



Overland Park Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) 

7600 West 75th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204

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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

“Middlers” Adult Christian Education Class — 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
“Growing In God’s Love” Children’s Sunday School — 9:30 a.m. in Room 32

Worship — 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Nursery care available for children through 3 years old

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

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The scriptures and stories from this year’s Lenten season offer us narratives of Jesus encountering people who are **seeking**: Nicodemus comes to Jesus in the veil of night, Jesus approaches a Samaritan woman at a well, he heals a man born without sight. In these stories we can see glimpses of each person **seeking** a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith.

When each exchange unfolds with questions and exploration, a new unveiling also occurs – assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective, and the mystery of God’s love is revealed in new ways.

Each week in the season of Lent, and through Holy Week, we will engage questions, leading to a deeper faith. Some questions might feel like a charge or a challenge; some might feel more hopeful or curious. The questions may not always lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective, all the while praying they will lead to new beginnings, restoration, and a wider grace.

As you discern what you might be **seeking** in your relationship with God, check out our worship themes and questions below. We look forward to worshipping with you in this season of **seeking**!

- Sunday, March 12 | Will you give me a drink? | John 4:5-42 & Exodus 17:1-7
- Sunday, March 19 | Who sinned? | John 9:1-7 & John 9:8-41
- Sunday, March 26 | Can these bones live? | John 11:1-45 & Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Palm Sunday, April 2 | Where are you headed? | Matthew 21:1-11
- Good Friday, April 7 | Why have you forsaken me? | Matthew 27:27-50
- Easter Sunday, April 9 | Who are you looking for? | John 20:1-18

Holy Week at OPCC

The prayers, praise, and reflections of our holy questions will inspire our worship as we make our way toward Holy Week, April 2 – April 9. Mark your calendars for these special worship experiences on this holiest of weeks.



seeking: Sunday, April 2
Where are you headed? Palm Sunday and Processional
Matthew 21:1-11

As we read in scripture, this very first Palm Sunday processional was not a well planned out parade. As it came together organically, Jesus prepared his disciples to be questioned about what was happening, why they were taking him this colt, and who he was. Conversely, his disciples couldn't help but wonder where he was headed. Was he headed straight for his death? Join us for this special worship service as we examine the value of these questions this season, as we too wonder in the midst of opposing forces which way we will go. Please join this Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. in-person or virtually.



seeking: Thursday, April 6
Will you wash my feet? Maundy Thursday
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

OPCC has been invited to join our sister congregation in south Overland Park, Hillcrest Christian Church, for Maundy Thursday worship. As they too have wondered about these holy questions, we will worship together as the disciples ask Jesus, "will you wash my feet?" Worship will begin in the Hillcrest Christian Church sanctuary (11411 Quivira Road, OP) at 7:00 p.m.



seeking: Friday, April 7
Why have you forsaken me? Good Friday
Matthew 27:27-50

All are welcome to come to OPCC at 6:30pm for a special outdoors Good Friday Worship in the main Courtyard as we encounter Jesus and this day in a new way. Of all the questions in our series, this one remains the most unanswerable. Jesus' final lament gives voice to all those who have been forsaken – those who suffer injustice, those who are abandoned. Instead of trying to answer this question with logic or theology, we are invited to live it and sit with it, just as Peter had to live with the questions he encountered around the fire on that fateful night so many years ago. Bring a camp chair if you are able, come as you are, and enjoy our outdoor fireplace, and additional firepit, in the large OPCC courtyard as we worship on this sacred day, together.



seeking: Sunday, April 9
Who are you looking for? Easter Sunday – *He is Risen!*
John 20:1-18

These are questions so many of us remember from scripture when Jesus, mysteriously appearing to Mary as the gardener, asks her: "Why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" On this Easter morning, come ponder together who we are looking for? Why have we come to the tomb? What kind of resurrection are we looking for?

- Join us at 8:00 a.m. in the OPCC main courtyard for an outdoor "Sunrise" Service! You can leave your camp chairs on Good Friday, or we will also have chairs for everyone as we remember this amazing new day!
- Join us at 10:30 a.m. in-person or virtually to celebrate Christ's resurrection! Join for songs, scripture, and communion as we celebrate the resurrection of the Christ on the morning of the third day!

Lenten Wonder Wall

On your way into the sanctuary, please take note of our Wonder Wall! As a tool to open our minds and ask big questions grab a marker and write down *any* question you might have. It can be something light, or something hard to answer.

There are no bad questions!

It is important to remember when using the Wonder Wall that not all of our questions may have answers. Maybe there are no answers. Or maybe we just are not ready yet. And that's okay.

The purpose of the Wonder Wall is not to get answers, it is to get you wondering, and seeking, so let us wonder, worship, and seek, together.



2023 Missional Planning

Beginning in February, we've been taking steps to organize our missional activities to match our 2014 vision, and make specific plans for the next 12–18 months about how we will live out these core values in all that we do. To that end we have several upcoming activities that we hope you will attend so that you can play an important part of this "game plan" in the life of our congregation.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming activities and be on the lookout for more information about each of these gatherings.

You can also check out the [2023 Missional Planning page on our website \(https://www.opccdoc.org/2023-missional-planning.html\)](https://www.opccdoc.org/2023-missional-planning.html) to stay up to date!

Dreaming Together (Pick ONE) –

- Sunday, March 19, Fireside Room @ 9am
- Sunday, March 26, Fireside Room after Worship (lunch included)
- Tuesday, March 28, Online@ 6:30pm

OPCC Easter Egg-Stravaganza!

Saturday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

OPCC Playground and West Parking Lot
(in case of rain — Fellowship Hall)

All ages are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt, as well as games and food. Bring friends and family, and join in the fun!



Worship & Arts will again be decorating the Sanctuary for Easter with flowering plants. If you would like to purchase one of these plants 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, 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. Cost is \$15.00 per plant. A list of all those honored will be printed in the bulletin on Easter.

Your name _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Number of plants _____ Paid \$ _____

Easter Flowers



Come and Celebrate
Pat Owsley

turning 90 Years Young!
Saturday, March 18th ~ drop by 2 to 5pm
Fireside Room at OPCC

**Middlers Sunday Morning
Christian Education Class**

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

***Please note: the Middlers will participate with
the Missional Planning meetings at 9am in the
Fireside Room on March 5 and March 19.***

The Middlers Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study class is open to all who are wanting to study scripture and deepen their faith. Whether you are a current participant or a new-to-class person wanting to make new friends and share your Christian journey, you are welcome.

We are currently studying a Bible Series called "Feasting on the Word" and hope you will join us in the northwest section of Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 9:00am - 10:10am.

Contact Peggy Moore for more information.

**Care & Share
Support Group**

Please join us for lunch, laughter, good food, fellowship, and support on the following dates with our Care And Share Support Group.

Even if you have not been part of this group before, you are cordially invited to join us. We meet at the designated restaurants on the following dates at 11:30 a.m.

Please let Peggy Moore know at least 3 days ahead of the luncheon by phone or email if you plan to attend. Don't miss out on the fun!

- * Wednesday, March 15 – Strang Hall,
7313 West 80th Street, Overland Park, KS
(A food court with six chef-driven restaurants all under one roof in downtown old Overland Park)
- * Wednesday, April 5, – Villa Capri,
10412 Mastin, Overland Park, KS, 66212

Empty Nesters

Our next event will be Saturday, April 29
at the C.W. Parker Carousel in Leavenworth, KS.
If you want to carpool to Leavenworth, be at OPCC at 9:45 a.m. If you drive directly, please arrive at the Carousel, 320 Esplanade, at 11 a.m. There will be a museum tour and an opportunity to ride the carousel. If interested, check out their video on the C.W. Parker Carousel website
<http://firstcitymuseumsllhna.com/>
Lunch at Pullman Place Family Restaurant,
3rd & Cherokee in Historic Leavenworth.

Reservations will be needed with Peggy Moore several days ahead of the event.

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 reading and discussing Tom Are, Jr.'s book "Joy: Even on Your Worst Days". We would be delighted for you to join us — and bring a friend!

For more information, contact Peggy Moore.

Faith & Grief Gatherings

While OPCC is not hosting specific faith & grief ministries on a regular basis anymore, we know that grief can still be overwhelming to so many and want to provide support for those who need it. Check out the organization called Faith & Grief at their website, www.faithandgrief.org and the opportunities they have coming up in our area.

- Grief Support Gathering – Tuesday, April 4,
12:00pm – 1:00pm at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS
 - A grief support gathering for those whose loved one has died. Meeting begins at Noon Central Time in person at Village Pres. Come share, find community and comfort with those experiencing similar grief.
- Online Grief Support Gathering – April 11,
7:30pm – 8:30pm, [Register Online Here](#)
 - Join us for an online grief support gathering. Come share, find community, connection, and experience comfort as we grieve.

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Theresa Adams (Monica Fuentes' daughter)
- ♥ Mary Aelmore
- ♥ Bill Anthony
- ♥ Ruby Ballard (Food Pantry guest)
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Julie Dean
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Nicole Finley (Sally Withers' niece)
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Emerson & Marge Hartzler
- ♥ Perri Kolars
- ♥ Audrey Lavelly
- ♥ Kathy Lewis
- ♥ Laurie, Allison, & Aaron Loudonback
- ♥ Eileen McIntyre
- ♥ Bryce Moore
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Barbara Sheldon
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Larry Stouse
- ♥ Leslie Twite
- ♥ Mike Williams (Coleen Thigpen's friend)
- ♥ Jim Withers

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Marian Bilyea
- ♥ Maurica Campbell
- ♥ Nancy Coffman
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Evelyn Eastwood
- ♥ Laurel Elliott
- ♥ David Garner (son of Floyd & Marcille Garner, friend of Jody Cash)
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Calvin McBride
- ♥ Sharon McBride
- ♥ Rod McBride (Mary McBride's son)
- ♥ Christina, Jeff, Scott, & Jenny Packard (Sharon & Bob Shankel's daughter & family)
- ♥ Randy Phillips (Laura Phillips' father)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Michelle Swanson (Sharon McBride's daughter-in-law)
- ♥ Sandy Teeple
- ♥ Sally Withers

Military Prayer List

- ❖ PV2 Rachael Dawson (Fran Dawson's granddaughter), Ft. Campbell, KY
- ❖ Cameron McDonough (Cathy Wilson's son)

Condolences

- ♥ to Calvin McBride on the death of his brother, Kenneth McBride, on February 24.
- ♥ to Angla Young on the death of her mother, Virginia Babcock, on February 27.
- ♥ to Ava Cook and her mom, Heather Jensen, on the death of Heather's fiancé, Brandon Nolan, on February 28.
- ♥ to Maurica Campbell on the recent death of her friend, Pat Brennan.

Thank You

I wanted to thank everyone at the church for helping us with John Bozorth's [funeral] service. Thank you for letting use your beautiful church.

Paul Swope, member of
Broadway Church (DOC)

The music department would like to take a moment to thank our people who serve on Sundays in the A/V booth. Both Kent Setty and Teresa Phillips are dedicated and wonderful in their work with the sound and camera work. In addition, Barb Collins does a fabulous job of operating the projection slides during the service. Thank you so much from the music department. Furthermore, we have come to rely on all of these people and would like to encourage you to thank one of them personally for their time and service.

HELP WANTED

**Do you attend our Sunday morning services?
Are you also looking for an opportunity to become
more involved in the church while you're here?
Have we got opportunities for you!**

- We are seeking much-needed additional projectionists to run the PowerPoint slides on Sunday morning. If you can click a button on the computer, we would love for you to join our rotation of people in the booth. Please either speak with Barb Collins or contact the church office to set up a brief training session with you.
- More and more of us are gathering for coffee in the Fireside Room on Sunday mornings, and so we need help organizing the coffee "fixings" each Sunday morning. If you are able to set-up or clean-up the coffee on a Sunday morning, please contact Cody in the church office. Instructions and guidelines will be provided.
- Greeters are needed on Sunday mornings from 10:10am – 10:40am to help folks into the church building, especially if they are arriving through the West or North doors. Please call Cody in the front office and let him know when you would be available to serve in this capacity as we welcome ALL to Overland Park Christian Church and to our sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Property Commission

Activities for the past month:

1. Temperature Maintenance had to replace the high limit control to the boiler plus replaced a heating valve on one of the air handlers.
2. We are in the process of replacing our two different trash and recycling vendors (Rubicon and GFL). Going forward we will have one dumpster for trash and one dumpster for recycling and both will be emptied weekly. Hope to have the changeover done by the end of March.
3. State fire marshal is requiring OPCC to install a fire pull station within the Honey Bee rental area.
4. If you haven't been by the church in the last two weeks, when you come you will see that the construction of the new fire station across the street is about to get serious. The construction fencing has gone up and the construction trailer has been installed. As a reminder, parking can still take place on the East side of Conser, however, the passenger will have to navigate the rolled straw along the curb.
5. Property is currently installing new reserved parking signs in front of the church and at the North entrance, and another handicap sign at the West entrance. The West entrance is the only entrance that has a permanent ramp. The West and North entrances will be unlocked, along with the front entrance, every Sunday morning.

Submitted by,
Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair

Celebrate OPCC on May 21

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, May 21st, where we will have a lot to celebrate!

We will honor and say thanks to our musicians, celebrating "Music Sunday" in worship, and then have a short congregational meeting following worship to elect our congregational leaders for June 2023 – May 2024. We will round out the day following that quick meeting with a congregational pot-luck in the Fellowship Hall. Make your plans now to join in this shared meal!

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