



Celebration of Worship

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10:30 am

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Opening Voluntary

An Advent Meditation
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. David Lasky

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn**

Come Now, Almighty God

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***Responsive Reading**

One: Take your encouragement from Christ, that your joy may be complete.

All: We will share in the Spirit; we will find consolation in love.

One: Practice of humility and compassion for God is at work in you, empowering you.

All: We welcome Christ into our hearts that we may live lives worthy of our calling to worship, work and serve in hope and peace.

*** Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Candle of Peace
Don & Diane Fast

Light the Candle

Hope is a Candle

Peace is a can-dle to show us a path - way, threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed.

Friend, feel no en-vy for those in the shad - ows vio-lence and force their dead-end course.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Peace is a can-dle to show us a path - way, threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed.' The second staff contains the melody for 'Friend, feel no en-vy for those in the shad - ows vio-lence and force their dead-end course.' The second staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Merciful God you set your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their words and to turn in a new direction, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of this season and the coming of the one who taught us to pray ...*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.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:1-6 NJB

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he proclaimed this message in the desert of Judaea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.' This was the man spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said: A voice of one that cries in the desert, 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.' This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather loin-cloth round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptized by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins.

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

"Mighty Lord, and King all-glorious"
from *Christmas Oratorio*
Wes Kelley

J. S. Bach

Mighty Lord, and King all-glorious,
Saviour true, for man victorious,
Earthly state Thou dost distain.

He who all things doth sustain,
who all things doth sustain,
Who all state and pomp supplieth,
In a lowly manger liveth.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Lo, How a Rose

arr. Deborah Govenor

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As those of old have sung.

It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.

To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior
when half-spent was the night.

This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness ev'rywhere.

True man, yet very God;
From sin and death He saves us,
And lightens ev'ry load.

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| Sermon | “Dream Catching” | Dr. Olsen |
| *Hymn of Departure | <i>God, Creation’s Great Designer</i> | (page 11) |
| *Benediction | | |
| Closing Voluntary | <i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i> Christopher Shaw, organ | arr. Paul Manz |

***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



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!



Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir

presents

How Can We Keep From **SINGING?**

TOUR

Tom Trenney
conductor

Samuel Eschliman
conductor and percussionist

Anne Wilson
accompanist



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Wednesday, January 4 at 7 p.m.

Plymouth Congregational Church
202 N. Clifton Avenue, Wichita, KS

with guest choir Goddard High School Madrigals

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.

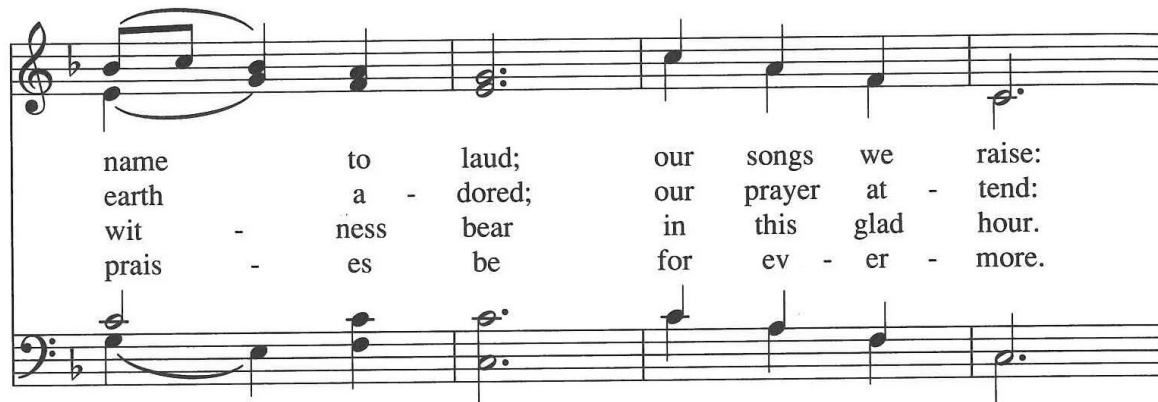
Currently, Doug & Marcia Scurfield are members of the Society of American Graphic Artists, who are exhibiting at this time in the Salmagundi Art Club and the Print Gallery at the MET in NY. Also, Doug Marcia & Connie Cofer are members of the American Color Print Society. Connie just recently took the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



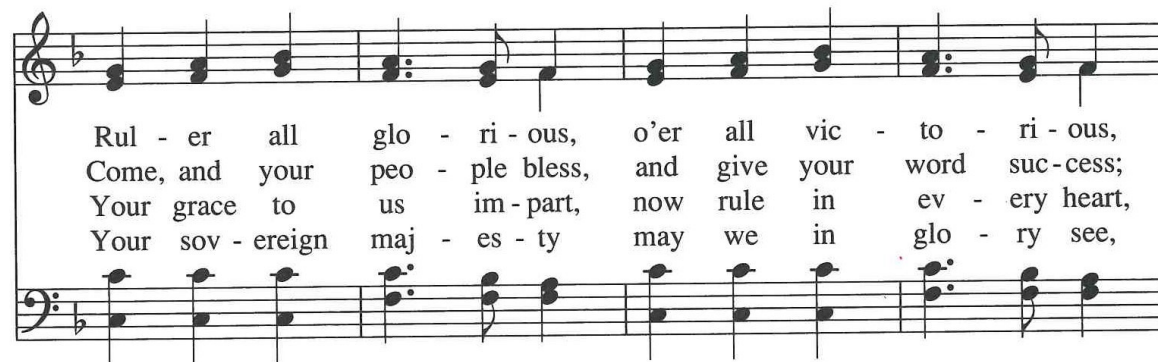
Come Now, Almighty God



1 Come now, Al - might - y God, help us your
 2 Come now, In - car - nate Word, by heaven and
 3 Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, your sa - cred
 4 To you, great One in Three, e - ter - nal



name to laud; our songs we raise:
 earth a - dored; our prayer at - tend:
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be for ev - er - more.



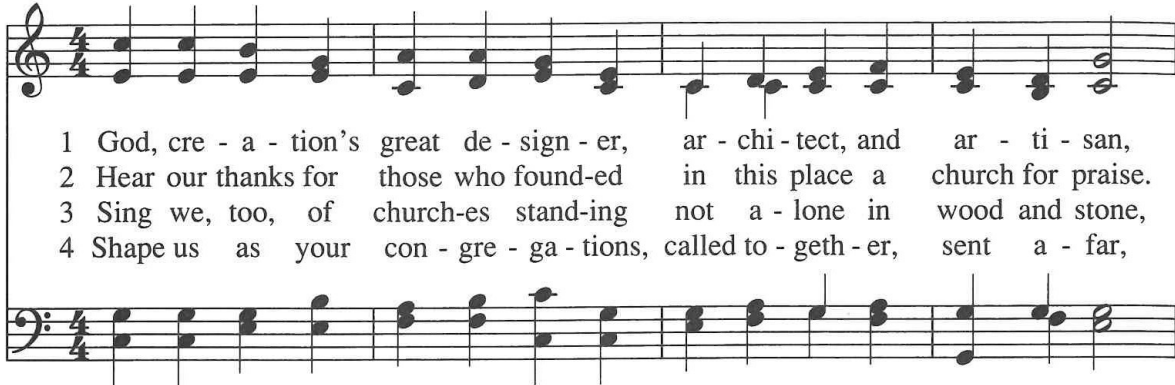
Rul - er all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and your peo - ple bless, and give your word suc - cess;
 Your grace to us im - part, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Your sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,



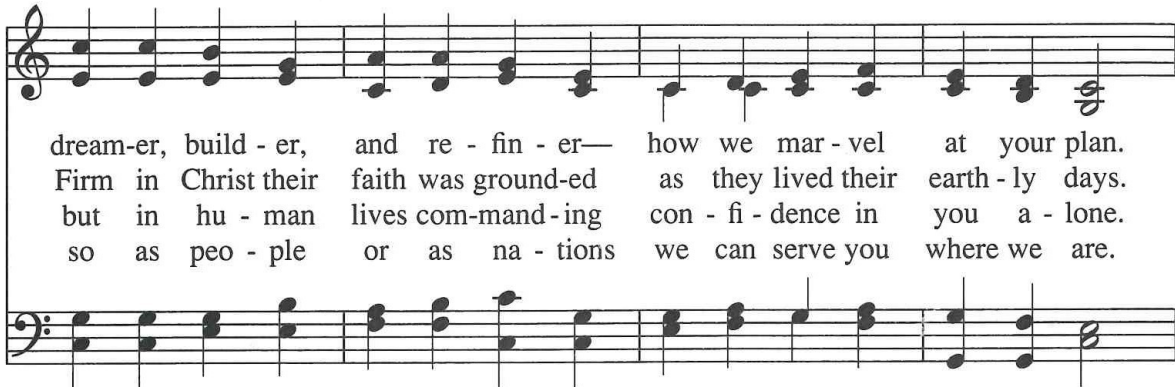
come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
 grant us your ho - li - ness, Sav - ior and Friend!
 nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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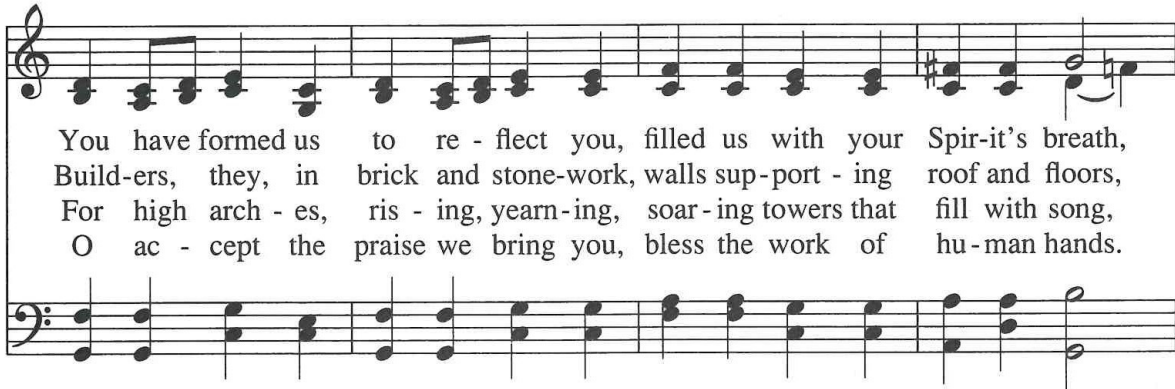
God, Creation's Great Designer



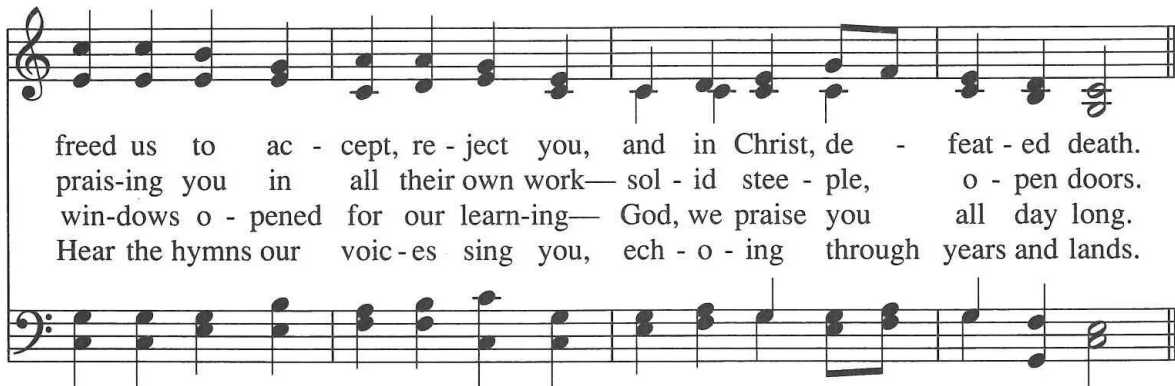
1 God, cre - a - tion's great de - sign - er, ar - chi - tect, and ar - ti - san,
2 Hear our thanks for those who found-ed in this place a church for praise.
3 Sing we, too, of church-es stand-ing not a - lone in wood and stone,
4 Shape us as your con - gre - ga - tions, called to - geth - er, sent a - far,



dream-er, build - er, and re - fin - er— how we mar - vel at your plan.
Firm in Christ their faith was ground-ed as they lived their earth - ly days.
but in hu - man lives com-mand-ing con - fi - dence in you a - lone.
so as peo - ple or as na - tions we can serve you where we are.



You have formed us to re - flect you, filled us with your Spir-it's breath,
Build-ers, they, in brick and stone-work, walls sup-port - ing roof and floors,
For high arch - es, ris - ing, yearn-ing, soar-ing towers that fill with song,
O ac - cept the praise we bring you, bless the work of hu - man hands.



freed us to ac - cept, re - ject you, and in Christ, de - feat - ed death.
prais-ing you in all their own work— sol - id stee - ple, o - pen doors.
win-dows o - pened for our learn-ing— God, we praise you all day long.
Hear the hymns our voic-es sing you, ech - o - ing through years and lands.

December 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 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 |
| 18 9am Fine Arts Board Mtg. New Member Sunday 10:30am Worship, (Sanctuary) | 19 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers | 20 7pm Christmas Organ Concert | 21 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm Christmas Pageant 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 22 2pm Cooking food for Shelter 5pm Serving at the Shelter | 23 | 24 7pm Christmas Eve Service |

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, December 11th.
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.