



Celebration of Worship
January 14, 2024

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10:30 am

Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

Opening Voluntary

Crusader's Hymn
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Aaron David Miller

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Opening Hymn

God is Here!

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*Responsive Sentence

From Enfleshed.com

One: Let it be known and proclaimed! Let this truth sink into the depths of your being:

All: The presence of God receives us as we are.

One: Our questions. Our pain. Our stories unfinished and memories held close.

All: There is a love to hold it all.

One: Quieting the noise of shame. Casting out words of "not enough."

All: The voice of God says, "Welcome. Welcome. Welcome."

*Response of Praise

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise; One
fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.

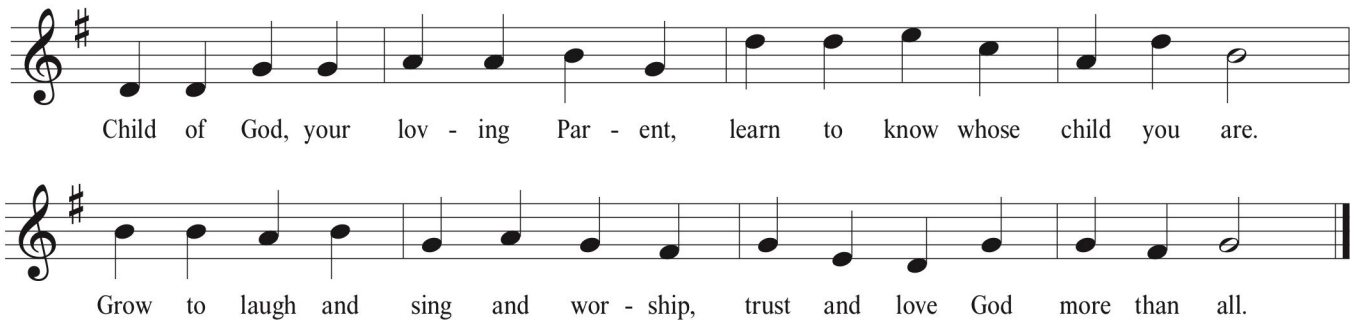
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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Beloved One, your love has companioned us since birth. You know our stories, our struggles, the very roots of our being. There is nothing hidden from you. Even in our greatest insecurities, you embrace and encourage us. May we be disciples of your compassion, extending to others the grace that enables us our hope, and may we pray as Jesus prayed ...*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.*

Invocation adapted from Enfleshed.com

Welcoming Song *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* STUTTGART (Let the children come forward.)



Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changed not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.

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In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.

Scripture Reading

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Come and See</i>	(page 10)
Sermon	“Come and See”	Dr. Robu
*Hymn of Departure	<i>Together We Serve</i>	(page 11)
*Benediction		
Closing Voluntary	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i> Christopher Shaw, organ	arr. David Blackwell

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

North Entry Greeter Rich Euson

Communion Table Flowers Rich Euson

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

Plymouth Congregational Church
Annual Corporate Meeting

Dear Plymouth Members and Friends,

Notice of Annual Corporate Meeting

In accordance with the Constitution of Plymouth Congregational Church, notice is hereby given of the Annual Corporate Meeting to be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, January 28, 2023**, immediately following the regular 10:30 a.m. worship service for the purpose of:

1. Presenting annual reports of church officers and boards.
2. Presenting the John Henry Hornung Award.
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before an annual meeting of the church membership.

Thank you for your dedication to our church.

In faith,

Judy Frick, Moderator & Sharon Fearey, Church Clerk

John Henry Hornung Award

Plymouth members should know the origin of the John Henry Hornung award that is presented annually to a member who has rendered outstanding service.

Rev. Dr. John Henry Hornung came to Plymouth Congregational Church as Senior Minister in 1924 and remained in that position until 1949. During his tenure Dr. Hornung oversaw a resurgence of church membership, increased financial stability and a wider representation of Plymouth in civic affairs. He was greatly respected for his preaching style and performed countless weddings and funerals that were widely admired. Dr. Hornung was a progressive leader in the ministerial community and an activist for deeper understanding and cooperation between local Protestant and Catholic churches and the Jewish community. In 1938, Dr. Hornung was a member of a ministerial coalition referred to as the Four Horsemen of Tolerance. These clergymen traveled Kansas to speak out against a pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic candidate for the U.S. Senate who was subsequently defeated: When Wichita's Jewish community needed a place of worship, Dr. Hornung made the Plymouth sanctuary available for their use until a temple was built.

In 1987, the church cabinet decided to institute an award that would be given annually to a member who had provided outstanding service to Plymouth in a variety of capacities, both in leadership and volunteer roles. Naming that award after Dr. Hornung seemed an appropriate way to link Plymouth's dynamic past with the recognition of members who have made a significant impact on our church.

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to; 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our; 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the; 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an.

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in; life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,; Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and; age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful.

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.; font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.; wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.; to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Come and See

Descant

D A G D G D

3 Chris - te, Chris - te, a - do -

Melody

1 "Come and see, come and see, I am the way and the
 2, 3 Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e -

E A D A G D

ra - mus te. Al - le - lu - ia,

truth," said he. "Fol - low me, fol - low me,
 le - i - son. Chris - te, Chris - te,

G D A D

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.*

come as a child, O come and see."
 Chris - te e - le - i - son.*

Together We Serve

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
B^b F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
E^b B^b Cm7 F^{sus} F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
B^b F E^b Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

Upcoming Events at Plymouth

Plan to join us for a **Winter Wine & Cheese** event on **Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 5:00-7:00pm**. This event will include a wine tasting with remarks by a guest wine specialist, gourmet charcuterie boards, silent auction, music and FUN. Tickets are \$25. Tickets may be purchased online or through the church office. Proceeds will be used to promote Plymouth Congregational Church in the community. All auction items will be donated by the congregation. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction, please contact Holly Yager at holly.yager@gmail.com.



Word & Note

The Divine Arts of Knowledge and Exultation

February 23, 24 & 25

Dr. Bart Ehrman ~ John McCutcheon

An Evening with John McCutcheon

February 24th at 7pm.

General admission \$30

Student tickets available at the door with current student ID \$10

Find out more about John McCutcheon at <https://mikegreenassociates.com/roster/john-mccutcheon-bio/>



Adult Sunday School

9 - 10 am in the Turner Room (upper level)

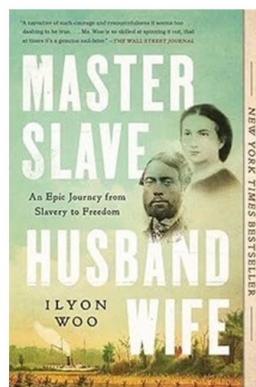
We are using the Great Courses video series "African American History: From Emancipation through Jim Crow." This course consists of 12 videos each approximately 35 minutes long. We will watch one video a week leaving time for 25 minutes of discussion following the video.

Progressive Pilgrims Book Club

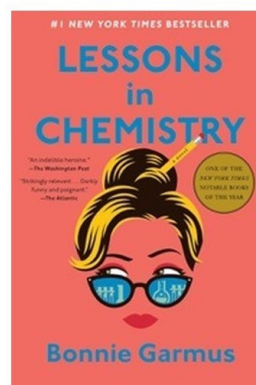
The next book club gathering will be held on February 18 at 6:30 pm at the Fearey's home. Bring a beverage for yourself and a snack to share.

Have you considered joining the PP Bookclub, but it takes you more than one month to make it through a book? Or, are you someone who likes to read ahead? Or, maybe you'd like to share the book with others. For all those reasons we are announcing the next three month's books!

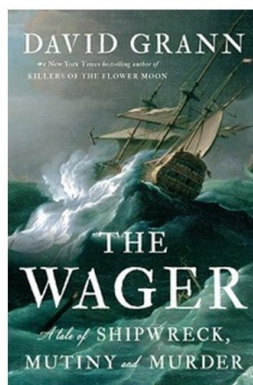
February



March



April



Ways to Give

If you would like to make a donation to Plymouth Church's general operating fund or one of their special missions and you don't have a check or cash for the offering plate just scan the QR code to donate using a credit card.





Upcoming Blood Drive:

Date: Sunday, February 4th

Time: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Location: **Plymouth Congregational Church – Fellowship Hall**

Share your heart! Come give in Feb. for a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.
See rcblood.org/heart

Make an Appointment to Donate Blood:

To schedule your life-saving appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org – search sponsor code “Plymouth” or contact Lindsay Miller at 316-641-3969 or Lindsay.miller@redcross.org

Photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card required.

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship	15	16 5:30pm Investment Club	17 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6:15pm Focus Groups 7pm Choir Rehearsal	18 5:30 pm CE	19	20
21 Mission Possible Sunday 9am Fine Arts Board 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship	22 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	23 5:30pm Trustee Mtg	24 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 5pm Wine & Cheese Fundraiser
28 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship 11:30 Annual Corporate Mtg	29 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm Deacons	30 2pm Prepare for HumanKind Winter Shelter 5:30pm Serve for HumanKind Winter Shelter	31 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6:15pm Transition Committee 7pm Choir Rehearsal	1	2	3 9am AGO Organ/Piano Music Reading

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, January 21st.
Dr. Robu 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.