                         Potluck following service
- **Tuesday 12/2**                      **Giving Tuesday** *many gifts matched*  
                         <https://cofchrist.org/giving-tuesday/>  
                         <https://www.graceland.edu/give/g2g>  
                         <https://lakedoniphan.app.neoncrm.com/forms/givingtuesday2025>
- **Thursday 12/4**      **7:00 pm Ministry of the Teacher** lesson 4  
                         Sunday zoom
- **Saturday 12/6**      **4:00 pm Holiday Dinner**
- **Sunday 12/7**      **9:45 am** Lectionary Discussion – Isaiah 11:1-10  
                         **10:30 am *The Promise of Peace*** – Communion  
                         Elder Kristine Shipley speaking
- **Sunday 12/14**      **9:45 am Business Meeting (officers, budget)**
- **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 30** [\*\*The Promise of Hope\*\*](#)

**Matthew 24:36-44**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

**Psalms 122**

**Romans 13:11-14**

**Next Week December 7** [\*\*The Promise of Peace\*\*](#)

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

**Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19**

**Romans 15:4-13**

**Matthew 3:1-12/3:27-40 IV**

## **Isaiah 2**

<sup>2</sup> In days to come  
the mountain of the *LORD's house*  
*shall be established as the highest of the mountains,*  
*and shall be raised above the hills;*  
*all the nations shall stream to it.*

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

## **Mosiah 1**

102 And he shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things, from the beginning; and his mother shall be called Mary.

103 And lo, he cometh unto his own, that salvation might come unto the children of men, even through faith, on his name.

## **Section 163**

2a. 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. Follow Christ in the way that leads to God's peace and discover the blessings of all of the dimensions of salvation.

2b. Generously share the invitation, ministries, and sacraments through which people can encounter the Living Christ who heals and reconciles through redemptive relationships in sacred community. The restoring of persons to healthy or righteous relationships with God, others, themselves, and the earth is at the heart of the purpose of your journey as a people of faith.



## 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](http://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](http://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/](http://centralmission.org/temple-school/).



## ONLINE RESOURCES

The USA Mission Field has a new website! [cofchristusa.org](http://cofchristusa.org)

eNews website: [cofchrist.org/news/new-gathering-resources-website](http://cofchrist.org/news/new-gathering-resources-website)

Worship resources are in a new location on the “Gathering Resources” [gathering.cofchrist.org/](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays
- **Sacred Pulse: Mindful Music** – 6pm Nov 22, Dec 20
- **Conversation Café** – 7pm 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays
- **Soul Collage: Art & Soul** – 7pm 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](#).

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## 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](mailto:OlatheYoungAdults@GMAIL.COM)

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## 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](https://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](https://bit.ly/EmergeNov2025)

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## 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/](https://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