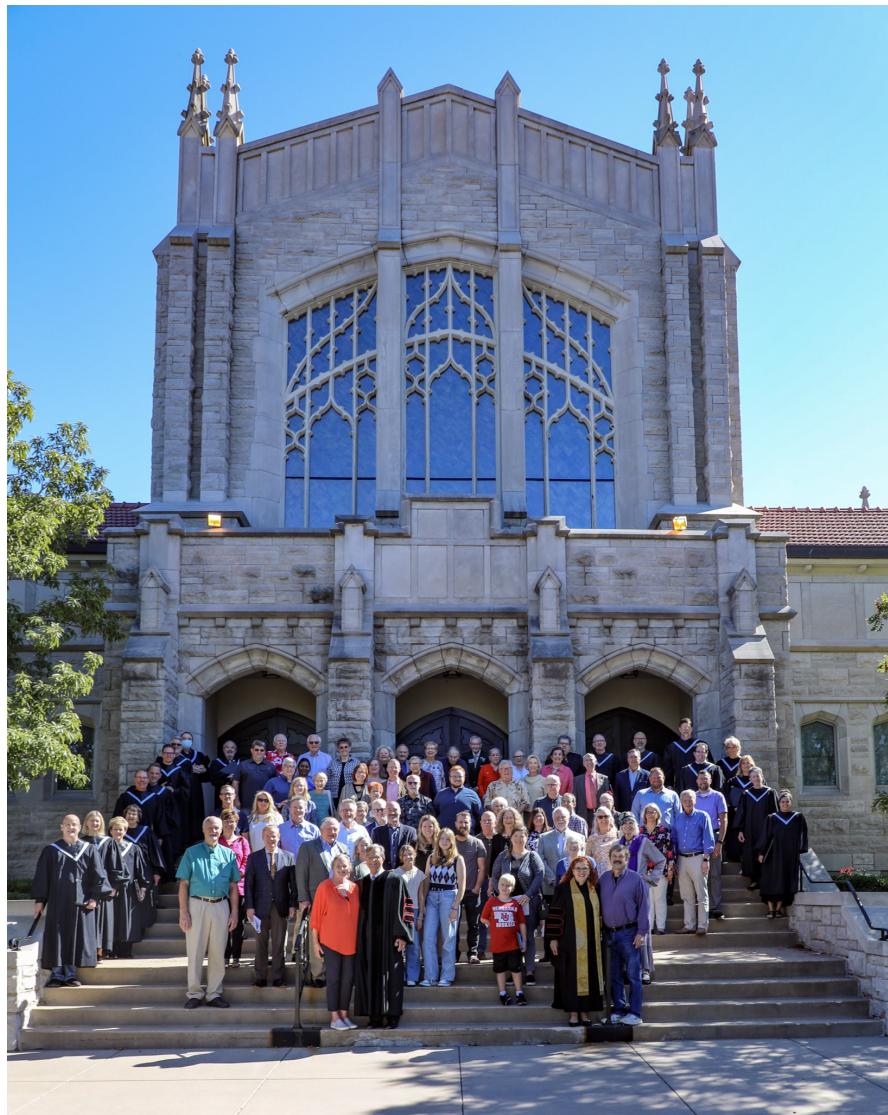


# Plymouth

Congregational  
Church

*Sharing Faith's Journey*



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***Celebration of Worship***  
**January 21, 2024**

# Celebration of Worship

January 21, 2024

10:30 am

## Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

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**Opening Voluntary**    *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*    arr. Wayne Wold  
Christopher Shaw, organ

### Welcome and Announcements

**Mission Moment**    Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County    Lori Chandler

### Introit

**\*Opening Hymn**                      *Spirit Open My Heart*                      (page 8)

**\*Responsive Sentence**    From Enfleshed.com

One: This body of Christ is a holy collection of lives and stories.

**All: Braided into each other, the one is made of the many.**

One: This body, God has woven together:

**All: That we may find our hope in each other. That we may hold grief in community.**

**That we may remember no life is disposable.**

One: By the Spirit, we are made one body.

**All: Joined together, let us seek the flourishing of all.**

**\*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

**Creator of all, though you have shaped us as an ecosystem, we are surrounded by illusions of individualism. Resources are privatized. People suffer in isolation. Even joy is hoarded. May we be a community brave and vulnerable enough to live otherwise. That we may become so much more together than we could ever be alone. This we ask as we pray together 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.***

Invocation adapted from Enfleshed.com

## Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

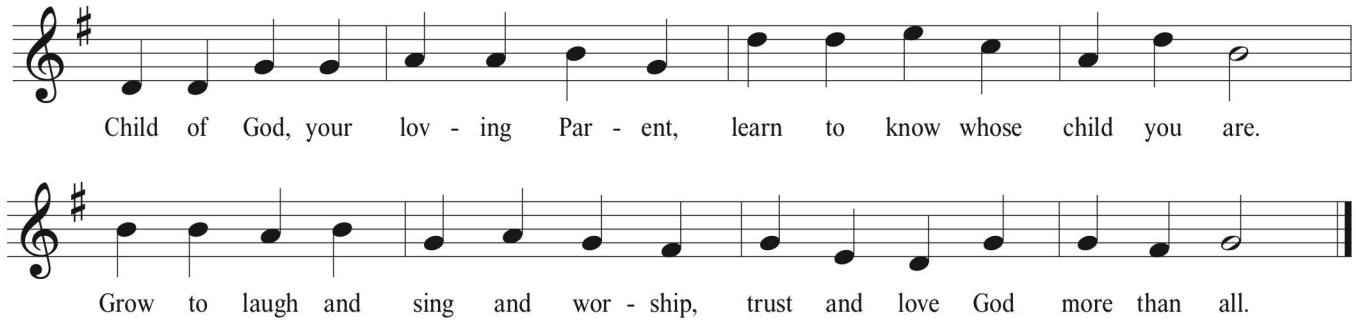
Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

## 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

Dr. Olsen

### Solo

*Offertory*  
Clifton Vogt

John Ness Beck  
transcribed by Craig Courtney

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,  
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has shown you.  
He has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

## Prayer Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayer Response

## Invitation to Offering

**Anthem**

*Music of the Morning*

Pepper Choplin

Hear the music of the morning,  
rising with the sun.  
Light has come to fill the darkness,  
now the night is done.

So let us take time to pause,  
take time to pray,  
and pray to God, who made us,  
to God, who made the day.

Know the blessing of the morning,  
feel the peace within.  
Hold the promise of the dawning,  
see the day begin.

Lift up your head,  
lift up your song, and sing,  
and sing to God, who made us,  
to God, who made the day.

Come rise up and sing alleluia.  
Take time to pause, take time to pray,  
and pray to God, who made us,  
to God, who made the day.

**Sermon**

“Show Up”

Dr. Robu

**\*Hymn of Departure**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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**\*Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary**

*We All Are One in Mission*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Mark Sedio

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

**North Entry Greeter** Shelley Closson

**Communion Table Flowers** Shelley Closson

## Mission Possible Sunday

Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County. The goal of this program, which focuses on juveniles in Sedgwick County who are victims of child abuse, is to provide an environment where youth feel protected, nurtured and validated in their ability to heal from trauma. This is done by bringing together the many aspects of the investigative and therapeutic processes under one roof, in a child-focused atmosphere.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>

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](http://rcblood.org/heart)

## **Make an Appointment to Donate Blood:**

To schedule your life-saving appointment visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) – search sponsor code “Plymouth” or contact Lindsay Miller at 316-641-3969 or [Lindsay.miller@redcross.org](mailto:Lindsay.miller@redcross.org)

### **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.

# Spirit Open My Heart

Capo 3: (G/A) (D) (G/D) (D) (G) (A)  
 Refrain Bb/C F Bb/F F Bb C

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
 F Bb C Dm

liv - ing. As you love, may I love, in re -

(G) (D/F#) (Em7) (G/A) (D) (G/D) (D)  
 Bb F/A Gm7 Bb/C F Bb/F F

*Fine*

ceiv - ing and in giv-ing; Spir-it, o - pen my heart.

(G/A) (D) (G/D) (D)  
 Bb/C F Bb/F F

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep, share the



(G) (A) (D) (G) (A)  
 B $\flat$  C F B $\flat$  C

heart that's kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 law, my goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, — word, and  
 joy of friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

(B m) (G) (D/F#) (E m7)  
 Dm B $\flat$  F/A G m7

*To refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in

3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual

4 When we are called to part, it gives us

5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of

bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each

in - ward pain; but we shall still be

shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.

joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Adult Sunday School

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

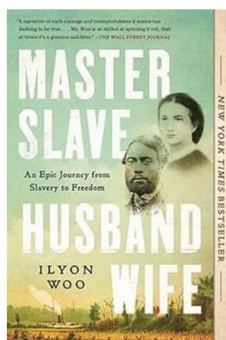
We are using the Great Courses video series "African American History: From Emancipation through Jim Crow." This course consists of 12 videos each approximately 35 minutes long. We will watch one video a week leaving time for 25 minutes of discussion following the video.

## Progressive Pilgrims Book Club

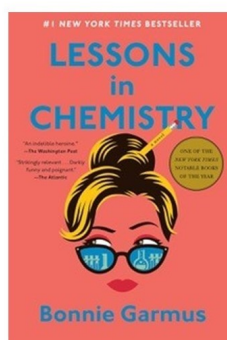
The next book club gathering will be held on February 18 at 6:30 pm at the Fearey's home. Bring a beverage for yourself and a snack to share.

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!

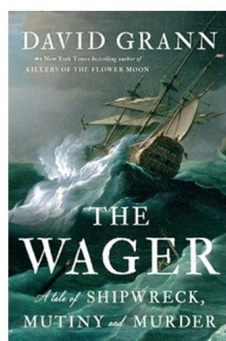
February



March



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# January/February 2024

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday                                      |
|--|---|--|--|-----------|-----------|---|
| <b>21</b><br>Mission Possible Sunday<br>9am Fine Arts Board<br>9am Adult Sunday School<br>10:30am Sunday Worship | <b>22</b><br>2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers                   | <b>23</b><br>5:30pm Trustee Mtg  | <b>24</b><br>5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner<br>7pm Choir Rehearsal                                | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br>5pm Wine & Cheese Fundraiser     |
| <b>28</b><br>9am Adult Sunday School<br>10:30am Sunday Worship<br>11:30 Annual Corporate Mtg                     | <b>29</b><br>2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers<br>5:30pm Deacons | <b>30</b><br>2pm Prepare for HumanKind Winter Shelter<br>5:30pm Serve for HumanKind Winter Shelter | <b>31</b><br>5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner<br>6:15pm Transition Committee<br>7pm Choir Rehearsal | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>9am AGO Organ/Piano Music Reading |
| <b>4</b><br>8am Blood Drive<br>9am Adult Sunday School<br>9:15am Transition Committee<br>10:30am Sunday Worship  | <b>5</b><br>2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers                    | <b>6</b><br>5:30pm Cabinet   | <b>7</b><br>5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner<br>7pm Choir Rehearsal                                 | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                                     |

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, January 28th.  
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.