



Overland Park Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) 

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Church Office Hours

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

Sunday Services

Sanctuary Worship — 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, every Sunday

“The Broader Way” Worship — 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room, 2nd Sunday of the month

Sunday Worship is Live-Streamed on our Facebook and YouTube Pages

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Let me ask you a question as we move through February:

What kind of news has been shaping your spirit lately?

By now, the year is no longer new. The glow of January has worn off. The headlines haven't slowed down. And for many of us, the weight of the world feels just as heavy as it did a few weeks ago — maybe heavier.

That's part of why Lent matters.

Lent is not an escape from reality. It's an invitation to tell the truth about it. And this year, as we move toward that season, we are choosing to listen again for the good news of the gospel — not as wishful thinking, but as a steady, grounding voice in the middle of a noisy world.

Throughout Lent, we'll pay attention to where good news still shows up:

- in invitation when exclusion feels easier,
- in joy that surprises us after loss,
- in love for neighbor that asks something of us,
- in care for the vulnerable,
- in justice that refuses to stay abstract,
- and ultimately, in resurrection that reminds us despair never gets the final word.

Lent doesn't ask us to pretend things are fine.

It asks us to slow down, look honestly at our lives and our world, and trust that God is still at work within it.

So as we approach this season, maybe the question isn't whether there is bad news. We know there is.

The deeper question is this:

Can we still hear good news? Can we still speak it? Can we still live as if it matters?

My prayer is that this Lent helps us listen more closely, breathe a little deeper, and remember that the Gospel has not gone quiet. God is still speaking. And God will always have something good to say.

Grace and peace,

Rev. McTyer



the good news is...

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 18, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for scripture, prayer, song, communion, and the imposition of ashes as we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship.

Lenten Bible Study

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
beginning February 24

Pastor Terrell will be leading a Lenten Bible study in the Prayer Chapel which you may attend in person or join via Zoom. (Contact Pastor Terrell for the Zoom link.)

Devotionals for Lent

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, this weekly devotional follows the scriptures of the “Tell Me Something Good” series through Easter Sunday. Each week offers commentary, poetry, visual art, written reflections, hymns, and reflection prompts. A physical devotional booklet will be available on the entry-way counter, along with a large print version.

Also available soon will be daily devotional cards for Ash Wednesday through Easter. Each card has a question for reflection and a short prayer.

Lent for Families



Look for a table with resources for Lent activities beginning the week of February 15th.

Ash Wednesday	1st Sunday in Lent	2nd Sunday in Lent	3rd Sunday in Lent	4th Sunday in Lent	5th Sunday in Lent
The good news is... all are invited	The good news is... so good it catches us by surprise	The good news is... great love for God and neighbor	The good news is... together, the impossible is possible	The good news is... protection and care for the vulnerable	The good news is... rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness
Luke 14:15-24 <i>(parable of the wedding banquet)</i>	John 2:1-11 <i>(wedding at Cana)</i> Matt. 13:31-32 <i>(parable of the mustard seed)</i>	Luke 7:36-50 <i>(woman with the alabaster jar washes Jesus' feet)</i> Matt. 25:35-40 <i>("Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me")</i>	Mark 6:32-44 <i>(feeding of the 5,000)</i> Eph. 3:20-21 <i>("By the power at work within us [God] is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine")</i>	Matt. 19:13-15 <i>(Jesus blesses the children)</i> Deut. 24:17-22 <i>(care for the alien, the orphan, and the widow)</i>	John 8:2-11 <i>(Jesus refuses to condemn a woman caught in adultery)</i> Matt. 23:23 <i>("You have neglected the more important matters of the law — justice, mercy, and faithfulness")</i>

Pastoral Search Committee

The pastoral search committee has completed initial online interviews with the six applicants. We will be scheduling in-person second interviews with our top applicants. Please continue to keep the committee, the applicants, our congregation, and our entire community in your prayers as we seek our settled Senior Pastor.

Teresa Phillips,
Pastoral Search Committee member

Music Department

In my position as an elementary music teacher, each month I choose a group of musicians to feature, and each day when we've completed our lessons, I show the students a short video from one of the musicians I've featured. During Black History Month, as you might guess, I showcase Black musicians. The very first video I show every February is the incomparable Kirk Franklin's choral ensemble singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

It's such a powerful arrangement!

This year, though, my soul is hanging onto the song, "We Shall Overcome". Parts of the song came from various hymns and spirituals, but it was during the 1945-1946 tobacco workers labor strike that "We Shall Overcome" began to become the iconic civil rights statement that we know now.

It was taught at social justice training center Highlander Folk School, and from there it exploded throughout the civil rights movement. It was twenty years later, in March of 1965, that President Lyndon B Johnson addressed congress in his call for the Voting Rights Act. Iconically, he invoked the song by saying, "Their cause must be our cause too. Because it is not just Negroes, but really it is all of us, who must overcome the crippling legacy of bigotry and injustice. And we shall overcome."

I wish I could say that when the Voting Rights Act was passed, all bigotry and injustice vanished. We all know better than that. I believe, though, that every generation must continually build on the successes of those who came before us. We find ourselves in a time where those who believe in righteousness must call out injustice wherever it lurks, no matter its name. To echo President Johnson's words, it is all of us who must overcome the crippling legacy of bigotry and injustice, and we shall overcome. Amen, So be it.

Becki Bayless,
OPCC Music Director

FAMILY



Faith Adventures

All families of young children are invited to join in monthly gatherings focusing on fellowship, families, and meeting God in Nature.

Our next gathering will be **Monday, February 16 @ 6pm** in OPCC's Fireside Room and Courtyard. For more info, contact Lisa Engelken at lisa4women@gmail.com

Hi OPCC Family,

My name is Ella Perry, and I'm so excited to share that I will be going on a medical missions trip to Greece this summer! Our team will be serving at pop-up medical clinics outside of refugee camps, caring for physical needs, and sharing the hope of Jesus.

As many of you may know, I grew up going on medical missions. Years ago my grandfather Forrest Haggard and his dear friend Richmond Nelson had an idea that eventually grew through many members at OPCC. Through that, medical mission trips to Jamaica were born, and a clinic was opened at Oberlin High School to serve the community. Because of what God did through OPCC and through that ministry, I grew up continuing their legacy attending trips to Jamaica. I went on my very first trip when I was just 4 years old, and on that very trip, God planted a desire in my heart to serve Him through healthcare. That seed has grown into a calling that has led me all the way through nursing school.

This trip will be taking place just a few days after I graduate from nursing school, which feels like such a full-circle, God-ordained moment. I am in awe of God's faithfulness and so expectant to see all that He will do.

As I prepare for this trip, I would be so grateful for your prayers—for our team and for the people we will have the privilege to serve. And if you feel led to partner with me financially, you can give by check, Venmo (@ellaprry), or online using the link below.



Thank you for your love and support. I can't wait to share all the ways God moves.

With so much gratitude,
Ella Perry

<https://seumissions.managedmissions.com/MyTrip/ellaperry1>

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. We usually meet at a local restaurant at 11:30am and are done around 1 or 1:15pm. Extra friends are welcome!

For our February luncheon we will meet again in the Fireside Room at church at 11:30am on Wednesday, February 11— bring your own lunch and drink. There we will get the list restaurants for our lunches for the rest of the year.

Our March lunch will be at Olive Garden, 6750 West 95th Street in Overland Park, on Wednesday, March 4.

Be sure to RSVP to Peggy Moore by email or phone at least 3 days before each gathering.

Middlers Sunday Morning Christian Education Class

Sundays, 9:00 – 10:00 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.

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

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 are currently studying Richard Foster's book Celebration of Discipline.

For more information, contact Peggy Moore.

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Bill Anthony
- ♥ Beverly Barrett
- ♥ Raelene & Ken Berry
- ♥ Jolynn Carlton (Pat Warner's daughter)
- ♥ Jon Cash (Jody Cash's brother)
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Cassy & Bob Evans
- ♥ Pamela Felton
- ♥ Nicole Finley (Sally Withers' niece)
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Loretta Garza (Calvin McBride's sister)
- ♥ Pat Gilling
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Collette Jones (Perri Kolars' sister)
- ♥ Sue Mallery and family (Cassy Evans' sister)
- ♥ Eddie Niemann (Lee Sprinkle's brother-in-law)
- ♥ Julie Norman (Lisa Engelken's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Mary Owens (Richard Owens' niece)
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Alan Peyton
- ♥ Jimmy Reynolds
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Jami Schmideskamp (Jan & Ed Eilert's daughter)
- ♥ Mike Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ Sharon Shankel
- ♥ Ralph Sprinkle (Lee Sprinkle's brother)
- ♥ Carla Stouse (Bernice & Larry Stouse's daughter)
- ♥ Larry & Bernice Stouse
- ♥ Jim Withers

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Bo Crowe
- ♥ Carole Flagler
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Calvin & Sharon McBride
- ♥ Nathaniel Naylor (Jody Cash's cousin)
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Tony Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Chuck Warner

Condolences

- ♥ to Pastor Terrell McTyer and family on the passing of his aunt, Etta Ray, on January 31.
- ♥ To Pastor Terrell McTyer and family on the passing of his uncle, Alfred Lee Burris, on January 26.

Congratulations!

- ♥ to Natalie & Matthew Vohs on the birth of their new baby boy, Walter Lawrence, on January 19.

OPCC Needs YOU!

***Sunday Morning Coffee Preparers** — **ONE MORE person** is needed to fill out our Sunday hospitality team — needed is someone to make coffee and organize the “fixings” on the fourth Sunday of each month. Instructions are available, and an email will be sent to remind you each week that you are scheduled. Sign up on the Volunteer Board or contact Jaime in the church office if this is you!

***Greeters at the Church Doors** — Our church building can seem daunting if you’ve never been here. Where to park? Which door to come in? Where’s the coffee? Where’s the bathroom? Where’s the nursery? As we continue to welcome new friends into the life and worship of OPCC, we need volunteers to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings from 10–10:30am to help folks into the building, especially if they are arriving on the West or North sides of the building. Sign up on the Volunteer Board or contact Jaime in the church office to volunteer.

***Dossal Candles and Lighters Caretakers** — The seven candles at the front of the Sanctuary that are lit during our worship services need regular maintenance. Generally, they need refilling with oil once a month. Also, every few years the tall barrels of the candles must be cleaned and repainted, and their anchors adjusted from time to time. The lighters need checking before each service. The learning curve isn’t steep, but I’ll show you how to keep the candles shining brightly for each service. Contact: Calvin McBride, 913-387-9634

***Nursery Attendant** — OPCC is seeking a caring and reliable person for our nursery on Sunday mornings to provide care for children 0-4 years old in a safe and supportive manner. This is a 2-3 hour/week position. Additional hours during the week may be needed for special events or meetings at OPCC. This is a paid position at \$15/hour. (We would also accept volunteers!) See the last page of the January issue of the OPCC Scene on our [OPCC website](#) for the full job description or contact Jaime in the church reception office at 913-677-4646 with any questions and Pastor Lisa Engelken will be in contact.



Church Camp 2026

Start planning now for Summer Camp at Tall Oaks! Register and find more information at: www.talloaks.org/doc-camps

GKCC DISCIPLES	2026 CAMP DATES	
	CYF MID-WINTER	JAN. 2 - 4
	CHI RHO MID-WINTER	FEB. 13 - 15
	DAY CAMP 1	JUNE 24
	DAY CAMP 2	JULY 18
	PRIMARY CAMP	JULY 20 - 22
	JUNIOR CAMP	JULY 7 - 10
	CHI RHO CAMP	JULY 19 - 23
	EIGHTERS CAMP	JULY 6 - 12
	CYF CAMP	JUNE 22 - 27
	ADULT CAMP	MAY 28 - 31
	GRANDPARENTS CAMP 1	JUNE 19 - 21
GRANDPARENTS CAMP 2	JULY 10 - 12	



The Dialogue Institute of Kansas City Cordially Invites You to an Iftar Gathering

Multiple locations and dates are available throughout Ramadan (February 17th - March 19th)

Check the list and RSVP here:

www.eventbrite.com/o/dialogue-institute-kansas-city-9466218912



Property Commission

Greetings to all on this beautiful February month!
 We have been busy with so many projects
 and continue to maintain our beautiful
 church and grounds.

1. Hooray! — our new fire suppression system is being installed as I write this.
2. Roofers are waiting for the weather to warm up to pinpoint the few small leaks left in the roof.
3. We have a new cleaning company — Alher's Building Maintenance is on board and our church is looking cleaner this month. It's going to take time to deep clean and get the building in better shape.
4. Jan & Lee continue to keep our gardens clean and healthy. We have such beautiful space and all their work "shows." Thank you!
5. The hot water heater in Monarch's area was serviced. An ADA-compliant sink will be installed this month.
6. The potholes in the parking lot are being addressed, patched, and filled.

Submitted by Richard Owens,
 Property Manager



Please note: we have a new phone system at OPCC, and some extensions have changed.

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