



Celebration of Worship
January 28, 2024

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10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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

Opening Voluntary

Be Still

arr. Ashley Grote

Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

***Opening Hymn**

Come, Let us Join with Faithful Souls

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***Responsive Sentence**

Psalm 138 Adapted

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

All: Whose hope is in the Lord their God,

One: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

All: Who keeps faith forever;

One: Who executes justice for the oppressed;

All: Who teach their children well.

***Response of Praise**

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

DIX



Praiseto God,im-mor-tal praise, For the love that crowns our days! Boun-teous source of ev-ery joy,



Let thy praise our tongues em-ploy: Sing-ing thus through all our days, Praiseto God,im-mor-tal praise.

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Lord of Life and Lord of All, we come to worship seeking your presence and teaching. Come into our midst that we may know. Speak to our minds that we may be changed. Move in our hearts that we may be empowered to live and move and have our being in the words and ways 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

Proverbs 3:1-18 (DNRSV)

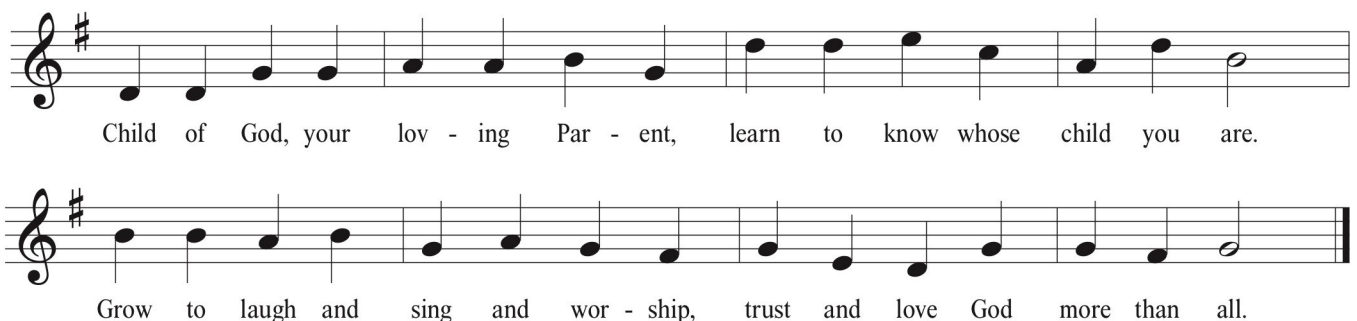
My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body. Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. My child, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of the Lord's reproof, for the Lord reproves the beloved, as a parent who finds delight in the their child. Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for its income is better than silver, and its revenue better than gold. It is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with it. Wisdom brings long life to one's right hand; to one's left hand are riches and honor. Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peaceful. Wisdom is a tree of life to those who lay hold of it; those who hold wisdom fast are called happy.

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. Robu

Solo

It Is Well with My Soul
Jennifer King

arr. McKay Crockett

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well, with my soul."

But Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul.

It is well, With my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well, With my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

My Faith, My Hope

Gwyneth Walker

My Faith, my Hope, my Strength, my Light ...
 Come my Way, my Truth, my Life:
 Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
 Such a Life, Such a Life out-liveth death.
 My Faith, my Hope, my Strength, my Light ...
 Come my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
 Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length:
 Such a Strength, as makes his guest.
 Come, Spirit, come!
 my Faith, my Hope, my Strength, my Light ...
 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
 Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part:
 Such a Heart, Such a Heart, as joys in love.
 My Faith, my Hope, my Strength, my Light ...
 Such a Life out-liveth death: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
 Such a Way, as ends all strife.
 Come, my Way, Come, my Truth,
 Come, my Heart, Come, my Life,
 Come, my Faith, Come, my Hope,
 Come, my Strength, my Light!

Sermon

“Awakenings”

Dr. Olsen

***Hymn of Departure**

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

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***Benediction**

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

North Entry Greeter Shelley Closson

Communion Table Flowers Shelley Closson

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Come, Let us Join with Faithful Souls

1 Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise;
2 Faith - ful are all who love the truth and per - fect truth pro - claim,
3 And faith-ful are the gen - tle hearts to whom the power is given
4 O God of hosts, our faith re - new, and grant us, in your grace,

One fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.
Who stead-fast stand at God's right hand and glo - ri - fy God's name.
Of ev - ery hearth to make a home, of ev - ery home a heaven.
To join the songs sung by the saints in ev - ery time and place.

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in every age be -
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a

set by change, but Spir - it led, Must
vic - tims of in - jus - tice cry For
car - ing church that longs to be A

claim and test its her - i - tage and
shel - ter and for bread to eat, and
part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice, and

keep on ris - ing from the dead.
nev - er live be - fore they die.
clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.

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

The Plymouth Men's Club Invites you to enjoy a unique experience for this year. Please attend and enjoy!!!

Walter Vernon Lenten Series- 2024 Special Dr. Karen Robu Inspired Young Adult Invitational

Speaker

February 14- Sierra Waterman-Wells (*Via Zoom*)

February 21- Ryan Malone

February 28- Ethan Anderson (*Via Zoom*)

March 6- George Depew

March 13- Michael Safely (*Via Zoom*)

March 20- Katie Robu

Introducer

Dr. Karen Robu

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To be determined

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Dr. Karen Robu

Easter, March 31

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.

Word & Note 2024 | February 23, 24 & 25

Dr. Bart Ehrman

“The Origins of Altruism: How the Teachings of Jesus Transformed the Conscience of the West“
Lectures: Friday Night, Feb. 23, 7:00 with reception

“What’s God Got to Do With It? Ethics Before Jesus“

Saturday Morning, Feb. 24, 10:30

“When Love Is Turned on Its Head: The Christian Revolution“

Saturday Afternoon, Feb. 24, 1:00

“Prophetic Ethics on Apocalyptic Steroids: Jesus’ and Charitable Giving“

Sunday Morning, Feb. 25, 10:30

“How Forgiveness Became Atonement: The Subversion of Jesus’ Message“



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/>



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

Health as a Spiritual Practice

Join us at Plymouth on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. and bring a healthy sack lunch. We will spend 30 minutes walking at our own pace in Fellowship Hall. It's a nice flat surface and benches to sit if you need to rest. Corinne Depew will be there to take blood pressures for anyone who would like. When we're finished walking we will all sit and eat lunch together. Bring a friend!

Adult Sunday School

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

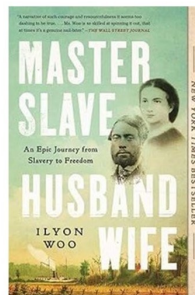
We are using the Great Courses video series "African American History: From Emancipation through Jim Crow." This course consists of 12 videos each approximately 35 minutes long. We will watch one video a week leaving time for 25 minutes of discussion following the video.

Progressive Pilgrims Book Club

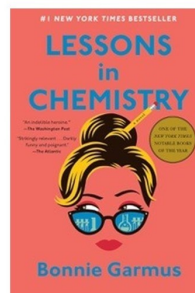
The next book club gathering will be held on February 18 at 6:30 pm at the Fearey's home. Bring a beverage for yourself and a snack to share.

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!

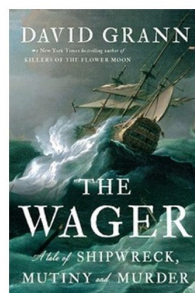
February



March



April



January/February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 11:30 Walking Lunch	2	3 9am AGO Organ/Piano Music Reading
4 8am Blood Drive 9am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Transition Committee 10:30am Sunday Worship	5 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	6 5:30pm Cabinet	7 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	8 11:30 Walking Lunch	9	10
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**Please join us for worship next Sunday, February 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.