



Celebration of Worship
February 18, 2024

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10:30 am

First Sunday of Lent

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

Opening Voluntary

My Lord, What a Morning
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Edwin T. Child's

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment

Wichita's Littlest Heroes

Briana Baskerville

Introit

*Opening Hymn

Longing for Light

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*Responsive Sentence

From Enfleshed.com

One: The good news of the gospel brings power to the people.

All: Among the ordinary and mundane, divine possibilities await.

One: Even when we believe it is not so,

All: we have so much to offer.

One: God calls us healers and prophets, teachers and companions.

All: God enables miracles among us.

One: In the hearts of the willing, Divinity dwells.

All: We gather and remember the power of God.

*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**

Teach us, Holy One, of your grace. Grace that is honest. Grace that is steady. Grace that delivers from evil and accompanies to healing. That we may be rooted in a love that neither boasts nor self-loathes, but declares all life as sacred, as was 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.*

Invocation adapted from Enfleshed.com

Scripture Reading

Exodus 18:13-27

The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, 'What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?' Moses said to his father-in-law, 'Because the people come to me to inquire of God. When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God.' Moses' father-in-law said to him, 'What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God; teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such men over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their home in peace.'

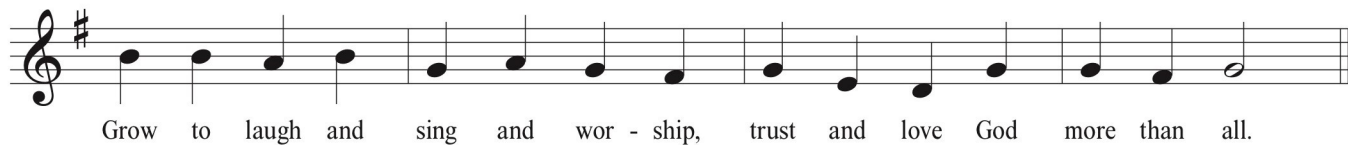
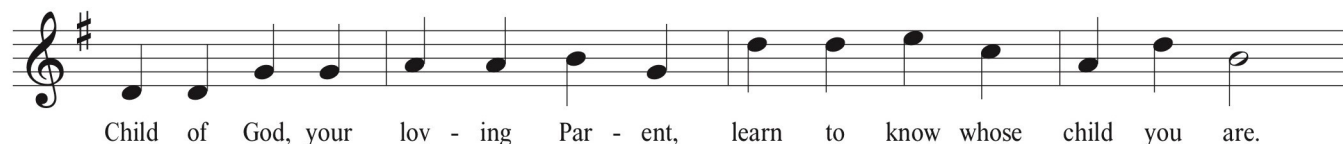
So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said. Moses chose able men from all Israel and appointed them as heads over the people, as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any minor case they decided themselves. Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went off to his own country.

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTT GART

(Let the children come forward.)



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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Olsen

Solo

"Turn Thee to Me" from *Biblical Songs*
Wes Kelley

Antonín Dvorák

Turn thee to me and have mercy,
for I am desolate and sore distressed.
Great, great are the sorrows of my heart;
bring me out of my distress.
Oh be merciful, look on my sorrow,
see mine affliction and forgive me all my wickedness.
Oh, keep my soul in safety and deliver me.
Let me never be confounded
for my hope is in Thee.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision
Ellen Sudarshan, solo

Bob Chilcott

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou, and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou vision, O ruler of all.

Sermon

“Hold On”

Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure**

When Hands Reach Out

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

The Glory of These Forty Days
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Mark Sedio

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

The bulletin cover photo was taken at an evening worship service during an all-church retreat in October 2015.

North Entry Greeter Cindy Perkins

Communion Table Flowers Cindy Perkins

Mission Possible Sunday

Briana Baskerville, Founder/Executive Director of Wichita's Littlest Heroes, will inform Plymouth members about the mission of this program which supports chronically ill children up to age 18 and their families. These children, their parents and siblings all benefit from free fun events, financial assistance, art therapy and online support with pediatric resources that strengthen families during challenging times.

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.



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

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

Speaker

February 21- Ryan Malone
February 28- Ethan Anderson (*Via Zoom*)
March 6- George Depew
March 13- Michael Safley (*Via Zoom*)
March 20- Katie Robu

Introducer

Dr. Karen Robu
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To be determined
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Easter, March 31

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 Art Gallery

R. Glenn Garrison, Wildlife Artist

As a six-year-old boy, Glenn began to reveal his abilities when drawing and sketching everything he encountered in his St. Louis, Missouri hometown. One of Glenn's favorite places to spend time was the St. Louis Zoo. His personal observations of the animals as they fed, relaxed (and watched him in return), have allowed this artist to fill his drawings with incredible detail. Glenn uses a series of ink "dots" to create each animal's shape, detail and shadows. He learned this drawing technique, called "pointillism", as an illustrator in the Graphics Department at Southern Illinois University.

Glenn is a Juried Member of The Best of Missouri Hands organization, and a Signature Member of the Missouri Wildlife Artists Society. His art earns him acceptance into multiple juried shows, and he has been honored with many awards and monetary prizes. These credentials, combined with his 25-plus years of exhibiting in Arts and Crafts venues, have given Glenn a loyal following. Customers throughout Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Minnesota look forward to seeing Glenn at their favorite shows. He plans to expose his work nationally.

Each drawing is a limited-edition print. Glenn signs and numbers 200 prints per original. Hand-applied Prismacolor tints make every print unique.

Plymouth Display Case

Rachel Geyer is an emerging artist currently based in Newton who recently graduated from Bethel College with her BA in visual arts and theater. She is an Iowa native. Her current body of work has focused on paper arts and jewelry, but she is always exploring a variety of art forms.

Rachel began her interest in metalwork while learning to weld with her dad, but has gained a new interest in the details of the craft over her time in college. The careful work involved in jewelry making has strengthened her attention to detail and taught her a great deal of patience. She enjoys being intentional about creating art from reclaimed objects, often choosing to repurpose unwanted and unused materials instead of purchasing new ones. Some of her favorite suppliers include the local thrift store and any good paper recycling bin.

Rachel's most recent accomplishment was her senior art show, Solace in the Story, an immersive installation of book art forms combined with theatrical set and lighting design. She hopes to continue her technical theater career in the coming years, and will continue to pursue creativity wherever she goes. Her jewelry will be on display and for sale at Plymouth for February only.

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, 7:00pm
with reception | \$30

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

Saturday Morning, Feb. 24, 10:30 | \$20

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

Saturday Afternoon, Feb. 24, 1:00 |\$20

“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/>



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.

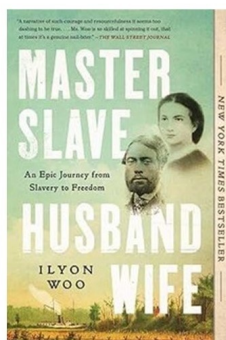
Progressive Pilgrims Book Club

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

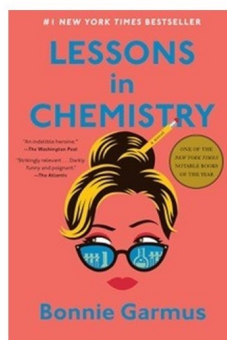
The March book club gathering will be held on March 24 at 6:30 pm at the Arnold's home.

April book club gathering date and location to be determined.

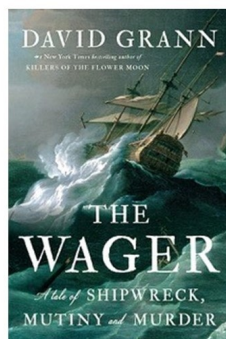
February



March



April



Longing for Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, — our world is troub-led. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
 hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
 warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am7 Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C/G G Em Bm Em Am7 D

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! — Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.

G Dsus D Em Em7/D C Am7 G Am7/G G (☺) Last time

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

February/March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 Mission Possible Sunday 9am Fine Arts Board Mtg. 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship	19 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	20 5:30pm Investment Club	21 5:30pm Lenten Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	22 11:30 Walking Lunch 5:30 pm CE	23 Word & Note	24 Word & Note
25 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship	26 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm Deacon	27 5:30pm Trustee	28 5:30pm Lenten Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	29 11:30 Walking Lunch	1	2
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	9	10

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, February 25th.
Dr. Bart Ehrman will be speaking.**

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.