



Celebration of Worship

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10:30 am

First Sunday of Advent

Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve

Opening Voluntary

The Angel Gabriel
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Robert Lau

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Chip & Karen English via video

Introit

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn**

Oh How Shall I Receive Thee

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***Responsive Reading**

One: Christmas is coming! Christ, the Promised One, is near!

All: We will prepare for God's Holy One with worship which is warm and joyful.

One: Christmas is coming! Christ, long hoped for, is near!

All: We will prepare for God's Cherished One with friendship which includes outsiders.

One: Christmas is coming! Christ the Peace-bringer, is near!

All: We will prepare for God's Anointed One with forgiveness and reconciliation.

One: Christmas is coming! Christ, beloved is near!

All: We will prepare for God's Chosen One with compassion and sharing.

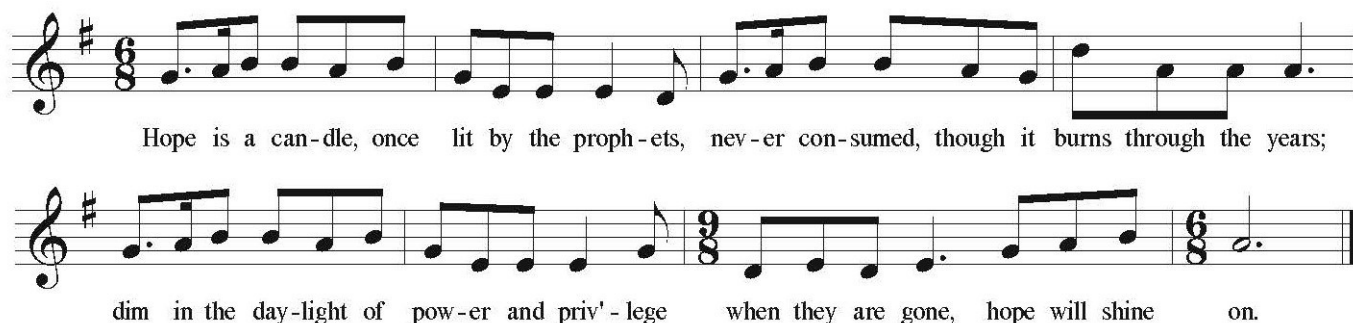
From: *Prayers to Share: Responsive Prayers for each Sunday of the Church Year*

*** Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Candle of Hope
Jim & Karon Giles

* Light the Candle

Hope is a Candle



Hope is a can-dle, once lit by the proph-ets, nev-er con-sumed, though it burns through the years;
dim in the day-light of pow-er and priv'-lege when they are gone, hope will shine on.

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* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

God of Advent and waiting times, we know both darkness and light. We live in it and in spite of it, and we give thanks for the night time and the daytime, the light time and the dark time as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught ...
Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Welcoming Song

Holy Child within the manger

JOYOUS LIGHT

(Let the children come forward.)



Ho-ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us ev - er in your way, so we see in ev-'ry
stran - ger how you come to us to - day. In our lives and in our liv - ing give us
strength to live as you, that our hearts might be for - giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Robu

Solo

How Great Thou Art
Emily Son

arr. Stephen Paulus

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Organ Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

"What Shall We Sing for the Child?"
From *Sing We Now of Christmas*
Scott Hay, guest conductor

arr. Howard Helvey

What shall we sing for the Child in the stable?
What shall we sing for the Infant so fair?
Singing, we offer our humble devotion;
gently a song will make sweeter the air.

We shall sing freely the song of the Virgin;
joining with Mary our voices are one.
All generations will count her as blessed.
All generations delight in her Son.

Softly we sing for the Child.
Softly we sing for the beautiful son.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Sermon "Magdalene Laundries" Dr. Robu
***Hymn of Departure** *The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed* (page 11)
***Benediction**
Closing Voluntary *The King Shall Come* arr. Michael Burkhardt
Christopher Shaw, organ

***Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.**

North Entry Greeter Joe Henderson

Communion Table Flowers Joe Henderson

Plymouth Staff

Rev. Dr. Donald P. Olsen, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. Karen Robu, Associate Minister
Dr. Henry Waters, Director of Music
Christopher Shaw, Organist
KD Keim, Administrative Assistant
Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher
Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer
Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech
John Palmer, Video Tech Assistant
Bill Berry & Ramikia Stevenson, Custodians

Operation Holiday

Since 1961, Operation Holiday has made holidays brighter for families in need. The program distributes non-perishable food, fresh food vouchers, winter wear and blankets to low-income families and individuals.



Dec. 4—Soupy Sunday (Let's finish it off with canned soups)

Annual Multigenerational Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 21st | 5:30 pm Dinner | 6:30 pm Pageant

Christmas cookies in Fellowship Hall following the performance.

There will be a collection that evening to benefit the Plymouth Fine Arts Series.

These three magi insist that you fill those empty pews and attend the Christmas pageant!



Poinsettia's

If you would like to give a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one, please send a check for \$15 and list the name on the memo line. The names will be listed in the worship bulletin December 11th and the 18th. Please place order by Thursday, December 8th by calling the office at 684-0221 or you can email us at office@plymouth-church.net



Tuesday, December 20th, 2022, 7:00 PM

Christmas Organ Concert

Christopher Shaw, organ

Guest Musicians:
Georgeanne Yehling, soprano
Joe Richey, oboe

Plymouth Congregational Church
202 N. Clifton Ave, Wichita, Kansas

Plymouth Hallway Art Gallery

Tallgrass Prairie Press Printmakers.

Founded by Doug Billings at Mark Arts Art Center in Wichita, this is a group of contemporary local artists who have chosen to focus their artistic abilities in producing hand pulled original prints.

They work primarily out of the printmaking studio at Mark Arts, producing a wide range of different printmaking processes such as: stone & poly plate lithographs, copper plate etchings, solar plate etchings & relief prints, collagraphs, wood & linoleum relief prints and monotypes & monoprints.

Their styles range from the abstract to realism, and from impressionism to modern or contemporary styles.

The object of the TPPP is to raise the visibility & interest in printmaking locally and regionally by exhibiting their prints in a wide range of different venues in and around Wichita, as well as in different places within the state of Kansas.

Currently, Doug & Marcia Scurfield are members of the Society of American Graphic Artists, who are exhibiting at this time in the Salmagundi Art Club and the Print Gallery at the MET in NY. Also, Doug Marcia & Connie Cofer are members of the American Color Print Society. Connie just recently took the 3rd Place Award at the ACPS Annual exhibition in Philadelphia; Marcia won the 2nd Place award last year in Connecticut.



Oh How Shall I Receive Thee

Chords: C, F, C, G, F, C

1 Oh, how shall I re - ceive thee, how meet thee on thy way,
 2 Love caused thine in - car - na - tion; Love brought thee here to me.
 3 Thou com - est, Christ, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good will,

Chords: F, C, G, F, C

blest'd hope of ev' - ry na - tion, my soul's de - light and stay?
 Thy thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

Chords: D7, G, Em, Am7, D7, G

O Je - sus, Je - sus, give me now by thine own pure light
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led thee to em - brace,
 We wel - come thee, our Sav - ior; come gath - er us to thee,

Chords: C, F, G, C, F, G7, C

to know what - e'er is pleas - ing and wel - come in thy sight.
 in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our trou - bled hu - man race.
 that in thy light e - ter - nal our joy - ous home may be.

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The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed

Am Bdim Esus E7

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el called Ma - ry blessed, "Re-
2 Then Ma - ry ques-tioned him, "How can this be? Why
3 From joy - ful birth to grief be - side the cross, through

Am Am/C Em Am

joice! I speak with you at God's re - quest. The
would the Ho - ly One show strength through me? Yet
fear and won - der, mir - a - cles and loss, she

C Dm D7 Gadd2 G

Might - y One now comes and in your arms will rest— for
by the Spir - it's pow'r I will serve faith - ful - ly— and
bears the ho - ly mys - ter - y of God - with - us. We

Dm Esus E Dm7 Am Em Am

you will be God's moth - er." Glo - ri - a!
I will be God's moth - er." Glo - ri - a!
cel - e-brate God's moth - er. Glo - ri - a!

November /December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	28 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	29	30 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	1	2	3
4 8am Blood Drive 10:30am Worship, (Sanctuary)	5 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	6 5:30pm Cabinet Meeting	7 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10
11 Christmas Music Sunday 10:30am Worship, (Sanctuary)	12 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	13 6pm Student Recital	14 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 7pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, December 4th.
Dr. Olsen will be Preaching.**

The Plymouth Covenant

Believing in Jesus Christ, the Interpreter of God to humankind, we accept His teachings as the guiding principles of our lives and consecrate ourselves and our church to their fulfillment. We therefore join in covenant, one with another, to worship, work, and serve together that we may express through our Church and our individual lives the love and faith taught by Jesus Christ.