



## Overland Park Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) 

7600 West 75th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204  
913-677-4646

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Sunday Services

“Middlers” Adult Christian Education Class — 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary Worship — 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Nursery care available from 9:00 a.m. — noon

“The Broader Way” Worship — 4:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Sunday Worship is Live-Streamed on our Website and Facebook Page

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## everything [in] between

Meeting God in the midst of extremes

For the last several weeks we have been invited to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness. Each worship we have (and will continue to) explore two supposed binaries, like “faith & works,” or “rest & growth,” or “grief & hope.” We often consider these ideas to be opposing. However, as we explore these concepts within the scriptures, we find nuance and complexity. We see that these dichotomies are false. We begin to see a full spectrum beyond black and white, finding that God is not only in the gray areas [in] between, but in the full spectrum of the rainbow of our world.

As we make our way toward the end of Lent and Holy Week, we are invited to continue looking beyond black and white binaries and easy answers. We are encouraged to notice the dichotomies that attempt to define our lives, but also imagine where God is meeting us beyond the categories we create.

Perhaps we might be trying to find our way through an undefined space, or simply feel the effects of the divided world in which we live. These weeks have been, and continued to be, a balm for those who seek a spiritual life that engages *with* complexity instead of avoiding it. We continue to trust that God shows up in shades of gray, rainbow hues, and everywhere [in] between.

*Laura*

# Holy Week at OPCC

The prayers, praise, reflections, and finding of God [in] Between the extremes will continue to inspire our worship as we make our way to Holy Week, April 13 – April 20. Mark your calendars for these special worship experiences on this holiest of weeks.

## Palm Sunday, April 13

### God [in] Between Shouting & Silence

Luke 19:29-40

Jesus doesn't instigate his own parade. Instead, just his quiet presence alone inspires the multitude to shout out and praise God. When the religious leaders try to silence the crowd, Jesus tells them that the noise level isn't the point — even the stones would cry out if others were silent. It takes wisdom to know when our voice is needed and when it's just noise.

10:30 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship with Palm Processional

12:00 p.m. – Easter Egg Stuffing “Party” (Light lunch provided)

4:30 p.m. – Broader Way Worship w/ potluck meal

**Egg Stuffing Party**  
after church on Palm Sunday  
Please bring items – no peanuts  
and individually wrapped food  
& non food treats that are  
small enough to fit inside  
a plastic Easter egg

## Maundy Thursday, April 17

### God [in] Between Olivet & Calvary

Luke 22:39 – 23:33

In the last days and hours of Jesus life, he spent time in prayer on the Mount of Olives (Olivet) before making his way toward Calvary where he would be crucified. All are welcome to come to OPCC at 6:30pm for a special Maundy Thursday Cantata in the OPCC Sanctuary, as we encounter the humanity and divine of Jesus [in] between the whole journey. Communion will be served, and a special opportunity for children and families will take place during a portion of the cantata, in the Fireside Room. We anticipate the cantata worship will last about 90 minutes.

## Good Friday, April 18

### God [in] Between acceptance & resistance

Luke 23:32-49

As Jesus dies on the cross, one thief resists him and the other accepts him as Messiah. Jesus resists the empire but accepts his fate. We also are called to resist systems of power and oppression, and yet we ultimately have to accept that Jesus dies—and one day we will too. We have to discern what to accept as given and what to resist, what is “God’s will” and what is the result of our own unquestioned systems.

To assist with this discernment, you are invited to experience drop-in prayer stations in the OPCC Prayer chapel whenever the building is open from Maundy Thursday through Easter morning.

Stations specific to “acceptance & resistance,” along with communion, will be available for your experience.

## Easter Sunday, April 20 — *He is Risen!*

### God [in] Between grief & hope

Luke 24:1-12

Grief is a healthy response to Jesus' death and a valid way to enter worship on Easter morning. And yet, the women at the empty tomb are given hope amidst their mourning. The other disciples don't believe the women's message, but Peter, living in the in-between of grief and hope, runs to the tomb to see for himself. Grieving doesn't have to make us hopeless. Hope can compel us to take action when we are deep in grief.

- Join us at 8:00 a.m. in the OPCC Fireside Room
- Have fun with the Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m.
- Gather at 10:30 a.m. in-person in the sanctuary or virtually to celebrate Christ's resurrection! Join us for songs, scripture, and communion as we celebrate the resurrection of the Christ on the morning of the third day!

**OVERLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO MAUNDY THURSDAY FOR**

**J.H. MAUNDER'S CANTATA  
OLIVET TO CALVARY &  
HOLY COMMUNION**

Marvin Byas IV, Conductor  
William Canaday, Organist

Thursday April 17th, 6:30pm

7600 West 75th Street  
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**Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Easter Sunday Morning  
April 20, 9:30am**

All are welcome to join us  
in OPCC's large courtyard  
to hunt for fun and treats!

Invite your friends and neighbors!



## Care & Share

All are invited to join for lunch, laughter, good food, fellowship, and support once a month with our Care And Share Support Group.

Our first lunch meeting of 2025 will be on **Wednesday, April 23, at 11:30 in the OPCC Fireside Room**. Bring your own lunch and drink, and ideas for the places we will meet for the rest of the year. Hope to see you there!

## Middlers Sunday Morning Christian Education Class

**Sundays, 9:00 – 10:15 am  
NW Section Fellowship Hall**

The Middlers' Adult Bible Study meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Northwest section of Fellowship Hall. Middlers is open for all persons to join in fellowship and grow in faith as we study scripture utilizing the Feasting on the Word curriculum.

Contact Peggy Moore for more information.

## Girlfriends

Women of OPCC, join us for study, fellowship, and fun! Our Girlfriends Bible Study and Support Group is a mid-week offering for women who are looking for ways to deepen their relationship with God by practicing their faith in everyday life.

We meet on Wednesdays 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We would be delighted for you to join us — and bring a friend!

For more information, contact Peggy Moore.

## Men's Fellowship Group

All men are invited to the Men's Fellowship Group on the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room for coffee, study, and fellowship.

Contact: Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378

## Prayer List

### Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Bill Anthony
- ♥ Beverly Barrett
- ♥ Shelli Brown (Sharon McBride's niece)
- ♥ Marvin Byas IV
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Jolynn Carlton (Pat Warner's daughter)
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Cassy & Bob Evans
- ♥ Pamela Felton
- ♥ Nicole Finley (Sally Withers' niece)
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Pat Gilling
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Collette Jones (Perri Kolars' sister)
- ♥ Sue Mallery and family (Cassy Evans' sister)
- ♥ Calvin & Sharon McBride
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Bryce Moore
- ♥ Julie Norman (Lisa Engelken's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Cheryl Peters & Donna Reiss
- ♥ Pat Phillips (Laura Phillips' mother)
- ♥ Jimmy Reynolds
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Mike Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ Sharon Shankel
- ♥ Larry & Bernice Stouse
- ♥ Van Swanson (Sharon McBride's brother-in-law)
- ♥ Chuck Warner
- ♥ Jim & Sally Withers

### Continued Prayers

- ♥ Carole Flagler
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Tony Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan

### Military Prayer List

- ❖ Lieutenant Colonel Michael Worsley (Amber Phipps' husband) stationed in Poland

### Condolences

- ♥ to the family of Charles (Charlie) M. Clark, Jr. who passed away on March 30, 2025.  
[www.johnsoncountychapel.com/obituaries/charles-clark](http://www.johnsoncountychapel.com/obituaries/charles-clark)

Worship & Arts will again be decorating the Sanctuary for Easter with flowering plants and lilies. If you would like to purchase a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the information below and return it, along with your check made out to OPCC or cash, to the church office, drop it in the offering box at church, or contact Michelle Reiter at 913-677-4646, x223, or [michelle@opccdoc.org](mailto:michelle@opccdoc.org). Cost is \$15.00 per plant. A list of all those honored will be printed in the bulletin on Easter.

# Easter Flowers



Your name \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Save these Dates!

Amazing things are happening in the life of the church, and you surely don't want to miss out. While some of these things are further away, still make sure to put them on your calendar, and more information will be available, soon!

### Summer Church Camp

Start planning now for Summer Camp! Register and find more information at: [www.talloaks.org/doc-camps](http://www.talloaks.org/doc-camps)

OPCC has scholarships available for Tall Oaks — just let us know if you want to go but need help with paying, and we will make sure it happens!

### Beyond the Bridge: Solutions to Homelessness — May 7

Our sister congregation Independence Boulevard Christian Church is showing a film "Beyond the Bridge: Solutions to Homelessness," followed by a panel discussion, on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. [If you'd like to join, you can find more information, here.](#)

### KC Pride Fest — June 6 – 8

A group of DOC churches from throughout the region are partnering together to staff a booth at the KC Pride Fest. This year OPCC will join with several other congregations to demonstrate the ways that our welcome goes beyond an invitation to simply walk in the doors.

### 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Overland Park Christian Church — June 27 – 29

Details are still to be determined, but we know that on that last weekend in June we will celebrate together the Body of Christ in OPCC for these last 75 years!

### Tri-Regional Partnership Mission Service Day — August 16

The Disciples of Christ Regions of Greater Kansas City, Nebraska, and Kansas, continue to partner together in our Tri-Regional Partnership, and will continue this ministry by working together on August 16<sup>th</sup> at Hillcrest Christian Church in South Overland Park.

SAVE THE DATE

#### KC DISCIPLES CAMPS 2025



CYF MID-WINTER	JAN. 3-5
CHI RHO MID-WINTER	FEB. 7 - 9
DAY CAMP 1	JUNE 25
DAY CAMP 2	JULY 19
PRIMARY CAMP	JULY 14 - 16
JUNIOR CAMP	JUNE 26 - 29
CHI RHO CAMP	JULY 20 - 24
EIGHTERS CAMP	JULY 18 - 24
CYF CAMP	JUNE 24 - 29
ADULT CAMP	MAY 23 - 26
GRANDPARENTS CAMP 1	JUNE 20 - 22
GRANDPARENTS CAMP 2	JULY 11 - 13

# Week of Compassion

[www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org)



As we enter into “tornado season,” we know that there continue to be many natural disasters all around our country, and our world. Week of Compassion, the outreach, disaster response, and development arm of our denomination, allows us to “be the church” from afar by supporting those who need it most. If you feel moved to donate in response to any of these natural disasters, like the earthquake in Asia, or recent tornadoes in the mid-west, you can do so by donating to Week of Compassion. You can donate on the Week of Compassion website, the OPCC website, or in the offering-box on Sunday mornings, and simply mark it for “Week of Compassion.”

## Regional Minister Search Begins

You might recall that our Regional Minister and President, the Rev. Bill Rose-Heim, retired at the end of 2024. The Rev. Ron Routledge has started as our Interim Regional Minister, and the regional leadership have named individuals to serve on the regional minister search team. To facilitate this process, and ensure that *all* have a chance to share their thoughts, the regional minister search committee is setting up listening sessions at several regional churches. All KC area Disciples are invited to come to share their ideas and perspectives on the region, regional ministry, and the regional minister we are seeking. There will be guided questions and discussion at each of the sessions, so we hope you plan to attend at least one!

### LISTENING SESSIONS

- Sunday, April 6 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Hillside CC (900 NE Vivion Rd, 64118)
- Sunday, April 27 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at Raymore CC (500 Peace Dr, 64083)
- Sunday, April 27 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at Central CC (3801 E Linwood Blvd, 64128)

### ONLINE SURVEY

If anyone is unable to attend a listening conference in person, they can still provide [input and feedback through this online survey.](#)

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